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Wednesday, May 23, 2012

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Eighth 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 8th day of May 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 deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May 2012, at the hour of 1:30 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.

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

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 8th day of May in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the Sixty-first Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JONATHAN DENIS,
Provincial Secretary.

The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor and having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats.

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

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Denis, then said:

Honourable Members, I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until the Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.

He therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent hour tomorrow, to declare the causes of his calling of this Legislature.

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

Election of Speaker

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Speaker:

Mr. Zwozdesky, nominated by Mr. Quest;

Ms Blakeman, nominated by Mr. Hehr.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Election Results

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 86; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 per cent plus one majority, 44; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Zwozdesky. Mr. Zwozdesky is hereby declared Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the 28th Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech.

Thank you, Honourable Members. I'm both humbled and privileged by your vote and your support, and I will do my very utmost to ensure that we maintain that level of support in the Assembly. I will comment more on that at a later time.

Let me just say very quickly that I have four or five main areas of focus that I would like to leave with you to ponder over the next couple of days. Number one is to be as impartial as I possibly can in the delivery of my duties with which you have charged me today; two is to maintain, and where possible, improve the civility and decorum in this House that we all know, love, and respect; three, to encourage more community interest and participation in Legislature proceedings and Legislature events; four, to increase student learning about the workings of government, the opposition, the democratic process, and the work in general that you do as MLAs; five, to help promote as positive an image as possible of our beloved province, Alberta, both nationally and internationally and, of course, locally. I'll be pursuing other priorities as well, and we'll get to those at a later time in some of my comments.

I want to thank the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Centre for putting her name forward. Laurie, we've known each other a long time, and somehow I just know that if I need help, it'll be there. So thank you for that.

I also want to thank our outgoing Speaker, Mr. Ken Kowalski. He did a truly outstanding job. I could make an impromptu speech here for many, many minutes just on his role, but we will thank him at another time and in a more appropriate way than today's time allows.

In any event, more comments soon to come.

The Speaker then took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table. The Speaker delivered the prayer.

Let us pray each of us in our own way. Dear God, our great Creator and Author of all wisdom, on this day of a new beginning we ask for Your guidance in the responsibility we have undertaken and Your help in fulfilling our duties. As Members of this Legislative Assembly may we faithfully serve all Albertans and, in serving them, serve You. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

Mr. Rogers, nominated by Dr. Brown;

Ms Blakeman, nominated by Dr. Swann.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Election Results

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 85; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 per cent plus one majority, 44; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers is hereby declared Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 28th Legislature.

Mr. Rogers thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committees

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Member was nominated and allowed her name to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mrs. Jablonski, nominated by Hon. Mr. Dallas.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mrs. Jablonski Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 28th Legislature.

Mrs. Jablonski thanked the Assembly for electing her Deputy Chair of Committees.

The Speaker made some closing remarks.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 2:44 p.m. until Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 24, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

After delivering the opening day prayer the Speaker invited Mr. Paul Lorieau, accompanied by a quartet comprised of members of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, 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 Edmonton Symphony Orchestra quartet played a brief musical interlude.

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

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

The Speaker said:

May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Province, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable construction.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Denis, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of this Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From the Throne

Albertans, this is a great day for a number of reasons. One, it's the start of the 28th Alberta Legislature, it's also Victoria Day, it's also the 60th year of Her Majesty's reign, and those are very important to all of us.

At the risk of getting off the subject for a moment, Canada was honoured in front of Buckingham Palace yesterday in that the RCMP mounted the guard. For the first time in history they mounted the guard. It's usually up to soldiers. Not only that, but one of the guards was a female, and that had not happened before. We are fortunate to have RCMP members of that ilk. Of course, as you are well aware, here in the Province of Alberta we have our first elected female Premier, and the Leader of the Official Opposition is also female. They are taking over the world.

Albertans, distinguished Members of the Legislative Assembly, visitors, and guests, welcome to the First Session of the 28th Alberta Legislature. It is my privilege to deliver the Speech from the Throne and to serve this province as Lieutenant Governor.

Today Alberta has the potential to reach greater heights than ever before. Economic recovery is under way in many parts of the world, and demand for our energy and skills will grow in the years ahead.

Albertans are looking to the future with new hope and confidence. They see a chance to build the best lives possible for themselves and their families, and they are ready to make the most of that opportunity.

The people of this province have declared that they are not content to gaze inward and build walls. They want to look outward and build bridges. They seek to engage with the world around them and, through investment and innovation here at home, play a leading role in making our world a better place. Alberta, your Government has heard you loud and clear, and its plans and policies will continue to reflect your values, goals, and aspirations.

This province is the most economically free jurisdiction in North America. Nowhere else do businesses have so much room to operate without interference and adapt to market conditions. Your Government will further these freedoms and find new ways to simplify regulatory burdens so businesses continue to drive our prosperity.

We have one of the most technologically astute, safe, and responsible energy sectors in the world, a field that provides hundreds of thousands of Alberta families with reliable livelihoods. That sector is working hard to improve its efficiency and reduce its footprint as it expands production. Your Government will partner with industry on research and development through a second Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority to maintain a competitive, world-class resource economy for the 21st century, grow the marketplace for clean energy, and protect the jobs so many Albertans depend on.

We have strong and responsive public services that offer Albertans a great standard of living. Your Government will invest in those services, in the infrastructure that supports them, and in the families and communities that depend on them to secure Alberta's economic future, and it will keep those services public and bring new fiscal discipline to budgets so they deliver the outcomes Albertans want in a financially sensible way.

Your Government will accomplish all this because it has solid foundations to build on. The last 41 years have brought incredible benefits to our province and seen society evolve in ways that have changed how Albertans think and live.

It was the decisions of past governments that helped us adapt and get to where we are today. Every one of those governments was distinct, and each put forward the right vision in response to the issues Alberta confronted. Each was suited to its time and place and pursued the right course for the right circumstances in sync with Albertans' values. This Government will uphold that tradition even as our province adapts and changes faster than ever.

Technology has put more knowledge and power at Albertans' fingertips than at any time in history. Competition and rising expectations are placing heightened pressure on the energy industry that has sustained us for so long, and demographic shifts are asking more of Albertans and the public services that nurture, educate, and care for them.

Alberta has robust traditions in which to find answers. Our western spirit and heritage and our entrepreneurial energy have always served us well. The unique pride, self-reliance, and fiscal conservatism that have made this province such a special place to live are as strong as they have ever been, and this Government will use these traits to forge a brighter future. They define us as Albertans, and they are too precious to put aside.

But the challenge of change demands a response. It requires leadership ready to strike the right balance between progressive and conservative thinking. Your Government will find that balance. Your Government has a policy framework for this time and place, a plan in harmony with Albertans' socially progressive values and fiscally conservative beliefs, and implementation has begun.

Your Government promised to increase both AISH payments and the allowable income exemption. Budget 2012 raised the former by \$400 per month and doubled the latter.

Your Government promised to offer subsidized child care for families earning less than \$50,000 annually. Budget 2012 provided \$12 million in funds for that purpose.

Your Government pledged to make Alberta's Child and Youth Advocate independent to better help at-risk youth and investigate when things go wrong. At the beginning of April the Advocate's office became fully independent.

This Government's fiscal and economic plan includes no new taxes, no sales tax, and multi-year budgets to control public spending.

On every single count those promises were met, and this Government will continue to do so in every area.

Albertans have expressed a desire for change and no-nonsense, effective leadership. They know that a great province starts from the inside out, with an efficient and responsive public service that judiciously uses their tax dollars to provide support and create the conditions for success.

To support these outcomes, this Government formed a new Cabinet and government structure, combining departments and designing new ministries to focus on the things that matter to Albertans: having a strong fiscal framework, caring for families and the vulnerable, promoting and protecting our resources, and having solid consultation processes that ensure Albertans are heard. These tasks will stay at the top of the Government's agenda as it moves forward.

Your Government will invest in Alberta's future by supporting the families in whose hands that future rests. This means providing an accessible primary care system and giving Albertans the tools and guidance they need to take charge of their health.

Your Government will continue to expand family care clinics in consultation with local stakeholders and the dedicated professionals who staff the system, building on primary care networks. It will bring more allied health workers like nurse practitioners to the front lines of primary care to lower wait times. It will design and implement a plan to extend the province's network of continuing care centres so seniors can find accommodations that suit their budget and family arrangements.

Your Government will extend improved access to care for the very Albertans devoted to providing it when we need it most. Bill 1, to be brought forward in this Session, will guarantee workers' compensation coverage for first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. PTSD's devastating effects on individuals and their families are well understood, and it is time legislation reflected that fact. First responders rush to our aid in times of trouble, and this Government will be the first in Canada to do the same for them.

Your Government will promote trustworthy leadership that genuinely takes Albertans' concerns to heart and establish openness and transparency as guiding principles. The new Associate Minister of Accountability, Transparency and Transformation will review Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and oversee fundamental changes to the way the province does business. As part of this effort your Government will survey conflict-of-interest issues and then introduce a new package of legislation that draws on the best solutions from around the world. As promised, this will include whistle-blower legislation. Albertans will be able to see with new depth and clarity how government works for them.

Your Government will also secure Alberta's economic future by demonstrating fiscal restraint and foresight, spending wisely and saving intelligently. Starting with Budget 2012, our most critical public sectors – education, advanced education, health, and municipal services – are receiving stable funding in the form of three-year budgets. Institutions and municipalities know in advance what to expect so they can plan ahead, guaranteeing reliable service delivery for all Albertans.

And to enforce unprecedented discipline in public spending, this Government is pioneering results-based budgeting. Government will engage with Albertans to identify the outcomes they expect from public programs. Every part of the Government's operations will then be scrutinized on a three-year cycle. Program budgets will be reset to reflect findings, and the Treasury Board will publicly report on the progress made each year so Albertans can see how their tax dollars are being used.

Your Government will also advance world-leading resource stewardship, developing our natural resources responsibly to safeguard Alberta's environment, grow its markets, and keep our economy strong. The Regulatory Enhancement Project, which combines multiple bodies into a single regulator for upstream oil, gas, and coal, is a critical part of this plan. Your Government will simplify the system and give energy firms the nimble, responsive regulator they need to stay competitive.

The industry depends just as much on access to new markets, so through the Canadian energy strategy your Government will pursue cooperation with other provinces, working with our neighbours to build the infrastructure needed to reach those markets.

At the same, time your Government will improve environmental monitoring. Together with Ottawa Alberta will usher in a comprehensive, transparent, and scientifically credible system. The joint monitoring program will gather more information more frequently and allow faster detection of changes to the environment so industry and government can mitigate them.

Alberta's prosperity cannot come at the expense of its beauty; the two must go hand in hand. This Government will ensure they do, and in support of this strong relationship with the Government of Canada we will be opening a new office in Ottawa. The office will help forge stronger relations in Canada's capital and advocate Alberta's perspective on important federal and provincial matters.

Strengthening our links with the federal government and our provincial neighbours will help to develop new opportunities that benefit all Albertans. This is about looking beyond our borders to build the bridges the people of this province want and meeting their expectations.

Albertans have entrusted their leadership with a mandate to respond to change. Over the next four years this Government will rise to the occasion and deliver and fulfill a clear, focused, target-driven mandate. Albertans will know where the province is headed and how progress is being made because this is a government that will stay true to its promises.

It will partner with Albertans from every walk of life to arrive at solutions. It will treat all Albertans with fairness and respect no matter where they live. It will mirror their concerns and goals and make manifest their values and beliefs. And, most importantly, it will get out of Albertans' way so they can unleash their creative potential and build a prosperous province, one that is not only rich in resources but in opportunity, and a quality of life that uplifts everyone it touches.

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

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

The Speaker then invited Mr. Paul Lorieau, accompanied by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra quartet, to lead the Members and guests in the singing of God Save the Queen.

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

Speaker's Statement – Characteristics of the Members of the 28th Legislature

Honourable Members and honoured guests, a few interesting reflections for you. On April 23, 2012, 87 individuals were elected to serve the people of Alberta as Members of the Legislative Assembly. This is the largest number of seats ever in Alberta's history. In the first general election in the new Province of Alberta, on November 9, 1905, 25 people were elected to represent Alberta's entire population of 185,412 people. Effectively, one Member represented 7,416 people. I wonder how many doors they had to knock on. Today, as we all know, we are approximately 3.8 million people in Alberta, with one Member representing on average approximately 41,900 citizens.

We are 87 individuals here. We come from various backgrounds and experiences. In fact, we have occupations that cover the alphabet from A to V – we didn't quite make Z, unfortunately, but we'll work on it – from an agronomist to a veterinarian. We have one Member who has served as a Member of Parliament, 23 Members who have served as councillors or aldermen, and nine who have served as mayors or reeves. Twenty-four Members are businesspeople, and 10 have been consultants or advocates. Fourteen Members have worked in the civil service or as assistants to Members at all levels of government. Eleven Members are lawyers, six of whom are Queen's Counsel members. Nine Members have been involved in agriculture, farming, and ranching. Eighteen Members have been school teachers, educators, instructors, or lecturers. Six Members have been school board trustees. Five Members have served as front-line health-care professionals: two doctors, two nurses, and one paramedic. Five Members have worked in media – print, radio, and television – and four Members have experience in fine arts or languages. Four have worked in the financial sector. Two Members have law enforcement backgrounds. Five Members have worked in real estate and four in the oil and gas industry. Seven Members have worked in the trades and six in non-profit environments. Members have also held the following occupations: biologist, bus driver, forester, geologist, miner, and professional bullfighter.

Members are bringing a local as well as a global perspective to our Alberta Assembly. We have Members who were born in nine of Canada's provinces and territories. We have Members who were born in 10 different countries from around the world, including Brazil, China, India, Jamaica, Lebanon, Poland, Wales, and Vietnam.

Historically the average age of Members in previous Legislatures, of which there were 27, has been 48.5 years at the time of election. Based on the information received to date, the average age of the Members of today's 28th Legislature is 51. The ages of the Members range from 31 to 72, but the majority of Members come between the range of 50 and 59 years of age.

Twenty-two Members of our Legislative Assembly today are women, representing 25.3 per cent of the total number of Members here. Comparatively, the most women ever elected were elected in the general election of 1997, when 24 of the 83, or 28.9 per cent of the Members elected, were women.

The average number of months served in the Legislative Assembly by all 87 Members is 60 months, or five years. Thirty-eight Members present today are in their first term of office – 38 Members – and I would ask those 38 Members to please rise and receive our collective thanks for serving. Twenty-six Members are in their second term of office, including one Member who's been re-elected after a gap of four years; seven Members are in their third term of office; six Members are in their fourth term of office, including one Member elected in a by-election; five Members are in their fifth term of office, including two Members elected in by-elections; four Members are in their sixth term of office, including your Speaker; and one Member truly has distinguished herself. She is now entering her seventh term of office, and she deserves our collective thanks, the Member for Lesser Slave Lake.

In conclusion, Honourable Members and guests, the diversity of backgrounds and experiences that we all bring to our work as Members makes our Province of Alberta so much stronger and so much more reflective of the daily lives and concerns of our constituents, whom we are honoured to serve. We are here to represent them and to work together constructively to improve the lives of all Albertans.

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 "Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012." Hon. Ms Redford accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, a report containing the results of the General Election conducted on the 23rd of April 2012. The report states that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions, and the said report further shows that the following Members were duly elected:

Airdrie	Rob Anderson
Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater	Jeff Johnson
Banff-Cochrane	Ron Casey
Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	Maureen Kubinec
Battle River-Wainwright	Doug Griffiths
Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Genia Leskiw

Calgary-Acadia	Jonathan Denis
Calgary-Bow	Alana S. DeLong
Calgary-Buffalo	Kent Hehr
Calgary-Cross	Yvonne Fritz
Calgary-Currie	Christine Cusanelli
Calgary-East	Moe Amery
Calgary-Elbow	Alison Redford
Calgary-Fish Creek	Heather Forsyth
Calgary-Foothills	Len Webber
Calgary-Fort	Wayne Cao
Calgary-Glenmore	Linda Johnson
Calgary-Greenway	Manmeet S. Bhullar
Calgary-Hawkwood	Jason Luan
Calgary-Hays	Richard William (Ric) McIver
Calgary-Klein	Kyle Fawcett
Calgary-Lougheed	Dave Rodney
Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill	Neil Brown
Calgary-McCall	Darshan S. Kang
Calgary-Mountain View	David Swann
Calgary-North West	Sandra Jansen
Calgary-Northern Hills	Teresa Woo-Paw
Calgary-Shaw	Jeff Wilson
Calgary-South East	Rick Fraser
Calgary-Varsity	Donna Kennedy-Glans
Calgary-West	Ken Hughes
Cardston-Taber-Warner	Gary Bikman
Chestermere-Rocky View	Bruce McAllister
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Drew Barnes
Drayton Valley-Devon	Diana McQueen
Drumheller-Stettler	Rick Strankman
Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley	Hector Goudreau

Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Deron Bilous
Edmonton-Calder	David Eggen
Edmonton-Castle Downs	Thomas Lukaszuk
Edmonton-Centre	Laurie Blakeman
Edmonton-Decore	Janice Sarich
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Naresh Bhardwaj
Edmonton-Glenora	Heather Klimchuk
Edmonton-Gold Bar	David C. Dorward
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	Brian Mason
Edmonton-Manning	Peter Sandhu
Edmonton-McClung	David Xiao
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Raj Sherman
Edmonton-Mill Creek	Gene Zwozdesky
Edmonton-Mill Woods	Sohail Quadri
Edmonton-Riverview	Steve Young
Edmonton-Rutherford	Fred Horne
Edmonton-South West	Matt Jeneroux
Edmonton-Strathcona	Rachel Notley
Edmonton-Whitemud	Dave Hancock
Fort McMurray-Conklin	Don Scott
Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	Mike Allen
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	Jacquie Fenske
Grande Prairie-Smoky	Everett McDonald
Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Wayne Drysdale
Highwood	Danielle Smith
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Kerry Towle
Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills	Shayne Saskiw
Lacombe-Ponoka	Rod Fox
Leduc-Beaumont	George Rogers
Lesser Slave Lake	Pearl Calahasen
Lethbridge-East	Bridget Pastoor

Lethbridge-West	Greg Weadick
Little Bow	Ian Donovan
Livingstone-Macleod	Pat Stier
Medicine Hat	Blake Pedersen
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Bruce Rowe
Peace River	Frank Oberle
Red Deer-North	Mary Anne Jablonski
Red Deer-South	Cal Dallas
Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	Joe Anglin
Sherwood Park	Cathy Olesen
Spruce Grove- St. Albert	Doug Horner
St. Albert	Stephen Khan
Stony Plain	Ken Lemke
Strathcona-Sherwood Park	Dave Quest
Strathmore-Brooks	Jason Hale
Vermilion-Lloydminster	Richard Starke
West Yellowhead	Robin Campbell
Wetaskiwin-Camrose	Verlyn Olson
Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	George VanderBurg

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 the week of May 28, 2012.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that Select Standing Committees for the present Legislature be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing,
- (2) Public Accounts,
- (3) Private Bills,
- (4) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, and
- (5) Legislative Offices

and, in addition thereto, there be appointed for the present Legislature a Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select Standing Committees and one Special Standing Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (9 Members)

Quest (Chair)	Casey	Kubinec
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Dorward	Sandhu
Anderson	Eggen	Sherman

Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Xiao (Chair)	Brown	Quadri
McDonald (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Rogers
Bikman	Eggen	Wilson
Blakeman	Leskiw	

Private Bills (21 Members)

Cao (Chair)	Fritz	Pastoor
Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	Rowe
Barnes	Jeneroux	Sarich
Bhardwaj	Kennedy-Glans	Starke
Brown	Luan	Strankman
DeLong	Notley	Swann
Fox	Olesen	Webber

Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (21 Members)

Starke (Chair)	Jansen	Notley
Lemke (Deputy Chair)	Jeneroux	Pedersen
Allen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Amery	Kennedy-Glans	Saskiw
Bhardwaj	Kubinec	Towle
Casey	McAllister	Xiao
Hehr	McDonald	Young

Public Accounts (17 Members)

Anderson (Chair)	Calahasen	Hale
Dorward (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Hehr
Allen	Donovan	Pastoor
Amery	Fenske	Quadri
Anglin	Fraser	Sarich
Bilous	Fritz	

Members' Services (11 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Forsyth	Quest
Young (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	Sherman
Calahasen	Jablonski	Smith
Dorward	Mason	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:51 p.m. until Monday, May 28, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 28, 2012

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

Speaker's Statement – Personal Credo

Honourable Members, I'd like to take three minutes before we begin the rest of our Routine. On April 23, 2012, 87 of us were given a very special and a very rare honour to serve as MLAs in this Assembly. Thirty-eight of you are brand new Members and have been given that honour for the first time. I will remind you again that since 1905 only 829 Albertans have been given this honour. History will show that many of those MLAs were honoured again and yet again in their subsequent bids for re-election while others were not, and it causes one to wonder why.

Therefore, if you feel like I do, that it truly is an honour to serve in this Assembly – and I'm sure you all do – and that we all ought to respect that honour through our words and actions – and I'm sure you all do – then I would ask you to consider developing a personal credo.

The word “credo,” as you will know, comes from the Latin language, and it means a system of beliefs and principles. It's a credo that I hope will serve you as your personal guide, your statement of commitment to yourself, as it were, to your colleagues, to your constituents, and to this Assembly.

I ask you to do this in order to help establish a new atmosphere in this Chamber, one that is respectful of each other, of our parliamentary traditions, and of our Standing Orders. We are all very aware of the numerous letters, emails, and phone calls that pour into the Speaker's office when Members misbehave, use unparliamentary language, rudely interrupt each other, deliver speeches that are nothing more than character assassinations, and the list goes on. Your Speaker believes we can, we must, and we will do better.

So I ask you to construct your own personal credo so that it becomes your written conscience and reflects who you are and, perhaps even more importantly, how you want others to see you. For example, the letter “c” in your credo could stand for civility. The letter “r” could stand for respect. The letter “e” could stand for equality, the letter “d” for decorum, and the letter “o” for openness. I know that each of you is very creative and that you could come up with your own c, r, e, d, o. I invite you to do that, please. Your credo will symbolize the mark you wish to make in this Assembly. Please create it and refer to it before you speak and act in this Assembly and try not to be swayed by external influences that would have you stray from your own personal credo.

Honourable Members, it's time to clean up our act in this Assembly. It's also time to show Albertans that they have elected representatives in this Assembly who are truly worthy of the honour that has been bestowed upon each one of us. The opportunity is now, and it has been placed in your hands.

In closing, I can assure you that as your Speaker I fully understand and I fully support freedom of speech and that I am prepared to offer and afford considerable leeway in this regard. I can also assure you that as your Speaker I will not be very tolerant of words and actions that violate the long-standing decency and decorum with which this Assembly was first established over 100 years ago.

Thank you for your attention, hopefully also for your anticipated cooperation in this regard.

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

Honourable Members, before we carry on with Members' Statements, it's important for me to outline the rotation that will apply for Oral Question Period and for Members' Statements. Late Friday afternoon the Speaker's office received a document signed by all four House Leaders on the rotation of oral questions and of Members' Statements. At the appropriate time in the Routine I would invite the Government House Leader to table that document. I will ensure that the rotation outlined in that document is then distributed to all Members.

Meanwhile, I want to state that the contents of that document, which I have accepted as an agreement to proceed, will be an agreement for the benefit of everyone following these proceedings and for the permanent record of this Assembly.

Flowing from the agreement, the Official Opposition is entitled to the first three main questions each day. The Liberal caucus is entitled to the fourth question and the ND caucus to the fifth. The Official Opposition is entitled to the sixth, and private Government Members are entitled to the seventh question. The Official Opposition is entitled to ask the eighth, 12th, 14th and 16th questions.

On days one and three in the Assembly schedule the Official Opposition is entitled to ask the 18th question. Should Oral Question Period proceed that far, the Official Opposition will be entitled to ask the 20th and 21st questions. In the past few years about 18 or 19 sets of questions have typically been asked each day.

After the fourth question each day the third party Liberal caucus will be entitled to the 10th question. On day four in the schedule the Liberal caucus will be entitled to the 18th question. As indicated, the ND caucus will be entitled to the fifth question and to the 11th question each day.

After the seventh question each day Government Members will be entitled to the ninth, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, and, should we get there, the 22nd question. On day two, Government Members will be entitled to the 18th question as well.

With respect to Members' Statements the rotation differs from the one that my office sent out on Thursday, May 24, 2012, as the House Leaders' agreement arrived late Friday afternoon, May 25.

Under the agreement Government Members will be entitled to four statements on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and three statements on Wednesday. The Official Opposition will be entitled to two Members' Statements on Tuesday and Wednesday and one on Monday and Thursday. The third party Liberals will be entitled to one statement on Monday and Thursday, and one Member of the ND caucus will have the opportunity to make a statement each Wednesday. Under the agreement the ND caucus is entitled to an additional Member's Statement every third week. The Liberal caucus has one fewer Member's Statement every fourth week. Adjustments will be made to the number of Government Members' statements accordingly.

I want to briefly comment on the conduct of Oral Question Period. Members asking a question will be entitled to a main question and two supplementary questions. There should not be preambles to the supplementary questions. However, in keeping with the practice of the last Legislature, questions and answers should be no longer than 35 seconds each. The Chair will enforce this time to enable the maximum number of Members possible to participate in the question period. In keeping with the level of civility and decorum that I referenced earlier, it would be helpful if answers to questions were responsive.

With respect to Members' Statements I want Members to know that they will continue to enjoy great leeway when it comes to this item of business. Members' Statements provides an opportunity in the Routine for Members to recognize people, organizations, or events in their constituencies and for those words to be recorded in Hansard. It is also a time for Members to comment on whatever issues they choose. However, it will not be an occasion for Members to engage in unparliamentary language or to disparage other Members, as I indicated earlier. I was a Member in 1993 when this item of business was introduced into the Routine, and it was never the intention to have Members make derogatory allegations against other Members.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Primary Care Network Edmonton North launching the Stepping Up! Pedometer Challenge as part of its fifth anniversary celebrations.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding Shen Yun artists not being permitted to perform at the Southern and Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditoriums.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the high definition CT (computed tomography) scanner at the new Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding Lloydminster hosting Hockey Day in Canada in February 2013.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding income taxation or user-pay systems to fund services instead of natural resource revenue.

Privilege – Media Briefing

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government's decision to provide a briefing on Bill 1, Worker's Compensation Amendment Act, 2012, to members of the media without providing a similar briefing to Members of the Opposition.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated May 5, 2012, from Nina Nath to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, regarding difficulties facing people with disabilities and seniors and urging the leaders of the country to consider the input of people with disabilities and seniors before making and implementing decisions

Sessional Paper 2/2012

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Email message dated May 25, 2012, from Sherry Kozak, Assistant to the Executive Director of House Procedures and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Premier, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, attaching documents entitled "Final Question Period Rotation" and "Final Members' Statements Rotation" signed by all of the House Leaders

Sessional Paper 3/2012

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

Macleans.ca website article dated January 11, 2011, entitled "Stuck in traffic"

Sessional Paper 4/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 1,000 Edmonton and area residents urging the Premier to reinstate the Shen Yun show dates in 2013 at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and to ensure the concerns raised by the Falun Dafa Association of Calgary are addressed so that Shen Yun will return to Calgary

Sessional Paper 5/2012

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 01/12, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 07)

Sessional Paper 6/2012

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 02/12, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 22)

Sessional Paper 7/2012

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 03/12, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 08)

Sessional Paper 8/2012

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

MLA Compensation Review – Alberta, May 2012 Report, prepared by the Honourable J.C. Major, CC, QC

Sessional Paper 9/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlement Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, Annual Report 2011

Sessional Paper 10/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation Alberta, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 11/2012

Privilege – Media Briefing

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15, regarding the Government's decision to provide a briefing on Bill 1, Worker's Compensation Amendment Act, 2012, to members of the media without providing a similar briefing to Members of the Opposition.

The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Blakeman, and Mr. Anderson.

The Speaker advised that he would review the arguments raised and make further comments at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to Government business.

Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended as follows:

1. Standing Order 52(1)(b) is amended by striking out “17 Members” and substituting “21 Members”.
2. Standing Order 52.01 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:
 - (1) At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature, 3 Legislative Policy Committees, consisting of 25 Members each, shall be established to consider the following subject areas:
 - (a) Standing Committee on Families and Communities – mandate related to the areas of Health, Human Services, Justice and Solicitor General, Culture, Education, and Service Alberta;
 - (b) Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future – mandate related to the areas of Agriculture and Rural Development, Aboriginal Relations, International and Intergovernmental Relations, Enterprise and Advanced Education, Tourism, Parks and Recreation, and Infrastructure;
 - (c) Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship – mandate related to the areas of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Transportation, Municipal Affairs, Treasury Board and Finance, and Energy.
3. The Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta are amended by striking out “Policy Field” wherever it occurs and substituting “Legislative Policy”.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's three Legislative Policy Committees:

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (25 Members)

Pastoor (Chair)	Jeneroux	Notley
Forsyth (Deputy Chair)	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pedersen
Allen	Kang	Sarich
DeLong	Kubinec	Saskiw
Fox	Lemke	Swann
Fraser	Leskiw	Wilson
Fritz	Luan	Young
Jablonski	McAllister	Vacant
Jansen		

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (25 Members)

Amery (Chair)	Hehr	Sandhu
Bikman (Deputy Chair)	Jansen	Sherman
Bhardwaj	Luan	Smith
Blakeman	McDonald	Starke
Donovan	Olesen	Strankman
Dorward	Quadri	Towle
Eggen	Quest	Young
Fenske	Rogers	Vacant
Goudreau		

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (25 Members)

Kennedy-Glans (Chair)	Cao	Lemke
Rowe (Deputy Chair)	Casey	Leskiw
Anderson	Fenske	Sandhu
Anglin	Fraser	Stier
Barnes	Hale	Webber
Bilous	Hehr	Xiao
Blakeman	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Young
Brown	Kubinec	Vacant
Calahasen		

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Kang	Stier	Webber
Starke		

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

- A. Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in principle the recommendations of the Review of Compensation of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta ("the Report") submitted by the Honourable J.C. Major, CC, QC, and refer the Report to the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services ("the Committee") for implementation where possible by June 30, 2012, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a) that Recommendation 4 regarding salary for the Premier not be implemented but that the Committee implement a salary that reflects a differential of +25% between the Premier's salary and that of a Minister with Portfolio;
 - b) that Recommendation 10 concerning the expense portion of a Member's remuneration, known as the tax-free allowance, not be implemented and that the amount of that expense allowance be set at zero, pending an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act to eliminate it;

- c) that Recommendation 11 regarding the implementation of a new Transition Allowance be rejected and that no further amounts shall be accumulated beyond those accrued by eligible Members prior to the commencement of the 28th Legislature;
 - d) that the Committee examine alternatives to the pension plan for Members proposed in Recommendation 12 and discussed in section 3.5 of the Report, including defined contribution plans, and report to the Assembly with its recommendations;
- B. Be it resolved that nothing in this Motion shall limit the Committee's ability to report to the Assembly on any other matter arising from the Report.

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the difficulty in finding staff-to-seniors ratios in legislation for continuing and long-term care.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating the Red Deer Optimist Rebels on winning the Midget Triple A Telus Cup.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Skills Canada National Competition held in Edmonton from May 13 to 16, 2012.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the planned drilling of an oil well in the Calgary-North West constituency and the need for urban policies to govern the exploration and development of natural resources in densely populated areas.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding overregulation in the province citing examples in the food preparation and truck transportation industries.

Privilege – Deliberately Misleading the Assembly

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 alleging that the Government's responses during Oral Question Period concerning the Chief Electoral Officer's recommendations deliberately misled the Assembly and as such breached the rights of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Letter dated May 29, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, regarding recent comments in the media by Mr. Fjeldheim concerning the Election Act and contributions to political parties

Sessional Paper 12/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated May 21, 2012, from Marilyn Marks, Founding Member, Alberta Grandparents Association, Calgary, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, regarding the need for changes to legislation to better facilitate grandparents seeing their grandchildren when access has been denied

Sessional Paper 13/2012

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 30, 2012, from Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture, to Jeffrey Yang, Director, Falun Dafa Association of Calgary, regarding a letter dated April 13, 2012, from Mr. Yang to Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk and a media release concerning the Shen Yun Performing Arts Show at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on April 8 and 9, 2012

Sessional Paper 14/2012

Document, undated, entitled “Chief Electoral Officer Duties and Powers”

Sessional Paper 15/2012

Privilege – Media Briefing

Honourable Members, yesterday the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona raised a purported question of privilege regarding a media briefing that took place prior to the introduction of Bill 1 on Thursday, May 24. I would like to thank the Honourable Member for bringing this matter to the attention of the Assembly for consideration. I have given it considerable consideration over the last 24 hours and I’m prepared to make a ruling in this regard.

For many Members this will be their first opportunity to observe a question of privilege being raised and to the Chair’s subsequent ruling in that regard. Standing Order 15, which guides this Assembly, sets out the procedure to be followed when a question of privilege is raised. Honourable Members will note that the Chair’s role in making a ruling on a purported question of privilege is solely to determine whether the question raised is a *prima facie*, in the first instance, in other words, breach of privilege. It is a threshold test. If it is found to be a *prima facie* question of privilege, it is appropriate for a Member to give notice of a motion such as one referring the matter to a committee for disposition.

Technically the matter raised by the Member is a question of contempt although it is treated in the same way as a question of privilege might be. The authors of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, note the following passage at page 82:

It is important to distinguish between a “breach of privilege” and “contempt of Parliament”. Any disregard of or attack on the rights, powers and immunities of the House and its Members, either by an outside person or body, or by a Member of the House, is referred to as a “breach of privilege” and is punishable by the House. There are, however, other affronts against the dignity and authority of Parliament which may not fall within one of the specifically defined privileges. Thus, the House also claims the right to punish, as a contempt, any action which, though not a breach of a specific privilege, tends to obstruct or impede the House in the performance of its functions; obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of the House in the discharge of their duties; or is an offence against the authority or dignity of the House, such as disobedience of its legitimate commands or libels upon itself, its Members, or its officers.

Dealing first with the procedural requirement, as the Chair noted yesterday, the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona did meet the requirement in Standing Order 15(2) of providing a minimum of two hours’ notice prior to the commencement of the sitting. Notice of the question of privilege was received in the Speaker’s office yesterday at 10:57 a.m.

In making representations in the Assembly during yesterday’s proceedings, the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona referred to a press conference held by the Premier and the Government House Leader at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, in which both the Speech from the Throne and Bill 1, the Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2012, were discussed. The Member was advised by her staff that when they had attempted to attend the conference, opposition staff were specifically denied access.

The basis of the purported question of privilege is that the Member’s ability to discharge her parliamentary duties was impeded when information about a Government Bill was provided to the media prior to the Bill’s introduction in this Assembly. In response the Honourable Government House Leader noted that during the press conference Bill 1 was discussed only in general terms and that no specific wording was provided to those in attendance. The Government House Leader acknowledged the importance of ensuring that Members are the first to see proposed legislation in its final form before a Bill is disclosed to outside parties.

On March 5, 2003, Speaker Kowalski ruled that there was a prima facie case of contempt in circumstances where information on the contents of a Bill on notice on the Order Paper were provided in a media briefing prior to the Bill’s introduction in the Assembly. The Speaker held at page 304 of Hansard for that day that “the department briefing provided to the media concerning the Bill when the Bill was on notice but before it was introduced constitutes a prima facie case of privilege as it offends the dignity and the authority of this Assembly.”

By convention no notice is required for the introduction of Bill 1, which is the first Bill of a Session and is introduced as a part of opening day ceremonies to assert the Assembly's independence from the Crown. However, the Chair is of the view that this has no bearing on the particular matter. At the time the relevant press conference took place, Bill 1 most certainly would have been in final form and ready for introduction, I would expect.

The Chair would like to make all Members aware of a recent ruling from the Canadian House of Commons concerning the early release of details contained in Government estimates. In his March 22, 2011, ruling Speaker Milliken stated the following at page 9113 in the House of Commons Debates for that day.

The Member . . . is certainly not misguided in his expectation that members of the House, individually and collectively, must receive from the government particular types of information required for the fulfillment of their parliamentary duties before it is shared elsewhere. However, in such instances when there is a transgression of this well-established practice, the Chair must ascertain whether, as a result, the member was impeded in the performance of parliamentary duties.

While in the matter before us there may be a legitimate grievance, as admitted even by the President of the Treasury Board, there has been no specific evidence to suggest that any member was actually impeded in the performance of his or her parliamentary duties, and thus there can be no finding of *prima facie* privilege. Further, the minister has recognized the seriousness of this matter and given his assurance that measures will be in place to prevent a recurrence.

An earlier ruling by the same Speaker is also on point. On November 5, 2009, Speaker Milliken concluded that the Minister of Public Safety in a press conference had not disclosed the details of a Bill yet to be introduced and had only discussed in broad terms the policy initiative proposed in the Bill. On this basis, the Speaker found that there was no *prima facie* question of privilege.

In conclusion and on a matter related to the purported point of privilege, the Chair acknowledges and appreciates the Government House Leader's apology for the apparent inability of opposition staff to gain access to the aforementioned press conference of May 24, 2012. The Chair also notes the Government House Leader's submission that the Bill was neither circulated, nor was the specific content of the Bill disclosed.

Given the circumstances of this particular case the Chair finds that the Member's ability to perform her functions has not been impeded, and accordingly the Chair is unable to find a *prima facie* case of contempt and considers this matter now closed.

The Chair does want to thank Members for their attention to this matter.

Privilege – Deliberately Misleading the Assembly

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15, alleging that the Government's responses during Oral Question Period concerning the Chief Electoral Officer's recommendations deliberately misled the Assembly and as such breached the rights of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Mr. Denis, Mr. Hehr, Ms Blakeman, and Mr. Anderson.

The Speaker advised that he would provide a ruling the following day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions****7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:**

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2012 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of 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.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve itself 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, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, and Wednesday May 30, 2012, for consideration of Government business unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 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.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

- A. Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in principle the recommendations of the Review of Compensation of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (“the Report”) submitted by the Honourable J.C. Major, CC, QC, and refer the Report to the Special Standing Committee on Members’ Services (“the Committee”) for implementation where possible by June 30, 2012, subject to the following exceptions:
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 - d) that the Committee examine alternatives to the pension plan for Members proposed in Recommendation 12 and discussed in section 3.5 of the Report, including defined contribution plans, and report to the Assembly with its recommendations;
- B. Be it resolved that nothing in this Motion shall limit the Committee’s ability to report to the Assembly on any other matter arising from the Report.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 47

Anderson	Hale	Quadri
Barnes	Hancock	Quest
Bikman	Horner	Sandhu
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Sarich
Campbell	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Saskiw
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Smith
Donovan	Lemke	Starke
Dorward	Leskiw	Stier
Fawcett	Luan	Towle
Fenske	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Forsyth	McAllister	Webber
Fox	McDonald	Wilson
Fritz	Oberle	Xiao
Goudreau	Olesen	Young
Griffiths	Pedersen	

Against the motion: 7

Anglin	Eggen	Rowe
Bilous	Notley	Strankman
Blakeman		

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 1)

Moved by Ms Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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

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A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:47 p.m. until Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the Chief Electoral Officer's investigation into prohibited donations to political parties.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the role of the opposition and the need for the Government to foster a better working relationship with the opposition.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing May 2012 as MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Month.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement recognizing the vital work of emergency services workers and the Provincial Operations Centre.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the 4-H program.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to implement the recommendations of the 2005 report of the Alberta Flood Management Committee.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 9, 2012, from Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Mr. Boutilier's assignment to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing and reimbursement of four months' stipend

Sessional Paper 16/2012

Document dated May 30, 2012, entitled "PC Members of Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing Re-elected on May 23, 2012" on the letterhead of Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 17/2012

Memorandum dated April 26, 2012, from Cheryl Scarlett, Director, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Broadcast Services, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, to Paul Hinman (former Member for Calgary-Glenmore) listing Mr. Hinman's appointments to committees of the Assembly for the 27th Legislature and stating that Mr. Hinman did not receive compensation for service on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Sessional Paper 18/2012

Document, undated, untitled, listing Legislature committee assignments for Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek

Sessional Paper 19/2012

Letter dated May 10, 2012, from Jeremy Duffin, Information Management and Privacy Advisor, Mount Royal University, with the addressee's name blocked out, responding to a request for information regarding reimbursements to board members and executives for attendance at specific Progressive Conservative Party events within the past seven years

Sessional Paper 20/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated May 3, 2012, from Freda Bisset of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the reinstatement of the Alberta dental fee schedule

Sessional Paper 21/2012

Series of recent email messages between Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Chantele Theroux regarding a special assessment to the Parkside Court condominiums in 2011

Sessional Paper 22/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 2,000 Albertans urging the Premier to reinstate the Shen Yun show dates in 2013 at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and to ensure the concerns raised by the Falun Dafa Association of Calgary are addressed so that Shen Yun will return to Calgary

Sessional Paper 23/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier:

Globe and Mail website article dated May 28, 2012, entitled “Clark to miss Western premiers meeting”

Sessional Paper 24/2012

Privilege – Deliberately Misleading the Assembly

I would like to rule on the issue of privilege. Honourable Members, the Chair is prepared now to do so with respect to the purported question of privilege that was raised by the Member for Lac La Biche–St. Paul–Two Hills, in the Assembly yesterday afternoon.

As I indicated yesterday at page 60 of Hansard, notice was provided by the Member and received in the Speaker’s office at 11:18 a.m., so the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) with respect to notice have been met, although the Chair will have a few words about the notice a bit later.

The basis of the Member’s question of privilege concerned comments made by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General on May 28 during Question Period about a former Chief Electoral Officer’s recommendations on amendments to legislation concerning improper contributions to political parties. The exchange giving rise to the question of privilege is found at page 17 of Hansard for that day.

As was the case with the purported question of privilege that the Chair ruled on yesterday, the allegation raised by the Member for Lac La Biche–St. Paul–Two Hills actually falls into the category of a contempt of the Assembly, which is treated as a question of privilege. As the Chair also explained yesterday at page 58 of Hansard, any act or omission which tends to impede the House in the performance of its functions or obstructs or impedes any Member or officer in the discharge of their duties may be treated by the Assembly as a contempt.

Honourable Members, the test for finding a *prima facie* question of privilege on deliberately misleading the Assembly is a very high bar. A question of privilege on this subject was brought forward last fall. On November 24, 2011, Speaker Kowalski stated at page 1367 of Hansard, “Deliberately misleading the Assembly is an extremely serious allegation, which seldom satisfies the test for constituting a *prima facie* question of privilege.”

As stated by the Member for Lac La Biche–St. Paul–Two Hills yesterday in his submission, the test is referred to at page 86 in *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, second edition. The test was articulated by David McGee, a former Clerk of the New Zealand House of Representatives and is found in the third edition of his book *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand*, 2005, at pages 653 and 654, where he states:

There are three elements to be established when it is alleged that a member is in contempt by reason of a statement that the member has made: the statement must, in fact, have been misleading; it must be established that the member making the statement knew at the time the statement was made that it was incorrect; and, in making it, the member must have intended to mislead the House.

This was, in fact, the test used by Speaker Kowalski in the purported question of privilege last fall and also in his ruling of November 7, 2007, which is recorded at pages 1860-1861 of Hansard for that day.

In his submissions yesterday the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General was very clear that in his view his statements on this subject during Monday's question period were not misleading. He stated at pages 59 and 60 of yesterday's Hansard, "I stand by them completely." Given the strength of his convictions on this point, it could not be said that he intended to mislead the Assembly, and even if the Minister was mistaken, there is no evidence that anyone was actually misled.

At best, this is a disagreement about interpretation between Members which occurs not infrequently in this Chamber. At best. Some might say this is even less infrequent between two lawyers. As Beauchesne's, sixth edition, states at paragraph 494:

It has been formally ruled by Speakers that statements by Members respecting themselves and particularly within their own knowledge must be accepted. It is not unparliamentary temperately to criticize statements . . . by Members as being contrary to the facts; but no imputation of intentional falsehood is permissible. On rare occasions this may result in the House having to accept two contradictory accounts of the same incident.

In short, this matter would not have given rise to a successful point of order, let alone a prima facie question of privilege. Accordingly, the Chair finds that there is no prima facie question of privilege, and the matter is thereby concluded.

However, the Chair would like to make a few additional comments. Questions of privilege are the most serious matters that can be considered by this Assembly and should not be taken lightly. A charge of deliberately misleading the Assembly is very serious and could damage a person's reputation forever.

The Speaker, this Speaker in particular, adopts the comment made by Speaker Kowalski in his November 24, 2011, ruling at page 1368 of Hansard, "However, the chair would ask Members to carefully consider bringing forward matters that call into question the integrity of other Members when the evidence is less than convincing."

Your Chair wanted to grant the Member bringing the purported question of privilege forward the greatest leeway, but frankly I was concerned when the notice for the serious charge did not actually contain the name of the Member against whom the allegation was to be brought. In the interest of fairness and parliamentary tradition Members should please ensure that their notices contain sufficient information to allow for a proper response by the person against whom they are brought. This is especially true where the issue is as serious as the allegation brought forward yesterday and on which I have just ruled today.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Ms Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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. Scott moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 31, 2012

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

Speaker's Statement – Member for Lesser Slave Lake

Honourable Members, today marks a very special day in our Assembly because today one Honourable Member, specifically the one from Lesser Slave Lake, has achieved an important milestone. As of today she becomes the longest serving female Member in the history of our Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

As we all know, on April 23, 2012, this Honourable Member was elected to her seventh term of office, serving a total of 8,474 days, or 23 years, two months, and 11 days. The Honourable Member thereby now surpasses Cornelia Wood, a former Member for Stony Plain, who served from March 21, 1940, to June 29, 1955, had a break in service, and then served again from June 18, 1959, to May 23, 1967. The Honourable Member for Lesser Slave Lake has served continuously since March 20, 1989.

She is also the first Metis woman ever elected to this Assembly, and I know she's proud of it. The Honourable Member developed the first native language program that was introduced to Alberta schools, and she worked to establish education policy and curriculum to further strengthen Alberta's First Nations and Metis communities. She was responsible for developing the Cree language program for adult students.

She has tirelessly advocated for and spoken out on behalf of her constituents, as recently evidenced during the 2011 fire in Slave Lake.

In addition to serving on numerous committees throughout her legislative career, she also has served as a Minister Without Portfolio responsible for children's services, the Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

The Honourable Member has been honoured many times over the years for her tireless work for her community, including being presented with the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Public Service, the Esquao Circle of Honour Award, and the Aboriginal Role Model Award.

This milestone is a testament to the Member for Lesser Slave Lake's steadfastness and endurance. In fact, out of the 829 Members who have served in this Assembly since 1905, only 16 other Members have ever served seven or more terms. The Honourable Member for Lesser Slave Lake becomes the 17th Member to do so.

She is also the honorary Chief of Tallcree First Nation, an honorary member of Kapawe'no First Nation, and she was inducted into the Blackfoot Women's Society.

For that and on behalf of all Albertans we will thank her in a moment. Let me just say, [remarks in Cree] today is a great day.

Honourable Members, join me in recognizing this wonderful milestone. Honourable Member, I'll ask you to rise and receive their thanks.

Members' Statements

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the partnership between Braemar School and Terra Centre to assist young mothers with their education, and their establishment of the Learner's Bursary Program.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for occupational health and safety and workers' compensation protection for paid farm workers.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Dream Speakers Film Festival to be held in Edmonton from June 1 to 4, 2012.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement recognizing May 31, 2012, as World No Tobacco Day.

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need for addiction services and programs in the Medicine Hat area.

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 Routine.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing June 1 to 4, 2012, as Seniors' Week.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 202 Public Lands (Grasslands Preservation) Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of Dr. Brown

Speaker's Statement – Tabling Documents

Honourable Members, before we recognize anyone under this item in the Routine, I would like to correct the record in connection with the first document that was purportedly tabled yesterday by the Leader of the Official Opposition. As noted in Hansard at page 92, the Opposition Leader refers to her tabling as "a letter from Ken Kowalski indicating the Members who were on the no-meet committee, the Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing."

However, there was, in fact, no letter tabled from Mr. Kowalski. Rather, the documents that were tabled are as follows: a document dated May 30, 2012, on the letterhead of the Leader of the Official Opposition titled "PC Members of Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing Re-elected on May 23, 2012," and attached to that document was a letter dated March 9, 2012, from the former Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo to Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Mr. Boutilier's assignment to that committee. These documents have been recorded in the official records of the Assembly as Sessional Papers 16/2012 and 17/2012, and they are described in the Votes and Proceedings as outlined above.

Honourable Members are just reminded that they must take due care to be accurate and succinct when describing the documents that they are in fact tabling since these documents do become official records of the Assembly. Accordingly, this error has been corrected.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Letter dated May 31, 2012, from O. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, responding to Hon. Mr. Denis's letter dated May 29, 2012, inviting Mr. Fjeldheim to provide recommendations for increasing openness and transparency in the legislation administered by the Chief Electoral Office

Sessional Paper 25/2012

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Information report dated May 8, 2012, from Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, Edmonton Public Schools, to the board of trustees regarding allocations for students with moderate and severe educational needs

Sessional Paper 26/2012

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

Document, undated, entitled "Vulnerable Mentally Ill Thwarted by Redford's Government," prepared by Twila Riopel

Sessional Paper 27/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

City of Edmonton website article entitled "2012 Property Taxes FAQ"

Sessional Paper 28/2012

Reprint of a Globe and Mail article dated April 12, 2012, entitled "Looking for the Nenshi effect on Alberta's campaign trail"

Sessional Paper 29/2012

Document, undated, responding to a statement made by Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, in the Assembly on May 28, 2012, regarding standards in long-term care facilities and outlining several accommodation and personal care standard violations at the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre, prepared by Bev Munro

Sessional Paper 30/2012

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Email message dated May 31, 2012, from Drew Westwater, Director, Election Operations and Communications, to Bill Bewick, Director of Policy and Research, Wildrose Caucus, regarding Elections Alberta's interpretation of section 5(4) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act

Sessional Paper 31/2012

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Map of Alberta entitled "Residential Detox and Treatment Facilities in Alberta, March 2010"

Sessional Paper 32/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Copy of a petition signed by several thousand people urging the Minister of Culture to request a written apology and agreement from the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium regarding an orchestra net for all Shen Yun performances

Sessional Paper 33/2012

Projected Government Business

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later this day, there was no projected Government business to report.

Speaker's Ruling – Points of Order

Honourable Members, yesterday a number of points of order were raised during Oral Question Period. On a point of order raised by the Government House Leader in response to comments made by the Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, the Chair deferred making a decision yesterday so that he could review it through the night. The Chair has since had an opportunity to review the Hansard and the context in which the remarks were made.

The two questions posed by the Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills which caused the Government House Leader to rise on a point of order are found at page 86 of yesterday's Hansard and are as follows:

Given the Premier made a funding announcement to Mount Royal right before the election and then during the election the Premier's picture appeared on the cover of their alumni magazine together with a puff piece, is it fair to say that Albertans should be concerned about this obvious unethical conflict of interest?

In a separate quote:

Given that the Premier herself is at the core of the problem by passing a law that makes convicted political parties unaccountable to Albertans and now that her own riding has accepted illegal donations, how can Albertans believe that the Premier ...

These were comments made by the particular Member.

In speaking to his point of order, the Government House Leader stated that the question violated Standing Order 23(h), (i), and (j) and other authorities. The authors of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, state at page 614:

Remarks directed specifically at another Member which question that Member's integrity, honesty or character are not in order. A Member will be requested to withdraw offensive remarks, allegations, or accusations of impropriety directed towards another Member.

The same authority also provides at pages 502 and 503 that, "a question should not ... reflect on the character or conduct of ... members of the House."

Members may also wish to refer to the December 4, 2007, ruling by Speaker Kowalski at pages 2391 and 2392 of Hansard for that date, in which the Speaker found that a Member who had alleged the then Premier had involvement with accepting illegal campaign donations to be out of order and required the remarks to be withdrawn.

In speaking to the point of order yesterday at page 94 of Hansard, the Official Opposition House Leader denied that his colleague was saying that the Premier did anything illegal, but, rather, that it was her constituency association. First, I think the Opposition House Leader is trying skilfully to avoid the inescapable conclusion that the Member is creating the impression that the Premier is doing something illegal.

Second, if the question really was about the funding of the constituency association then it was clearly out of order. The authorities on this matter are very clear. The Chair would refer Members to Beauchesne's, sixth edition, paragraphs 409(6), 410(5), 410(17), and to the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, at pages 501 to 503, on these points. For instance, Beauchesne's, sixth edition states at paragraph 410(17): "Ministers may not be questioned with respect to their party responsibilities."

In fact, the Chair cautioned the Member on this point after the Member's main question in this same sequence. The primary purpose of questions in Oral Question Period is to seek information from the Government about government programs, government services, government funding, government policies, and other government issues that call the Government to account for its actions as a government. Oral questions involving party matters or party responsibilities do not come within the administrative authority of the Government. As such, they have no place in question period.

While the Chair is aware that it is only the fourth day of regular business in our 28th Legislature and that many new Members are adjusting to their new roles, allegations of this nature against another Member of this Assembly are simply not acceptable and they will not be tolerated.

The Chair finds a point of order with respect to the allegations made against the Premier and also finds a point of order based on the fact that these questions dealt with party, not government, responsibilities. Members must therefore be reminded that they can and will be called to order if they violate the Standing Orders, which you have all pledged to uphold and abide by, or if they violate parliamentary traditions and authorities such as I have alluded to in Beauchesne's or Erskine May or Montpetit or the House of Commons Procedure and Practice or any of our other revered books of tradition, as was done yesterday.

As such, the Chair will now recognize the Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills and invite him to do the honourable thing and withdraw his remarks.

The Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills withdrew his remarks.

Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker read a letter from the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature. The Deputy Speaker made some remarks then presented the departing Pages with a gift.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 3)

Moved by Ms Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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. Quadri moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Amery	Horner	Quadri
Bhardwaj	Jansen	Quest
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Rodney
Campbell	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rogers
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Casey	Kubinec	Scott
Dallas	Luan	VanderBurg
DeLong	McDonald	Weadick
Denis	McIver	Webber
Dorward	Olesen	Xiao
Fraser	Olson	Young

Against the motion: 17

Anglin	Fox	Saskiw
Barnes	Hale	Stier
Bilous	McAllister	Strankman
Blakeman	Pastoor	Towle
Donovan	Pedersen	Wilson
Eggen	Rowe	

Speaker's Statement – Order and Decorum

Honourable Members, just before the House rises at the end of the first sitting of the 28th Legislature, the Chair finds it necessary to offer two minutes of brief reflections on decorum and parliamentary behaviour. As noted in my comments on Monday, I encouraged all of you to adopt your own personal credo to serve as a guide as you fulfill your duties as Members to the constituents you serve and to your colleagues and to this Assembly. The long-standing tradition of respect, dignity, and honour for each other and this institution must be maintained.

We have had a productive first few days in this House, but I know and you know that we can do even better. Realizing that 38 of you are new to parliamentary procedure and protocol, the Chair offered considerable leeway in various aspects of the proceedings of the House. Nonetheless, the Chair would like to offer Members a few friendly reminders before the Assembly adjourns for the summer.

Number one, Members should always speak through the Chair.

Number two, preambles will not be permitted on supplementary questions during Oral Question Period.

Number three, Members are not permitted to refer to the absence of another Member.

Number four, Members should not refer to other Members by their proper names. They should use their constituency names or their Ministerial titles.

Number five, when a Member comments about a document that is about to be tabled, the Member should be brief and should accurately describe the document in no more than one or two sentences to avoid taking up precious time of the House.

Number six, when introducing guests, which is important to all of us, I would ask you to please be very brief to allow the maximum number to be introduced.

Also, with respect to the rotation, several notes were sent up to the Chair yesterday and again today, and they concern in what order we speak or don't speak and so on. Please understand that there is no specified order in our rules that dictates how this should go.

There is a respected tradition to alternate between the Government Member or Minister and an opposition Member and go back and forth and to and fro, but the Chair can only be as effective as the information with which he or she is provided when chairing. I have asked before to receive speaking lists of Members who wish to speak, and we do our best to include them. Today was an example where we had one list from one particular side, and we did not for some reason have the list written out on the other side. We're looking at that. I've met with some of the House Leaders and spoken with them about it. Please keep that in mind.

Also, please know that today the Chair did allow some leeway to go back to a Member who had been skipped over because of circumstances. We had a similar circumstance yesterday when we had some health issues that arose with a couple of people, so we allowed some of those speeches to be made. The Chair will continue to be lenient in that respect, and you will find that it will work for your advantage as well as for others' advantage from time to time.

Members should also be mindful that when the Chair is speaking, he appreciates your attention. Let's add that to the list.

Members should also be aware that when we are in the Assembly, Members must take their seat and should not move freely about the Chamber. Again, we realize that there are new Members here who are here for the first time, who don't know all these rules, so we've permitted some leeway. The Sergeant-at-Arms also permitted some leeway. You are permitted to move freely about the Chamber during Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply or any of the committees. That's when the Chair leaves the Throne, as it's called, the dais, and the Deputy Chair takes over at the Clerk's Table here. At that point you're free to move around. You're free to go and sit at other people's desks and chat with your colleagues and discuss world affairs. Remember that.

If you wish to speak to your colleagues in any event, please use outside the Chamber to do that. We have excellent services also that are provided by Pages, who would be happy to send notes back and forth to other colleagues.

Finally, the Chair would like all Members to do a little bit of parliamentary homework, please, over the summer, since there have been some transgressions this week in connection with statements uttered that amount to serious allegations against other Members both during question period and also during Members' Statements. I would ask you to review in your good conscience what the purpose of Members' Statements really is. It is not an opportunity to stand up and deride or throw derogatory comments at another Member. That is not what it's all about.

Finally, finally, we are all referred to as Honourable Members, and the basis of the word "honourable" is integrity and respect. There is little point in you arriving at orders for the House, called Standing Orders, or having rules or guidelines in parliamentary books and traditions if you aren't prepared to abide by them yourselves. The Speaker's job, as with the Deputy Speaker's job and the Deputy Chair's job, is simply to enforce your rules and the long-standing parliamentary traditions that have guided hundreds of others across this great country.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 7 agreed to by the Assembly on May 29, 2012, and Standing Order 3(4)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, October 29, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

SECOND SITTING

OCTOBER 23, 2012, TO DECEMBER 6, 2012

Tuesday, October 23, 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 Members Mr. Richard S. Fowler, Member for St. Albert, 1989 to 1993, who passed away on July 8, 2012, and Hon. Mr. E. Peter Lougheed, PC, CC, AOE, QC, Member for Calgary-West, 1967 to 1986, who passed away on September 13, 2012.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period

Honourable Members, before we begin question period, please be reminded that each question and response must not exceed 35 seconds and that your remarks are to be directed through the Chair; supplementary questions must not be preceded by any preamble; and finally, the language you use should be temperate and parliamentary at all times. So I will ask that each of you strive to uphold the civility and decorum that befits this hallowed chamber.

Members' Statements

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Harvie Andre, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre from 1972 to 1993, who passed away on October 21, 2012.

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

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding several Wildrose policies that have become part of the Government's fall legislative agenda.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the 70th anniversary of the City of Lethbridge 429 Transport Squadron on November 7, 2012.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the recent death of a teenager from British Columbia and the devastating consequences of cyberbullying.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing October 22 to 27, 2012, as National Foster Family Week and congratulating Jennifer and Christopher Spencer on being named 2011 Foster Parents of the Year by the Northwest Alberta Foster Parents Association.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement thanking several individuals who have assisted with the issues surrounding the beef recall at the XL Foods plant in Brooks.

Notices of Motions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of her 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 actions of the Ethics Commissioner, an Officer of this Legislature, in appointing a defeated MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to a specifically created position without that MLA observing the one-year cooling-off period mandated by the Conflicts of Interest Act, and the resultant breach of public trust and loss of confidence in the implementation of the Act.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mr. Jeneroux

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

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

Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mr. Jeneroux

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

ASAL (Accommodation Standards and Licensing) Public Reporting web page
listing information regarding the Little Bow Continuing Care Centre
Sessional Paper 82/2012

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Report dated October 22, 2012, entitled “Investor Expectations for Improving
Environmental and Social Performance in Canadian Oil Sands Development,”
prepared by Ceres

Sessional Paper 83/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Calgary Sun website article dated September 19, 2012, entitled “Alberta ethics commissioner says re-hiring booted ex-Tory minister Evan Berger OK”

Sessional Paper 84/2012

5 posters entitled “That’s Gay” encouraging support for gay/straight alliances

Sessional Paper 85/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

CBC News website article dated October 23, 2012, entitled “AHS chair wants hospitals to make more decisions”

Sessional Paper 86/2012

Email message dated October 16, 2012, from Dr. Chris Eagle, President and CEO, Alberta Health Services, to “All staff, physicians, and volunteers” providing an update on several issues

Sessional Paper 87/2012

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

McMurray Musings website article dated October 23, 2012, entitled “An Ocean of Tears, A Ribbon of Road - Highway 63, and 2016”

Sessional Paper 88/2012

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

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer as required by section 44(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, with accompanying letter dated October 18, 2012, from O. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, concerning compliance with the election campaign financial reporting requirements

Sessional Paper 89/2012

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 04/12, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 25)

Sessional Paper 90/2012

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 05/12, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 11)

Sessional Paper 91/2012

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 06/12, Members’ Allowances Amendment Order (No. 23)

Sessional Paper 92/2012

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 07/12, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 08)

Sessional Paper 93/2012

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 08/12, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 09)

Sessional Paper 94/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

13 recent memoranda from Scott Ellis, Director and Senior Financial Officer, Financial Management and Administrative Services, Legislative Assembly Office, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the return of pay relating to their service on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Sessional Paper 95/2012

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 actions of the Ethics Commissioner, an Officer of this Legislature, in appointing a defeated MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to a specifically created position without that MLA observing the one-year cooling-off period mandated by the Conflicts of Interest Act, and the resultant breach of public trust and loss of confidence in the implementation of the Act.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2012 Fall Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 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.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Conflicts of Interest Act as provided in section 48 of that Act, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Allen (Chair)	Fenske	Saskiw
Luan (Deputy Chair)	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Wilson
Blakeman	McDonald	Young
Dorward	Notley	
2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may travel throughout Alberta and undertake a process of consultation with all interested Albertans.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the Department, utilize the services of the public service employed in that Department or the staff employed by the Assembly or the Office of the Ethics Commissioner.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. The Committee must submit its report, including any proposed amendments to the Act, within one year after commencing its review.
7. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mrs. Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Oberle on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mrs. Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis 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 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Mr. Wilson moved adjournment of the debate, which 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. Khan, Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 66th Annual General Meeting Report dated April 3, 2012, deposited on June 15, 2012

Sessional Paper 34/2012

Pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4), Alberta Association of Architects, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on June 15, 2012

Sessional Paper 35/2012

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on June 15, 2012

Sessional Paper 36/2012

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s87(4), Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on June 15, 2012

Sessional Paper 37/2012

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors Association, Report of Proceedings of the 102nd Annual General Meeting (2011), deposited on June 15, 2012

Sessional Paper 38/2012

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on June 15, 2012

Sessional Paper 39/2012

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14, Advanced Education and Technology, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 40/2012

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Agriculture and Rural Development, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 41/2012

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Culture and Community Services, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 42/2012

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

Education, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 43/2012

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 44/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Finance, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 45/2012

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

Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 46/2012

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

Human Services, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 47/2012

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

Infrastructure, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 48/2012

Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 49/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Justice, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 50/2012

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

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 51/2012

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

Seniors, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 52/2012

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

Service Alberta, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 53/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012
Sessional Paper 54/2012

Hon. Ms Cusanelli, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 55/2012

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

Transportation, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 56/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Treasury Board and Enterprise, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 57/2012

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Environment and Water, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on July 4, 2012

Sessional Paper 58/2012

Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on June 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 59/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on July 5, 2012

Sessional Paper 60/2012

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s30, Auditor General of Alberta, Results Analysis, Financial Statements, and Other Performance Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2012, deposited on July 6, 2012

Sessional Paper 61/2012

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2), Report of the Auditor General, July 2012, deposited on July 6, 2012

Sessional Paper 62/2012

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

Energy, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on July 12, 2012

Sessional Paper 63/2012

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on July 13, 2012

Sessional Paper 64/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2011 Annual Report, for the year ended December 31, 2011, deposited on July 16, 2012

Sessional Paper 65/2012

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2010/2011, deposited on July 23, 2012

Sessional Paper 66/2012

Hon. Mr. Khan, Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2011-2012 Annual Report, deposited on July 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 67/2012

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on July 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 68/2012

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 2011, deposited on August 1, 2012

Sessional Paper 69/2012

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated Annual Report 2010-11, deposited on August 7, 2012

Sessional Paper 70/2012

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, cA-26.8, s5:

Appendix, Lower Athabasca Regional Plan, 2012-2022, deposited on August 22, 2012

Sessional Paper 71/2012

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements, December 31, 2011, deposited on August 27, 2012

Sessional Paper 72/2012

Hon. Mr. Khan, Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Foresters, 2011-2012 Annual Report, deposited on September 5, 2012

Sessional Paper 73/2012

Mr. Quest, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(d):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2011/2012 Report Covering Activities Related to the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, deposited on September 11, 2012

Sessional Paper 74/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on September 13, 2012

Sessional Paper 75/2012

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, 2012, deposited on September 14, 2012

Sessional Paper 76/2012

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2011, October 31, 2011,
deposited on September 27, 2012

Sessional Paper 77/2012

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual
Report, April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012, deposited on September 27, 2012

Sessional Paper 78/2012

Authorized Accredited Agency Summary 2010-2011, deposited on
September 27, 2012

Sessional Paper 79/2012

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2011,
deposited on September 27, 2012

Sessional Paper 80/2012

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Health
Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta, 2011-2012 Annual Report, deposited on
September 28, 2012

Sessional Paper 81/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement
regarding the food safety monitoring of Alberta's beef industry.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding
primary care networks.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing
October 2012 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, who on October 21, 2012, became the first North American Indian to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Ken Stewart, tailor and owner of Stewart's Men's Wear in Edmonton.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the impact of the closure of the XL Foods plant on the community of Brooks and area.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report
2011-2012

Sessional Paper 96/2012

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

Document, undated, entitled "Alberta, Ontario face EU-style debt crisis, report warns"

Sessional Paper 97/2012

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Report dated August 15, 2008, entitled "Stress at Work, Mental Injury and the Law in Canada" supporting comments made by Mr. Wilson on October 23, 2012, during Second Reading debate on Bill 1, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012

Sessional Paper 98/2012

Report entitled "Clinical Psychology Review 32 (2012)" supporting comments made by Mr. Wilson on October 23, 2012, during Second Reading debate on Bill 1, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012

Sessional Paper 99/2012

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 45th Annual Report, April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 100/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mr. Jeneroux

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

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

Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 5)

Moved by Mr. Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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. Strankman 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 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

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

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

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:57 p.m. until Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing October 5, 2012, as World Teachers' Day.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for support and resources for multilingual services in Alberta (remarks made in Punjabi).

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the plans for the University of Calgary West Campus.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the opening of the Walden Heights Supportive Living Facility in Calgary on October 17, 2012.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding comments made in the Assembly on October 24, 2012, regarding the XL Foods beef recall and the need to support those affected by the recall.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the opening of Bessie Nichols School in Edmonton on October 16, 2012.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Bill 10 Employment Pension Plans Act — Ms Kennedy-Glans

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

Bill 10 Employment Pension Plans Act — Ms Kennedy-Glans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Cusanelli, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Travel Alberta, Our Year in Review 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 101/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Report, undated, entitled “Linguistic Characteristics of Canadians, Language, 2011 Census of Population,” prepared by Statistics Canada

Sessional Paper 102/2012

Hon. Ms Cusanelli, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3):

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 2011-12

Sessional Paper 103/2012

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Report, undated, entitled "The Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta - Election Platform 2012, Alberta by Design," prepared by PC Alberta, supporting comments made by Mrs. Towle during Oral Question Period on October 24, 2012

Sessional Paper 104/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Anderson, 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 October 29 to November 1, 2012:

Monday, October 29	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, October 30	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 3, 6, 9 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, October 31	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 4, 5, 8, 10 Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 6, 9 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 3 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, November 1	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 4, 5, 10 And as per the Order Paper

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 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

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

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

Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mr. Jeneroux

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, October 29, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 29, 2012

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, made a statement regarding the tragic vehicle accident at Racette Junior High School in St. Paul on October 25, 2012, and the death of Grade 6 student Megan Wolitski.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, 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. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, then commented on the statement.

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.

Members' Statements

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement congratulating the University of Lethbridge on being named Canada's Research University of the Year in the undergraduate category by Research Infosource.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding alleged illegal spying relating to Alberta Energy and Utilities Board public hearings.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the My Child's Learning online resource website.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the Registered Apprenticeship Program.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 40th anniversary of the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding labour laws and occupational health and safety protection for paid farm workers.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Package of information regarding alleged illegal spying relating to Alberta Energy and Utilities Board hearings in 2007

Sessional Paper 105/2012

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Alberta Health Services, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 106/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated June 27, 2012, from Christina Carr of Airdrie to the Wildrose regarding public funding for in vitro fertilization

Sessional Paper 107/2012

Letter dated June 6, 2012, from D. Scott to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, regarding road design faults

Sessional Paper 108/2012

Letter dated July 16, 2012, from Deanna Bruvold of Airdrie to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, regarding Alberta Blue Cross denying payment for a brand-name drug

Sessional Paper 109/2012

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

Report dated April 13, 2012, entitled "2012 FDA Global Electoral Finance Audit of Canada's 10 Provinces," prepared by The Foundation for Democratic Advancement

Sessional Paper 110/2012

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

Letter dated October 25, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to John Archer, President, Alberta Press Gallery, regarding dress and beverage protocols for media personnel attending Legislative Assembly committee meetings

Sessional Paper 111/2012

Document dated October 29, 2012, entitled “Staff Protocols, Protocols Concerning Staff Members in Committee Meetings in the Legislature Annex Building,” as directed by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 112/2012

Speaker’s Statement – Dr. McNeil, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Speaker made a statement congratulating Dr. David McNeil on his 25th anniversary, on August 1, 2012, of becoming Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and presented him with a 25th anniversary Legislative Assembly of Alberta pin.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Dr. Starke:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore options for providing support to municipalities that experience significant local road deterioration due to heavy industry/resource truck traffic, with the goal of ensuring these roads are adequately maintained and available for all to use.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Ms Pastoor, 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 Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 113/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:39 p.m. until Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30, 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 re-opening of the Northgate Lions Seniors Recreation Centre on September 21, 2012.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Wildrose proposal for funding a new sports arena in Edmonton.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding scotopic sensitivity syndrome, commonly known as Irlen syndrome.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for strong and principled election finances legislation.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing October 1 to 5, 2012, as Read In Week.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the work of Dr. Josef Schmutz to protect the ferruginous hawk and the removal of 16 nesting sites.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture:

Pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2), Alberta Foundation for the Arts, 2011-12 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 114/2012

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2011-12 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 115/2012

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3), Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2011-12

Sessional Paper 116/2012

Document, undated, entitled “Alberta Children’s Authors”

Sessional Paper 117/2012

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

Book entitled “The Gophers in Farmer Burrows’ Field,” written and illustrated by Mike Boldt

Sessional Paper 118/2012

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Alberta Electric System Operator Edmonton-Calgary 500 kV Transmission Development Need Application, Volumes 1 and 2, dated May 7, 2004

Sessional Paper 119/2012

Report dated 2009 entitled "AESO Long-term Transmission System Plan," prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 120/2012

Report, undated, entitled "AESO Long-term Transmission System Plan: Energy to grow Alberta's economy, Powering Albertans into the Future," prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 121/2012

Report dated May 16, 2006, entitled "Canada-Northwest-California Transmission Options Study," prepared by the Northwest Power Pool, Northwest Transmission Assessment Committee, Canada-Northwest-California Study Group

Sessional Paper 122/2012

Report dated February 2012 entitled "Powering Our Economy," prepared by the Critical Transmission Review Committee

Sessional Paper 123/2012

Government of Alberta, Department of Energy, Ministerial Order 64/2010 dated July 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 124/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated August 24, 2012, from Susan Tripp of Airdrie to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, regarding the difficulties Mrs. Tripp and her husband faced in obtaining medical care

Sessional Paper 125/2012

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Letter dated July 11, 2012, from Sharon Carry, President and CEO, Bow Valley College, to James Johnson, Wildrose Caucus, responding to a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request for access to information dated June 5, 2012, concerning funds used to purchase tickets to three Progressive Conservative dinners

Sessional Paper 126/2012

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Report dated February 3, 2012, entitled "2012-15 Tentative Major Construction Projects 2012/13-2014/15," prepared by Alberta Transportation, with attached Ministry of Transportation website article entitled "Three-Year Construction Program"

Sessional Paper 127/2012

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.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, 2011-12
Annual Report

Sessional Paper 128/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on October 29, 2012, that the Bill be amended in section 2 in the proposed section 24.2(1) by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:

- (c) “peace officer” means
 - (i) an individual appointed as a peace officer under section 7 of the Peace Officer Act who is authorized by that appointment to use the title “Sheriff”,

- (ii) a member of the Correctional Service of Canada who is designated as a peace officer pursuant to Part I of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (Canada), and a warden, deputy warden, instructor, keeper, jailer, guard and any other officer or permanent employee of a prison other than a penitentiary as defined in Part I of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (Canada), or
- (iii) an individual who is constituted a peace officer under section 10 of the Corrections Act;

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

For the amendment: 19

Anderson	Fox	Smith
Anglin	Hale	Stier
Bikman	Notley	Strankman
Bilous	Pedersen	Swann
Blakeman	Rowe	Towle
Eggen	Saskiw	Wilson
Forsyth		

Against the amendment: 39

Allen	Goudreau	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Olesen
Bhullar	Hancock	Olson
Brown	Horner	Pastoor
Campbell	Hughes	Quadri
Casey	Jansen	Quest
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	Sarich
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
DeLong	Khan	Starke
Drysdale	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Fenske	Luan	Webber
Fraser	McAllister	Xiao
Fritz	McDonald	Young

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2 in the proposed section 24.2

- (a) in subsection (1)
 - (i) by renumbering clause (a) as clause (a.1) and by adding the following before clause (a.1):
 - (a) “emergency health care services provider” means an individual who is engaged in providing emergency medical treatment in an emergency department or trauma unit;

- (ii) by adding the following after clause (g):
 - (h) “social worker” means an individual who is registered as a member of the Alberta College of Social Workers.
- (b) in subsection (2) by striking out “or police officer” wherever it occurs and substituting “, police officer, emergency health care services provider or social worker”.

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

For the amendment: 5

Anglin	Blakeman	Swann
Bilous	Notley	

Against the amendment: 49

Allen	Goudreau	Pedersen
Anderson	Griffiths	Quadri
Barnes	Hale	Quest
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Rowe
Bikman	Horner	Sarich
Brown	Hughes	Scott
Campbell	Jeneroux	Smith
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Starke
Cusanelli	Khan	Stier
Dallas	Kubinec	Strankman
DeLong	Luan	Towle
Donovan	McAllister	VanderBurg
Drysdale	McDonald	Weadick
Fenske	Olesen	Webber
Forsyth	Olson	Wilson
Fraser	Pastoor	Xiao
Fritz		

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 57 as follows:

- (a) in subsection (1) by adding “and subject to subsection (1.1)” after “Notwithstanding section 13”;
- (b) by adding the following after subsection (1):
 - (1.1) A board shall not charge a parent of a student a fee relating to
 - (a) a program or course that is considered to be mandatory, or
 - (b) administrative costs.

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

For the amendment: 15

Anderson	Hale	Saskiw
Anglin	Hehr	Smith
Donovan	McAllister	Stier
Eggen	Pedersen	Strankman
Forsyth	Rowe	Towle

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Goudreau	Olson
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Pastoor
Bhullar	Hancock	Quadri
Calahasen	Horner	Quest
Campbell	Hughes	Sandhu
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Starke
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Dorward	Khan	Weadick
Drysdale	McDonald	Xiao
Fenske	Oberle	Young

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 197 by adding the following after clause (h):

(h.1) ensure that teachers are free to assign grades of zero for work not submitted by students,

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

For the amendment: 7

Anderson	Pedersen	Strankman
Hale	Stier	Towle
McAllister		

Against the amendment: 33

Allen	Goudreau	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Olson
Bhullar	Hancock	Pastoor
Calahasen	Hehr	Quadri
Campbell	Horner	Quest
Casey	Hughes	Sandhu
Dallas	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Starke
Dorward	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Khan	Weadick
Eggen	Lemke	Xiao
Fenske	McDonald	Young

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Mr. Bhardwaj, 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 1 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on October 29, 2012) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 113/2012

Amendment to Bill 1 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 129/2012

Amendment to Bill 1 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 130/2012

Amendment to Bill 1 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 131/2012

Amendment to Bill 1 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 132/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Education) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 133/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A2) (Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View)
— Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 134/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 135/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A4) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 136/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A5) (Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View)
— Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 137/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 138/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 139/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 140/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 141/2012

Amendment to Bill 3 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 142/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:41 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding Brent Boychuk of Sylvan Lake who passed away on August 18, 2012, and the need for an urgent care centre in Sylvan Lake.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding whistle-blower legislation.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 80th anniversary of Dawson Motors Ltd.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the construction of the northeast leg of Anthony Henday Drive.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the 33rd anniversary of the Banff/Canmore 878 Air Cadet Squadron.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Government accountability and transparency.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Document, undated, entitled "A Very Tragic Story," prepared by Annie Boychuk

Sessional Paper 143/2012

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities:

Letter dated September 20, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, to Bob Johnson, President, Alberta College of Social Workers, responding to Mr. Johnson's letters dated July 26, 2012, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, regarding Alberta's post-traumatic stress disorder legislation

Sessional Paper 144/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon.
Mr. Scott

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

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

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

A debate followed.

Mr. Anderson 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 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mr. Jeneroux

Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. Amery, 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 6 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 145/2012

Amendment to Bill 6 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 146/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:11 p.m. until Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 1, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the Government of Alberta Youth Secretariat.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding a report by the Parkland Institute concerning Alberta's tax and fiscal structures.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing November 1, 2012, as the official start of MADD Canada's 25th annual Project Red Ribbon campaign.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding Speak Out, an Alberta student engagement initiative.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Bill 4, Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the opening of the Bowness Ratepayers/Bowmont 169 Scout Group hall on October 20, 2012.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act,
2012 — Mr. Jeneroux

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Cusanelli, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Report, undated, entitled "Final Report, Mission to London, UK, London 2012 Olympics, July 29-August 4, 2012," prepared by the Alberta Government
Sessional Paper 147/2012

Document, undated, entitled "Support for Alberta's Mission in London"
Sessional Paper 148/2012

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

Report of the Auditor General, October 2012
Sessional Paper 149/2012

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

Document, undated, regarding medical costs associated with agricultural injuries in Alberta prepared by Bob Bametson, Ph.D., supporting comments made by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, during Oral Question Period on October 31, 2012
Sessional Paper 150/2012

Report dated October 2012 entitled "A Social Policy Framework for Alberta: Fairness and Justice for All," prepared by the Parkland Institute and the Alberta College of Social Workers
Sessional Paper 151/2012

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Copies of pages 3035 to 3049 of an official transcript from an Alberta Utilities Commission Western Alberta transmission line hearing held in Red Deer in 2012

Sessional Paper 152/2012

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier:

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta website article dated May 31, 2012, entitled "PC Alberta releases list of donations made by prohibited organizations and confirms their full reimbursement"

Sessional Paper 153/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Anderson, 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 November 5 to 8, 2012:

Monday, November 5	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 4 Committee of the Whole Bill 5, 8 Third Reading Bill 6, 9 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, November 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 7	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, November 8	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 42

Amery	Fenske	Pedersen
Anglin	Fox	Quadri
Bhardwaj	Goudreau	Quest
Bikman	Hale	Rowe
Blakeman	Hancock	Sandhu
Brown	Horner	Sarich
Campbell	Jeneroux	Saskiw
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Smith
Casey	Khan	Towle
Cusanelli	Klimchuk	VanderBurg
DeLong	Luan	Wilson
Donovan	McIver	Woo-Paw
Dorward	Olesen	Xiao
Eggen	Pastoor	Young

Against the motion: 0

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 4:18 p.m., the Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion:

Moved by Mrs. Olesen and seconded by Mr. Luan:

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

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:20 p.m. until Monday, November 5, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 5, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding Alberta Culture Days held from September 28 to 30, 2012.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding whistle-blower legislation and an analysis by the Federal Accountability Initiative for Reform of Bill 4, Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Initiative run by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Strathcona County Crime Watch.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding recommendations of the Auditor General concerning pension and payroll issues at Alberta Health Services.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the construction of a new high school in Lac La Biche.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, on behalf of Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud (Hon. Minister of Human Services) presented a petition from six Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to ensure that the existing credentials of practising registered massage therapists are recognized province-wide, regardless of increases in the hours of formal education required to gain certification.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Asia Advisory Council Act, cA-44.5, s8(2):

Asia Advisory Council, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 154/2012

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

Calgary Herald article dated August 21, 2012, entitled "Albertans must pay higher taxes to be fair to future generations," prepared by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo

Sessional Paper 155/2012

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.

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development:

Alberta Environment website article, undated, entitled "Energy Efficiency Rebates, Alberta's energy efficiency rebate program"

Sessional Paper 156/2012

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Oil Sands Information Portal web page

Sessional Paper 157/2012

Alberta Environment website article, undated, entitled "2011 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Program Results"

Sessional Paper 158/2012

5 news releases regarding carbon capture and storage prepared by the Energy Resources Conservation Board and the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 159/2012

News release dated March 28, 2011, entitled “Renewable Fuels Standard brings value-added opportunities to Alberta’s bioenergy sector,” prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 160/2012

Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation, 2010/2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 161/2012

Report entitled “Alberta’s 2008 Climate Change Strategy,” prepared by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 162/2012

Report entitled “Annual Summary of Specified Gas Emitters Regulation: 2009,” prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 163/2012

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 164/2012

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 165/2012

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Letter dated September 13, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, to Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, responding to Mr. Wilson’s letter dated August 29, 2012, concerning changes to financial and medical supports for recipients of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits once they reach the age of 65

Sessional Paper 166/2012

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Series of email messages from February 2012 between John Hall and Edward Hofman regarding ferruginous hawk nesting structures

Sessional Paper 167/2012

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Child and Youth Advocate, Annual Report 2011-12

Sessional Paper 168/2012

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 202 Public Lands (Grasslands Preservation) Amendment Act, 2012 —
Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to continue beyond 5:00 p.m. to complete debate on Bill 202.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to maintain the current maximum limit on long-term care accommodation fees and that the same maximum limit continue to apply to accommodation funded by the Affordable Supportive Living Initiative.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

A debate followed.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, be not now read a second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 10 Employment Pension Plans Act — Ms Kennedy-Glans

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

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 5 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 169/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:41 p.m. until Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding francophone schools in Alberta.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding child sexual abuse and the need to review how the justice system handles cases of those charged with child sexual abuse.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a recent Commonwealth parliamentary seminar concerning extractive industries.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the recent Literacy and Learning Symposium held in Edmonton and recognizing November 2012 as Financial Literacy Awareness Month.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing recipients of the 2012 Travel Alberta Alto Awards.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the DriveABLE driver's licence testing program.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 170/2012

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Associate Minister of Seniors, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2011-2012 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 171/2012

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Article, undated, entitled "Concern: Land Transfer Tax = Home Buyers' Tax,"
prepared by the Alberta Real Estate Association
Sessional Paper 172/2012

Calgary Sun website article dated November 1, 2012, entitled "Mayor Naheed
Nenshi clashes with Tory Doug Griffiths over Calgary taxes"
Sessional Paper 173/2012

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council of Strathcona County held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, supporting comments made by Mr. Donovan during Second Reading debate on Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, on November 5, 2012

Sessional Paper 174/2012

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

2011 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the Calendar Year 2011

Sessional Paper 175/2012

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

202 recent email messages to several addressees expressing concern regarding the lockout of employees at Monterey Place seniors' facility in Calgary and the quality of care for seniors

Sessional Paper 176/2012

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville:

Email message dated November 1, 2012, from Keith Wilson to Keith Wilson regarding Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, supporting comments made by Ms Fenske during Second Reading debate on Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, on November 5, 2012

Sessional Paper 177/2012

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Document, undated, entitled "Alberta College of Art and Design - Government Relations/Contract Program"

Sessional Paper 178/2012

Purchase requisition, date illegible, from the Alberta College of Art and Design to Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in the amount of \$52,500

Sessional Paper 179/2012

Letter from Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP to Lance Carlson, President, Alberta College of Art and Design, dated August 31, 2009, providing a statement of account concerning J.P. Loughheed

Sessional Paper 180/2012

Letter from Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP to Don Dart, Senior Vice President, Finance and Corporate, Alberta College of Art and Design, dated April 30, 2011, providing a statement of account concerning J.P. Loughheed

Sessional Paper 181/2012

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill:

Draft notice of amendment to Bill 202, Public Lands (Grasslands Preservation)
Amendment Act, 2012

Sessional Paper 182/2012

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, moved adjournment of the debate on Amendment A1, which was defeated. With Mr. Rogers at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Anderson	Eggen	Saskiw
Anglin	Forsyth	Smith
Barnes	Fox	Stier
Bikman	Hale	Strankman
Bilous	McAllister	Towle
Blakeman	Pedersen	Wilson
Donovan	Rowe	

Against the motion: 32

Allen	Goudreau	McQueen
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Olesen
Bhullar	Horne	Quadri
Brown	Horner	Quest
Campbell	Hughes	Sarich
Casey	Jeneroux	Starke
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Denis	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Fawcett	Khan	Xiao
Fenske	Kubinec	Young
Fritz	McDonald	

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Goudreau, 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) (Hon. Minister of Energy) — Adjourned debate
Sessional Paper 183/2012

Amendment to Bill 5 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on November 5, 2012) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 169/2012

Amendment to Bill 5 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on
behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 184/2012

Amendment to Bill 5 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on
behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 185/2012

Amendment to Bill 5 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-
Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clareview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 186/2012

Amendment to Bill 5 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-
Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clareview) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 187/2012

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon.
 Mr. Scott

A debate followed.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 4, Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, be not now read a second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:43 p.m. until Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding compensation for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need for strong and principled election finance legislation.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding Captain Nichola Goddard, who was killed on May 17, 2006, while serving in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and the August 2012 opening of the Captain Nichola Goddard School in Calgary.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding upgrades to the Clareview Community Recreation Centre.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing several families from the Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock constituency who received Alberta Century Farm and Ranch Awards this summer.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the work of the Newell Foundation to build a hospital and lodge in Bassano.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Opticians of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 188/2012

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, Annual Report 2011

Sessional Paper 189/2012

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 190/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Results-based Budgeting Act, cR-17.5, s3(2):

Results-based Budgeting, Report to Albertans, November 2012

Sessional Paper 191/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Document, undated, entitled "Statement Regarding CBC Story," prepared by Dr. Daniel Doz, Alberta College of Art and Design

Sessional Paper 192/2012

Letter dated July 24, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Hon. Mr. Rob Nicholson, PC, QC, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, expressing the Alberta Government's support for the request made by Hon. Chief Justice Whittman, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, for four additional judicial positions

Sessional Paper 193/2012

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

Report dated May 27, 2010, entitled “Creating Synergy, Guide for Successful Stakeholder Engagement in Decision-making Processes,” prepared by the Health Coalition of Alberta

Sessional Paper 194/2012

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education:

Calgary Herald article dated October 19, 2003, entitled “The unreasonable demands of education,” prepared by Danielle Smith, supporting comments made by Hon. Mr. Johnson during Oral Question Period on November 6, 2012

Sessional Paper 195/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2), Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2011/2012

Sessional Paper 196/2012

Pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2), Farmers’ Advocate Office and Farm Implement Board Financial Statements 2011/2012

Sessional Paper 197/2012

Pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3), and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3), Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Summary of Activities, April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012, and financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 198/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 33

Allen	Fawcett	McIver
Bhardwaj	Fraser	Olesen
Bhullar	Griffiths	Pastoor
Brown	Hancock	Quest
Calahasen	Horner	Sandhu
Campbell	Hughes	Sarich
Cao	Jansen	Scott
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Dallas	Klimchuk	Webber
DeLong	Luan	Woo-Paw
Dorward	Lukaszuk	Xiao

Against the motion: 17

Anderson	Fox	Smith
Barnes	Hale	Stier
Bikman	Hehr	Strankman
Bilous	Pedersen	Towle
Donovan	Rowe	Wilson
Forsyth	Saskiw	

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

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon.
Mr. Scott

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)

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 10 Employment Pension Plans Act — Ms Kennedy-Glans

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Amery, 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 (A1A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 199/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1B) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 200/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1C) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 201/2012

Subamendment to Bill 2 (A1D-SA1) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 202/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1D) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 203/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1E) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 204/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1F) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 205/2012

Subamendment to Bill 2 (A1G-SA2) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 206/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1G) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 207/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1H) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 208/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1I) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 209/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1J) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 210/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1K) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 211/2012

Subamendment to Bill 2 (A1L-SA3) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 212/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1L) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 213/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1M) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 214/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1N) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 6, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 215/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (Hon. Minister of Energy) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 216/2012

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 8, 2012

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Ministerial Statements before commencing Oral Question Period.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, made a statement regarding an incident involving the scalding of a disabled person in a care home on November 2, 2012.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, then commented on the statement.

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.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary of the Ukrainian National Federation of Canada.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Battle of Kap'yong, Korea, in April 1951.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding investments in community development and recognizing November 12 to 16, 2012, as National Philanthropy Week.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Mission Canada's supervision of the recent Ukrainian election.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Women Building Futures.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding 41 years of a Progressive Conservative government in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 217/2012

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Document, undated, entitled "James River Public Meeting on November 14th Cancelled" supporting comments made by Mr. Anglin during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, on November 7, 2012

Sessional Paper 218/2012

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 3,010 Canadians urging the Government to commit to an achievable but early date for the completion of the twinning of Highway 63

Sessional Paper 219/2012

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated November 8, 2012, from Brian Stokes, Provincial Secretary, Alberta's New Democrat Party, to Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, regarding the Government's lack of consultation with the Alberta New Democrat Party on election financing and administration legislation

Sessional Paper 220/2012

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

2 Remembrance Day poems written by Janine Hachey and Chantelle Hachey

Sessional Paper 221/2012

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Report dated November 2012 entitled "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Review of Physicians Licensure," conducted by Dr. Dennis Kendel

Sessional Paper 222/2012

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Report dated August 2011 entitled "CCMTA Medical Standards for Drivers,"
prepared by the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators
Sessional Paper 223/2012

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the
Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 09/12, Members'
Allowances Amendment Order (No. 24)
Sessional Paper 224/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2011 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 225/2012

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2), Alberta Law Foundation,
Annual Report 2012, and financial statements and other financial information for
the year ended March 31, 2012
Sessional Paper 226/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Saskiw, Deputy Opposition House Leader,
asked a question pertaining to the order of Government business to be brought before
the Assembly for week the Assembly next sits.

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

Monday, November 19	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 2, 4, 8
		And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, November 20	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, November 21	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 7 Third Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 7 Third Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, November 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 5, 6, 9, 10 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Eggen speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 19, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the book entitled “Bulldoze Bullying,” written by Jaren Voight and her classmates, all fifth-grade students at Sister Annata Brockman School.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement congratulating former Premier Ralph Klein, OC, AOE, on being invested in the Order of Canada on November 13, 2012, and regarding Government debt.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Nobel Peace Prize winners Tawakkol Karman and Leymah Gbowee.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding several positive economic indicators in Alberta.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the mountain pine beetle infestation in Alberta’s forests.

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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the recent four-year contract put in place between Alberta Health and the Alberta Medical Association.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, presented a petition from 104 Albertans 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

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Associate Minister of Seniors, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2011

Sessional Paper 227/2012

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 228/2012

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2011-2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 229/2012

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2010-2011, with attached financial statements for the year ended September 20, 2011

Sessional Paper 230/2012

Report dated November 2012 entitled "A Review of Alberta Health Services Physician Credentialing and Practice Privileging for Pathology and Radiology, Conducted by Dr. Dennis Kendel," prepared by Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 231/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Document, undated, entitled "AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Resolution 2012, Provincial Scope 10, Physician Licensing and Privileges"

Sessional Paper 232/2012

Document, undated, entitled "AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Resolution 2012, Provincial Scope 9, Physician Recruitment in Rural Alberta"

Sessional Paper 233/2012

Document, undated, entitled “Resolution 7-12F, Physician Licensing and Privileges, County of Newell, endorsed by the Foothills-Little Bow District”

Sessional Paper 234/2012

Document, undated, entitled “Resolution 26-12F, Access to Health Care and Economic Development, MD of Big Lakes, endorsed by the Northern District”

Sessional Paper 235/2012

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier:

Copy of a Legislative Assembly of Alberta personal expense claim, undated, for Daniela Yager, Highwood constituency, with attached email message dated June 5, 2012, from PayPal to Daniela Yager regarding a payment to the Conservative Party of Canada Macleod Electoral District Association

Sessional Paper 236/2012

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

Email message, undated, from Jamie Zuffa, Calgary-Buffalo, to Paul Gray attaching the text of a message from Mr. Gray to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and an Alberta Connects website inquiry dated July 6, 2012, both expressing concern regarding the refusal of the Calgary Catholic School Board to allow the HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccination program in their schools

Sessional Paper 237/2012

Email message dated October 15, 2012, from Terry Sherwood of Calgary to Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the quality of food for patients at the Rockyview General Hospital

Sessional Paper 238/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Copy of a Legislative Assembly of Alberta personal expense claim, undated, for Daniela Yager, Highwood constituency

Sessional Paper 239/2012

Edmonton Sun website article dated March 25, 2012, entitled “Game on for opposition as election call looms”

Sessional Paper 240/2012

Wildrose website article, undated, entitled “Smith Discloses Leadership Campaign Contributions”

Sessional Paper 241/2012

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 2,996 Albertans urging the Government to commit to an achievable but early date for the completion of the twinning of Highway 63

Sessional Paper 242/2012

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2011/2012

Sessional Paper 243/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 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 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Dr. Brown, 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 201 (A1) (Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 244/2012

Amendment to Bill 201 (A2) (Hon. Member for Highwood) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 245/2012

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Fraser:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to construct new school facilities, in collaboration with municipalities, school boards, and other stakeholders, which would function as schools during the day but have the ability to offset operational expenses by partnering with compatible public and private enterprises such as, but not limited to, libraries, daycares, and recreational facilities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 9(1)(a) by striking out “honestly and in good faith” and substituting “honestly, in good faith and in the public interest”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Anglin	Donovan	Pedersen
Barnes	Hale	Saskiw
Bikman	Hehr	Towle
Bilous	McAllister	

Against the amendment: 31

Amery	Hancock	Oberle
Cao	Hughes	Olson
Casey	Jansen	Pastoor
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Denis	Klimchuk	Scott
Dorward	Leskiw	Starke
Drysdale	Luan	Weadick
Fawcett	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fraser	McQueen	Young
Griffiths		

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between any further division bells to one minute.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 11 by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint the chief hearing commissioner on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Barnes	Hale	Pedersen
Bikman	Hehr	Saskiw
Bilous	McAllister	Towle
Donovan		

Against the amendment: 31

Amery	Hancock	Oberle
Cao	Hughes	Olson
Casey	Jansen	Pastoor
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Denis	Klimchuk	Scott
Dorward	Leskiw	Starke
Drysdale	Luan	Weadick
Fawcett	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fraser	McQueen	Young
Griffiths		

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Casey, 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 (A3) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 246/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A4) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 247/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 248/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A6) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 249/2012

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 37

Amery	Hale	Oberle
Barnes	Hancock	Olson
Cao	Hughes	Pastoor
Casey	Jansen	Pedersen
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Denis	Klimchuk	Saskiw
Donovan	Leskiw	Scott
Dorward	Luan	Starke
Drysdale	McAllister	Towle
Fawcett	McDonald	Weadick
Fraser	McQueen	Woo-Paw
Griffiths		

Against the motion: 2

Bilous

Hehr

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:33 a.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the fourth anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act being passed in the Assembly and recognizing November 24, 2012, as Holodomor Memorial Day.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding public meetings held last week in Vulcan and Sylvan Lake.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing November 2012 as National 4-H Month.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement congratulating the Alberta men's 65-plus hockey team on winning the gold medal at the 2012 Canada 55+ Games, held from August 29 to September 1, 2012, in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing November 11 to 17, 2012, as Métis Week.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for more action to eliminate child poverty.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 311 Albertans urging the Government to pass legislation requiring that all interviews conducted by Alberta Child and Family Services be videotaped.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Report, undated, entitled “Barrier-Free Health and Medical Services in Alberta,”
prepared by the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 250/2012

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 3,007 Albertans urging the Government to commit to an
achievable but early date for the completion of the twinning of Highway 63

Sessional Paper 251/2012

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

6 recent articles regarding Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act,
prepared by the University of Calgary Faculty of Law Blog on Developments in
Alberta Law

Sessional Paper 252/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and
Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report 2011/2012

Sessional Paper 253/2012

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2(1)(a) by adding “in a manner which respects landowners” after “Alberta”.

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

For the amendment: 14

Anderson	Forsyth	Saskiw
Anglin	Fox	Starke
Blakeman	Hale	Stier
Donovan	Pedersen	Strankman
Eggen	Rowe	

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Fraser	Kubinec
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Leskiw
Bhullar	Goudreau	Luan
Brown	Hancock	McDonald
Campbell	Horner	Olesen
Casey	Hughes	Pastoor
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	Quadri
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Denis	Kennedy-Glans	VanderBurg
Dorward	Khan	Webber
Fenske		

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between any further division bells in the afternoon sitting to one minute.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the Bill be amended in section 33 by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) Subject to the regulations, the Regulator must render its decision within a specific prescribed time period based on the nature of the application.

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

For the amendment: 14

Anderson	Fox	Strankman
Anglin	Hale	Swann
Bikman	Mason	Towle
Donovan	Rowe	Wilson
Forsyth	Stier	

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Horne	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Horner	Olson
Brown	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Calahasen	Khan	Sandhu
Casey	Klimchuk	Sarich
Denis	Lemke	Starke
Dorward	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Weadick
Fenske	McDonald	Xiao
Griffiths	Oberle	Young
Hancock		

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 43 and substituting the following:

Notice

43 The Regulator shall provide a minimum of 60 days' notice of a reconsideration to any landowners, companies, or other persons directly affected by the decision and shall provide those persons with the opportunity to present evidence to the Regulator before the reconsideration is complete.

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

For the amendment: 12

Anderson	Fox	Strankman
Anglin	Hale	Swann
Bikman	Mason	Towle
Forsyth	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 35

Allen	Hancock	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Home	Olesen
Brown	Horner	Olson
Calahasen	Hughes	Quadri
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Denis	Khan	Sarich
Dorward	Klimchuk	Starke
Drysdale	Lemke	VanderBurg
Fenske	Leskiw	Weadick
Fraser	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Goudreau	McDonald	Young
Griffiths	McQueen	

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out "2" and substituting "4";
- (b) by adding the following after subsection (1):
 - (1.1) Members appointed to the board of directors of the Regulator shall include at least
 - (a) one individual with demonstrable expertise in property rights,
 - (b) one individual with demonstrable expertise in environment conservation, and
 - (c) two individuals with demonstrable expertise in the energy industry, each in different sectors of the industry.

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

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Fox	Strankman
Anglin	Hale	Towle
Bikman	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 36

Allen	Hancock	McQueen
Bhardwaj	Horne	Oberle
Brown	Horner	Olesen
Calahasen	Hughes	Olson
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Denis	Khan	Sandhu
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Lemke	Starke
Fenske	Leskiw	Swann
Fraser	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Goudreau	Mason	Weadick
Griffiths	McDonald	Xiao

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 33:

Local interveners' cost

33.1(1) In this section, "local intervener" means a person or a group or association of persons who, in the opinion of the Regulator,

- (a) has an interest in, or
- (b) is in actual occupation of or is entitled to occupy

land that is or may be directly and adversely affected by a decision of the Regulator in or as a result of a proceeding before it, but, unless otherwise authorized by the Regulator, does not include a person or group or association or persons whose business includes the trading in or transportation or recovery of any energy resource.

(2) On the claim of a local intervener or on the Regulator's own motion, the Regulator may, subject to terms and conditions it considers appropriate, make an award of costs to a local intervener.

(3) Where the Regulator makes an award of costs under subsection (2), it may determine

- (a) the amount of costs that shall be paid to a local intervener, and
- (b) the persons liable to pay the award of costs.

(4) The local intervener or a person who is determined by the Regulator to be liable to pay the costs awarded may request that the Regulator conduct a review of the award of costs.

(5) Where the Regulator conducts a review of the award of costs, the Regulator may

- (a) vary the award of costs,
- (b) refuse to vary the award of costs, or
- (c) deny the award of costs.

(6) If in the Regulator's opinion it is reasonable to do so, the Regulator may make an advance of costs to a local intervener and it may direct any terms and conditions for the payment or repayment of the advance by any party to the proceeding that the Regulator considers appropriate.

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

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Fox	Swann
Anglin	Hale	Towle
Bikman	Mason	Wilson

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Hancock	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Horne	McQueen
Brown	Horner	Oberle
Casey	Hughes	Olesen
Denis	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Olson
Dorward	Khan	Sandhu
Drysdale	Klimchuk	Starke
Fenske	Lemke	VanderBurg
Fraser	Leskiw	Weadick
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Griffiths		

During consideration of amendment A19 to Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, Mr. Anderson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a question of quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(2). The division bells were sounded for one minute following which the Chair confirmed a quorum was present.

Consideration continued on amendment A19.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Ms Fenske, 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 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 254/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A8) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 255/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 256/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A10) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 257/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A11) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 258/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A12) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 259/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A13) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 260/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A14) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 261/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A15) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 262/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A16) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 263/2012

Subamendment to Bill 2 (A17-SA4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 264/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A17) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 265/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A18) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 266/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A19) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 267/2012

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Jeneroux
- Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 10 Employment Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Ms Kennedy-Glans

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 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 3 and substituting the following:

3. Section 41.1 is repealed and the following is substituted:

41.1(1) A transmission facility designated as critical transmission infrastructure under section 41.1 of this Act as it read immediately prior to the coming into force of the Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012, shall be reviewed by the Commission which shall consider whether the facility for which approval is sought is and will be required to meet the present and future public convenience and need.

(2) In determining present and future public convenience and need under subsection (1), the Commission shall consider:

- (a) the benefit that may accrue to Albertans as a result of the new critical transmission infrastructure;
- (b) whether the need of Albertans for critical transmission infrastructure can be met by the application of non-wire solutions or, in any less expensive but equally satisfactory way, such as upgrading an existing line, building electrical generators closer to the load and programs to reduce the load;
- (c) whether the cost to Albertans of the new critical transmission infrastructure outweighs the public's social economic interest and benefit; and
- (d) reasonable and economic operational alternatives to minimize system constraints, giving consideration to technical efficiencies, reliability and capital costs.

- (3) The Commission may, notwithstanding the Hydro and Electric Energy Act
- (a) refer the application back to the Independent System Operator with directions or suggestions for changes or additions,
 - (b) approve the application, or
 - (c) decline the application.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 20

Anderson	Eggen	Smith
Anglin	Fox	Stier
Barnes	Hale	Strankman
Bikman	McAllister	Swann
Bilous	Notley	Towle
Blakeman	Pedersen	Wilson
Donovan	Rowe	

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Griffiths	McDonald
Amery	Hancock	Pastoor
Bhullar	Horne	Quadri
Calahasen	Jansen	Quest
Cao	Jeneroux	Rodney
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sarich
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Webber
Fawcett	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Fraser	Lemke	Young
Fritz	Luan	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 61:

61.1 Nothing in the rules made under section 61(r) shall limit the ability of the Regulator to award fair and just costs to an eligible person as defined under section 36(a).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Anderson	Donovan	Stier
Anglin	Hale	Strankman
Barnes	McAllister	Wilson
Blakeman	Pedersen	

Against the amendment: 36

Allen	Fraser	Leskiw
Amery	Fritz	Luan
Bhullar	Hancock	McDonald
Calahasen	Horne	Pastoor
Campbell	Jansen	Quadri
Cao	Jeneroux	Quest
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Dorward	Klimchuk	Webber
Drysdale	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Lemke	Young

After sometime spent therein, the question was put that Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Allen	Fraser	Leskiw
Amery	Fritz	Luan
Bhullar	Hancock	McDonald
Blakeman	Horne	Pastoor
Calahasen	Jansen	Quadri
Campbell	Jeneroux	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
DeLong	Klimchuk	Webber
Dorward	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Lemke	Young
Fawcett		

Against the motion: 12

Anderson	Fox	Stier
Anglin	Hale	Strankman
Barnes	McAllister	Towle
Donovan	Pedersen	Wilson

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 8 (A1) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 268/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A19) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks on November 20, 2012) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 267/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A20) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 269/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A21) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 270/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A22) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 271/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A23) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 272/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:03 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 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 Ethics Commissioner Mr. Don Hamilton, who passed away on November 14, 2012.

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the legislative process in Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding overcrowding in newly constructed schools in Alberta.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the need to re-examine the scope of practice for optometrists.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement recognizing November 21, 2012, as the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing November 2012 as Family Violence Prevention Month.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding debt and deficit financing in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report 2011-2012
Sessional Paper 273/2012

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Notice dated November 2, 2012, to Market Participants and Stakeholders from the Market Surveillance Administrator outlining the Market Surveillance Administrator's findings with respect to the load shed event that occurred in areas of Alberta on July 9, 2012

Sessional Paper 274/2012

Mr. McDonald, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(5):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2011 Provincial Enumeration and Monday, April 23, 2012, Provincial General Election of the Twenty-eighth Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 275/2012

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Senate Nominee Election, Monday, April 23, 2012

Sessional Paper 276/2012

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, 2011/12 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 277/2012

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Financial Statements of the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors,
June 30, 2012
Sessional Paper 278/2012

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

Elections Finances Act, C.C.S.M. cE32 (Manitoba)
Sessional Paper 279/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

CBC website article dated November 21, 2012, entitled “Albertans pick up liquor tab for health executives, Covenant Health bosses bought expensive bottles of wine, meals at taxpayers expense”
Sessional Paper 280/2012

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 3,013 Albertans urging the Government to commit to an achievable but early date for the completion of the twinning of Highway 63
Sessional Paper 281/2012

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville:

Email message dated November 9, 2012, from Doug Bertsch, North West Redwater Partnership, to Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, responding to a request by Ms Fenske for information concerning power requirements at the Sturgeon refinery, supporting comments made by Ms Fenske during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 8, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012, on November 20, 2012
Sessional Paper 282/2012

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Program from the Alberta Order of Excellence Dinner, recently held in Lethbridge, celebrating inductee Dr. Robert Hironaka
Sessional Paper 283/2012

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Calgary Herald article dated October 24, 2012, entitled “Utilities commission regains power under new bill”

Sessional Paper 284/2012

Health Access Inquiry web page accessed on November 20, 2012, entitled “The Health Services Preferential Access Inquiry”

Sessional Paper 285/2012

Document, undated, entitled “Rules of Practice and Procedure, Health Services Preferential Access Inquiry,” signed by the Honourable John Z. Vertes, Commissioner

Sessional Paper 286/2012

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Alberta Hansard transcript, pages 277-278, dated April 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 287/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 2011-12

Sessional Paper 288/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Khan, Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants’ Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2012

Sessional Paper 289/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 31

Bhardwaj	Homer	Pastoor
Calahasen	Hughes	Quest
Campbell	Jansen	Rodney
Cao	Jeneroux	Sandhu
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Denis	Kennedy-Glans	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kubinec	Weadick
Drysdale	Lemke	Webber
Fawcett	Oberle	Wilson
Fenske	Olesen	Woo-Paw
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 9

Barnes	McAllister	Saskiw
Bilous	Pedersen	Stier
Donovan	Rowe	Strankman

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 4 and substituting the following:

4. Section 41.3 is amended

- (a) by striking out “and an order under section 41.1(1)”;
- (b) by renumbering section 41.3 as section 41.2(1);
- (c) by adding the following after subsection (1):
 - (2) An application made under subsection (1) must include the following:
 - (a) a technical and economic cost benefit analysis with a comparison of alternatives that could improve economic and technical efficiencies;
 - (b) a description of the rationale, including the assumptions and supporting data on which the rationale is based, supporting the nature of the preparatory operations and estimates of the total cost to ratepayers;
 - (c) an assessment of current transmission system capability;
 - (d) the planning criteria used for the assessment of transmission system capability;
 - (e) a forecast for at least 20 years of the load on the interconnected electric system;
 - (f) a forecast for at least 20 years of generation capacity and appropriate reserves required to meet the forecast load; and
 - (g) the studies and analyses performed in identifying the timing affecting or that will affect the economic and technical efficiencies of the proposed transmission line.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the amendment: 6

Anglin	Kang	Stier
Eggen	Saskiw	Strankman

Against the amendment: 32

Amery	Hughes	Olson
Bhullar	Jansen	Pastoor
Campbell	Jeneroux	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Sandhu
Cusanelli	Khan	Sarich
DeLong	Lemke	Weadick
Dorward	Luan	Webber
Drysdale	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	McIver	Young
Fraser	Olesen	

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 8 (A2) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 290/2012

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:46 p.m. until Thursday, November 22, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 22, 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 eighth anniversary of all Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 22, 2004.

Members' Statements

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Frank Sojonky who passed away on October 15, 2012.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding violence against women.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing November 19 to 25, 2012, as National Addictions Awareness Week.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding rights for landowners whose land is being expropriated.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the Government's debt-financing plans.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the opening of Valour Place in Edmonton on October 2, 2012.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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, WQ3

To be dealt with: WQ1

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Khan, Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 291/2012

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 3,231 Albertans urging the Government to commit to an achievable but early date for the completion of the twinning of Highway 63

Sessional Paper 292/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Sun article dated November 22, 2012, entitled "Providing refuge for victims"

Sessional Paper 293/2012

CBC News article dated November 22, 2012, entitled "Alberta trustees slammed for rejecting gay-bullying motion"

Sessional Paper 294/2012

Copy of Bill 13, An Act to amend the Education Act with respect to bullying and other matters, 1st Session, 40th Legislature, Ontario

Sessional Paper 295/2012

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier:

Alberta Liberal Caucus website article entitled "Drinking and driving the health system a bad mix, says Sherman - November 21"

Sessional Paper 296/2012

Copy of a receipt dated October 13, 2009, from Joey South in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 297/2012

Letter, undated, from Mr. Anderson, then Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, to "Tom" extending an invitation to the Wildrose Airdrie-Chestermere Constituency Association's fundraising dinner held on February 29, 2012, with attached related documents

Sessional Paper 298/2012

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document dated November 21, 2012, entitled "Speaking notes: Dr. R. Michael Giuffre to the Calgary Area Medical Staff Society"

Sessional Paper 299/2012

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

CBC website article dated June 28, 2010, entitled "Carbon capture concerns raised," supporting comments made by Mr. Wilson during Committee of the Whole consideration on Bill 2, Responsible Energy Development Act

Sessional Paper 300/2012

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

Memorandum dated November 22, 2012, from Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting early consideration for Bill 201, Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act, to proceed to Third Reading directly after Committee of the Whole consideration on November 26, 2012

Sessional Paper 301/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Saskiw, Deputy 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. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government business for the week of November 26 to November 29, 2012:

Monday, November 26	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, November 27	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 4, 7 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, November 28	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 4, 7 And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bill 7

Third Reading

Bill 4

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 29 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bill 7

Third Reading

Bill 4

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Hon. Mr. Denis 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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Ms Fenske, 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 4 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 302/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, November 26, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 26, 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 former Ethics Commissioner Donald M. Hamilton, who passed away on November 14, 2012.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the recent contract put in place between Alberta Health and the Alberta Medical Association.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the decorum of opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing November 25, 2012, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the beginning of the White Ribbon Campaign.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the Arthritis Alliance of Canada's Joint Action on Arthritis: A Framework to Improve Arthritis Prevention and Care in Canada.

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to build 140 family care clinics.

Notices of Motions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15, regarding the actions and subsequent statements of the Chief Electoral Officer at the Legislative Offices Committee meeting on Friday, November 23, 2012, concerning the distribution of the recommendations of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding legislative amendments to the Elections Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Page 8 of the minutes of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo regular council meeting held on January 24, 2006

Sessional Paper 303/2012

Linkedin web page biography of Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo

Sessional Paper 304/2012

Page 1 of a document entitled "2007 Political Party Annual Financial Statement, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta"

Sessional Paper 305/2012

Page 46 of a financial statement printed from the Elections Alberta website

Sessional Paper 306/2012

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Associate Minister of Seniors, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 307/2012

College of Alberta Denturists, Annual Report 2011

Sessional Paper 308/2012

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 309/2012

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2011-2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 310/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated August 27, 2012, from O. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, providing recommendations for the consideration of the Assembly of the review conducted by the Chief Electoral Office of the Election Act, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, and the Senatorial Selection Act

Sessional Paper 311/2012

Letter dated September 24, 2012, from O. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, to Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, responding to questions asked at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices held on September 13, 2012

Sessional Paper 312/2012

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Document, undated, entitled “Reality, a collection of photographs illustrating the common dangers on the torturous gateway to the north known as Highway 63”

Sessional Paper 313/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Document, undated, entitled “President’s Letter from Dr. R. Michael Giuffre”

Sessional Paper 314/2012

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Letter dated May 23, 2012, from Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding several House-related matters

Sessional Paper 315/2012

3 recent web pages from Twitter.com

Sessional Paper 316/2012

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Invoice dated November 6, 2012, from Ledcor Alberta Limited to Alberta Transportation for supplying an asphalt heater

Sessional Paper 317/2012

Privilege – Chief Electoral Officer

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15, regarding the actions and subsequent statements of the Chief Electoral Officer at the Legislative Offices Committee meeting on Friday, November 23, 2012, concerning the distribution of the recommendations of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding legislative amendments to the Elections Act.

The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Denis, Ms Blakeman, Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Mr. Anderson, and Dr. Brown.

The Speaker made some comments and advised that he would rule at a later date.

Speaker's Statement – Early Consideration of a Private Member's Public Bill

Before we go to Orders of the Day, I want to comment briefly on the order of business that is about to occur. Last Thursday the Chair received a request from the Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park requesting early consideration of his Private Member's Bill, Bill 201, for Third Reading, immediately following Committee of the Whole this afternoon. The Chair tabled the memorandum last Thursday, November 22, 2012, and it is recorded as Sessional Paper 301/2012. Given that this is the first time in this Legislature that this issue of early consideration of a Private Member's Bill has arisen, the Chair wants to explain to the Members how we're going to proceed with this.

First of all, I'm obliged to inform you at the very edge here that this request is hypothetical at this point as there are still 74 minutes remaining for consideration of this Bill in Committee of the Whole. Before Committee of the Whole is called, the House must first conclude Second Reading debate on Bill 202, of which 23 minutes still remain. If there is any available time remaining for Private Members' Bills this afternoon, then further to the Honourable Member's request, the House would then proceed to Third Reading of Bill 201. If there is no time remaining following the Bill being reported from Committee of the Whole, Standing Order 8 requires that Third Reading of the Bill be called first next Monday, December 3.

By way of quick background, this process concerning early consideration of Private Members' Bills has been in place since 1997, and there have been numerous occasions when the Speaker has cautioned the House about these types of requests as they do give rise to potential conflicts with other Members. Previous Legislatures have been cautioned about this practice as recently, in fact, even the one immediately before us, on March 14 of this year, and that can be found at page 514 of Hansard for that day. I would reiterate the suggestions of Speaker Kowalski on March 14 and going back to 2001 that this matter should be given further review by either House Leaders or a committee of the Assembly so that due consideration is given to options that do not unduly prejudice other Members and the progress of their Private Member's Bills.

Just to recap, we'll see how this goes with time allocation and everything else. I did have an opportunity to hear from the Member, and I believe that Member took some liberties to speak with others so that potential conflict could be avoided. So there is a good spirit of co-operation that was attempted to be built. That will be the process that we will follow for this afternoon.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ2. Asked for by Mrs. Forsyth:

How many mental health beds and addiction beds on average were available to Albertans in 2011?

WQ3. Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What was the original 2007 estimate of construction costs and projected opening day for the South Campus Hospital in Calgary versus the actual cost on completion, and actual opening date?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

How many long-term care nursing beds on average were available to Albertans in 2011?

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Associate Minister of Seniors, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many long-term care nursing beds were available to Albertans *as of March 31, 2012*?

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 41

Allen	Fritz	McQueen
Amery	Goudreau	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Olson
Bhullar	Horner	Quadri
Brown	Hughes	Quest
Calahasen	Jablonski	Rodney
Campbell	Jansen	Sarich
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Starke
Dallas	Khan	VanderBurg
Denis	Kubinec	Webber
Fawcett	Leskiw	Xiao
Fenske	Luan	Young
Fraser	McDonald	

Against the amendment: 20

Anderson	Hale	Saskiw
Anglin	Hehr	Smith
Bikman	Kang	Stier
Blakeman	McAllister	Strankman
Donovan	Notley	Towle
Forsyth	Pedersen	Wilson
Fox	Rowe	

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

For the motion: 36

Allen	Fritz	McDonald
Amery	Goudreau	McQueen
Bhardwaj	Hughes	Olesen
Bhullar	Jablonski	Olson
Calahasen	Jansen	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
Dallas	Khan	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Starke
Fawcett	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fenske	Luan	Webber
Fraser	Lukaszuk	Xiao

Against the motion: 23

Anglin	Hancock	Saskiw
Bikman	Hehr	Sherman
Blakeman	Horner	Stier
Brown	Kang	Strankman
Donovan	McAllister	Swann
Forsyth	Notley	Towle
Fox	Pedersen	Wilson
Hale	Rowe	

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Motion Other Than a Government Motion 504 and absented himself from the debate on the motion.

504. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy to eliminate public funding to private schools.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 49.

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put on the motion for the previous question, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 49(3), the question being put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 7, Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:05 p.m. until Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta, made a statement regarding Douglas Lynkowski, Deputy Minister, Service Alberta, who passed away on November 11, 2012.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, 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.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Annie May Jackson, the first woman police officer with the Edmonton Police Service, and recognizing 100 years of women in policing.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to release a priority list of schools to be built or renovated.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the new South Health Campus in Calgary.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing November 2012 as Movember, in support of men's health.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Urdu language and an online resource to assist those learning and teaching English (some comments made in Urdu).

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding reimbursement for out-of-province surgery required by Russell Coyne.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Social Workers, 2011 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 318/2012

Alberta College of Optometrists, 2011 Annual Report to Government
Sessional Paper 319/2012

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood:

Alberta Retired Teachers' Association News and Views article, undated, entitled
"A Special Relationship: Grandparents and Grandchildren"
Sessional Paper 320/2012

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Newswire website article dated January 4, 2012, entitled "PCAA (Progressive
Conservative Association of Alberta) President Welcomes Review by Elections
Alberta"
Sessional Paper 321/2012

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 23, 2012, from Michele H. Hollins, Legal Counsel,
Health Services Preferential Access Inquiry, to Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the
Official Opposition, responding to Ms Smith's letter dated November 20, 2012,
regarding the information Ms Smith provided to the inquiry
Sessional Paper 322/2012

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Excerpt from Alberta Government Request for Proposal 12-887, Department of
Health, Evaluation Framework for Primary Health Care
Sessional Paper 323/2012

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Letter dated June 27, 2012, from Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding a reimbursement claim by Russell Coyne for out-of-province surgery, with attached response from Hon. Mr. Horne dated September 20, 2012

Sessional Paper 324/2012

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on November 22, 2012, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 31 is struck out.
- B. Section 36 is amended by striking out clause (l).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Anderson	Hale	Stier
Bikman	Notley	Strankman
Forsyth	Pedersen	Swann
Fox	Rowe	Towle

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fritz	Lukaszuk
Bhardwaj	Goudreau	McDonald
Bhullar	Hancock	Olesen
Brown	Horne	Quadri
Calahasen	Hughes	Quest
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Starke
Denis	Khan	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Kubinec	Weadick
Fraser	Luan	Webber

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, moved that amendment A2 to the Bill be further amended in the proposed section 11.1 by adding “or the media” after “Member of the Legislative Assembly” wherever it occurs.

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

For the subamendment: 10

Anderson	Forsyth	McAllister
Anglin	Fox	Pedersen
Bikman	Hale	Stier
Eggen		

Against the subamendment: 33

Allen	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Quadri
Calahasen	Horne	Quest
Casey	Jeneroux	Rodney
Dallas	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Denis	Klimchuk	Sarich
Dorward	Lemke	Scott
Fawcett	Leskiw	Starke
Fenske	Lukaszuk	Weadick
Fraser	Oberle	Xiao
Goudreau	Olesen	Young

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 11:

Reporting a wrongdoing to a Member of the Legislative Assembly

11.1 Notwithstanding any provision in this or any other enactment, an employee may report a wrongdoing to a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Anderson	Forsyth	McAllister
Anglin	Fox	Pedersen
Bikman	Hale	Stier
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 34

Allen	Hancock	Olson
Bhardwaj	Horne	Quadri
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Quest
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Dallas	Khan	Sandhu
Denis	Klimchuk	Sarich
Dorward	Lemke	Scott
Fawcett	Leskiw	Starke
Fenske	Lukaszuk	Weadick
Fraser	Oberle	Xiao
Goudreau	Olesen	Young
Griffiths		

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 3 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
(2) This Act applies in respect of wrongdoings that occur, or have occurred, on or after January 1, 2003.
- B. Section 19 is amended by striking out subsection (2).
- C. Section 36 is amended by striking out clause (j).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Eggen	Hale
Bikman	Forsyth	McAllister
Blakeman	Fox	Pedersen

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Goudreau	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Olson
Calahasen	Horne	Quadri
Casey	Jeneroux	Quest
Dallas	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Denis	Khan	Scott
Dorward	Klimchuk	Starke
Fawcett	Lemke	VanderBurg
Fenske	Leskiw	Weadick
Fraser	Oberle	Xiao

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(k) by adding the following after “Crown corporation”:

“, a facility that is recognized or accredited to provide insured services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, a facility that is licensed under the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Eggen	Hale
Bikman	Forsyth	McAllister
Blakeman	Fox	Pedersen

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Goudreau	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Olson
Calahasen	Horne	Quadri
Casey	Jeneroux	Quest
Dallas	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Denis	Khan	Scott
Dorward	Klimchuk	Starke
Fawcett	Lemke	VanderBurg
Fenske	Leskiw	Weadick
Fraser	Oberle	Xiao

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 18 by striking out subsection (4).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Anderson	Fox	McAllister
Bikman	Hale	Pedersen
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Goudreau	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Olson
Blakeman	Hancock	Quadri
Calahasen	Horne	Quest
Casey	Jeneroux	Sandhu
Dallas	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Denis	Khan	Starke
Dorward	Klimchuk	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Lemke	Weadick
Fenske	Leskiw	Xiao
Fraser	Oberle	

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Mr. Goudreau, 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 4 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on November 22, 2012) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 302/2012

Subamendment to Bill 4 (A2-SA1) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 325/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 326/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 327/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 328/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 329/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 330/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 331/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 332/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A9) (Hon. Member for Airdrie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 333/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A10) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 334/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A11) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 335/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A12) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 336/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A13) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 337/2012

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Olson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve the continuation of the following enactments:

- (a) section 33 of the Agricultural Societies Act;
- (b) sections 3 and 36 of the Rural Electrification Loan Act;
- (c) section 2 of the Rural Electrification Long-term Financing Act; and
- (d) sections 32 and 33 of the Rural Utilities Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:19 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding a potential conflict of interest concerning the awarding of a litigation contract to the International Tobacco Recovery Lawyers.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Crystal Kids Youth Centre.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Walking Together: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Perspectives in Curriculum, a professional resource for teachers.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the 10th anniversary of eCampus Alberta.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding political donations and conflicts of interest.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal policies.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, 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, the need for the Government of Alberta to suspend all activities and proceedings related to any contracts it has with International Tobacco Recovery consortium, including Jensen Shawa Solomon Duguid Hawkes LLP, that are related to the tobacco recovery litigation, until a full investigation has been completed by the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta and all results therefrom are made public.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012 — Ms Calahasen

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2011-2012
Sessional Paper 338/2012

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Update 2012-2013
Sessional Paper 339/2012

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter Update 2012-2013
Sessional Paper 340/2012

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2011 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 341/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2012-13 Second Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement dated November 2012

Sessional Paper 342/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Media advisory dated November 28, 2012, entitled "Statement from JSS Barristers," prepared by Glenn Solomon, QC, Senior Partner, JSS Barristers

Sessional Paper 343/2012

Document, undated, entitled "Backgrounder, Tobacco Recovery Lawyers"

Sessional Paper 344/2012

Document, undated, entitled "The Nunavut Tobacco File"

Sessional Paper 345/2012

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Memorandum dated December 14, 2010, from Alison Redford, QC, Minister, Justice and Attorney General, to Ray Bodnarek, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, regarding tobacco litigation

Sessional Paper 346/2012

Page 2 of Alberta Government AR (Action Request) 40333 dated January 13, 2011

Sessional Paper 347/2012

Document, undated, entitled "Biography of Arthur Schafer"

Sessional Paper 348/2012

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, 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 need for the Government of Alberta to suspend all activities and proceedings related to any contracts it has with International Tobacco Recovery consortium, including Jensen Shawa Solomon Duguid Hawkes LLP, that are related to the tobacco recovery litigation, until a full investigation has been completed by the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta and all results therefrom are made public.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

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)

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 29 by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) Subsection (1)(a) applies only if the Commissioner, upon completing an investigation, makes no finding of wrongdoing against Executive Council or a committee of the Executive Council, or the proceeding of any of them.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Anglin	Kang	Saskiw
Forsyth	Pedersen	Wilson
Fox	Rowe	

Against the amendment: 33

Allen	Fraser	Lukaszuk
Amery	Griffiths	McIver
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Oberle
Brown	Horner	Olesen
Calahasen	Jansen	Pastoor
Campbell	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
DeLong	Klimchuk	Weadick
Fawcett	Kubinec	Webber
Fenske	Lemke	Woo-Paw

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 38(4) by adding “current or former” before “member”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Anglin	Kang	Stier
Bikman	Pedersen	Strankman
Forsyth	Rowe	Wilson
Fox	Saskiw	

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Fraser	Lemke
Amery	Griffiths	McIver
Bhardwaj	Horner	Oberle
Brown	Hughes	Olesen
Calahasen	Jansen	Pastoor
Campbell	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
DeLong	Klimchuk	Webber
Fawcett	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Fenske		

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 11.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anglin	Kang	Saskiw
Forsyth	Pedersen	Strankman
Fox	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Fenske	Lemke
Amery	Fraser	McIver
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Oberle
Brown	Hancock	Olesen
Calahasen	Horner	Pastoor
Campbell	Jansen	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
DeLong	Khan	Webber
Dorward	Klimchuk	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Kubinec	

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 1 is amended by striking out clause (k) and substituting the following:
 - (k) “public entity” means any entity that receives public money as defined in the Financial Administration Act;
- B. Section 36 is amended by striking out clause (a).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle
Fox	Strankman	

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Hughes	McIver
Amery	Jansen	Olson
Brown	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quadri
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Cao	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Lemke	Scott
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Drysdale	Luan	Webber
Fenske	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fraser		

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 10(1)

- (a) by striking out “only”;
- (b) by striking out “or” at the end of clause (h), by adding “or” at the end of clause (i) and by adding the following after clause (i):
 - (j) in a manner that protects the identity of the employee making the disclosure.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anglin	Fox	Strankman
Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fraser	McIver
Amery	Hughes	Olson
Brown	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quadri
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Cao	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Lemke	Scott
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Drysdale	Luan	Webber
Fenske	McDonald	Woo-Paw

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 5 is amended in subsection (8) by striking out “and that all future disclosures, other than in the circumstances described in section 10(1)(b) to (i), must be made to the designated officer in accordance with the approved procedures.”
- B Section 10 is amended
 - (a) in subsection (1) by striking out all the words that follow “directly to the Commissioner”;
 - (b) in subsection (2) by striking out “or under subsection 1(f)”.
- C Section 11 is struck out.
- D Section 29 is amended in subsection (1) by striking out clause (c).
- E Section 36 is amended in clause (g) by striking out “when an employee may make a disclosure directly to the Commissioner, and”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anglin	Fox	Strankman
Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Hughes	McIver
Amery	Jansen	Olson
Brown	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quadri
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Cao	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Lemke	Scott
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Drysdale	Luan	Webber
Fenske	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fraser		

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 8 by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

- (2) An employee requesting information or advice under subsection (1) may do so in a manner that protects the identity of the employee.
- (2.1) The designated officer, the chief officer or the Commissioner must provide information or advice requested by an employee under subsection (2) in a manner that protects the identity of the employee.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle
Fox	Strankman	

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Jansen	Olson
Amery	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quadri
Calahasen	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Campbell	Khan	Sarich
Cao	Lemke	Scott
Dallas	Leskiw	Weadick
DeLong	Luan	Webber
Drysdale	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fenske	McIver	Young
Fraser		

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 11:

When wrongdoings may be reported to a Member of the Legislative Assembly or journalist

11.1 This section applies if an employee has made a disclosure to a designated officer and the Commissioner and

- (a) the Commissioner has refused or failed to investigate the disclosure,
 - (b) the employee has not been advised within a period of 3 months after the day the disclosure is made whether or not the disclosure will be investigated or dealt with,
 - (c) the employee has not been advised of the progress of an investigation for a period of greater than 3 months, or
 - (d) the employee is advised at the conclusion of the investigation by the Commissioner that no action will be taken in relation to the wrongdoing.
- (2) This section also applies if an employee honestly believes on reasonable grounds that
- (a) the employee has information that tends to show a wrongdoing,
 - (b) there is a significant risk of detrimental action to the employee or another person if a disclosure is made, or
 - (c) it would be unreasonable in the circumstances for the employee to make a disclosure to a designated officer or the Commissioner.
- (3) An employee may report a wrongdoing to
- (a) a member of the Legislative Assembly, or
 - (b) a journalist.

- (4) In reporting a wrongdoing under this section, an employee
- (a) must disclose sufficient information to show that the conduct is a wrongdoing, but not more than is reasonably necessary to show that the conduct is a wrongdoing, and
 - (b) if a wrongdoing was reported to a designated officer or the Commissioner, the employee may inform the member of the Legislative Assembly or journalist about the progress and outcome of any investigation.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle
Fox	Strankman	

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Hughes	Olson
Amery	Jansen	Pastoor
Brown	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Cao	Khan	Scott
Dallas	Lemke	Weadick
DeLong	Leskiw	Webber
Drysdale	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fenske	McDonald	Young
Fraser	McIver	

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 33(1) by striking out “annually” and substituting “every April, with a fall update every October”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle
Fox	Strankman	

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Hughes	Olson
Amery	Jansen	Pastoor
Brown	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Cao	Khan	Scott
Dallas	Lemke	Weadick
DeLong	Leskiw	Webber
Drysdale	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fenske	McDonald	Young
Fraser	McIver	

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 21 and substituting the following:

Allegations by others of wrongdoing

21 If the Commissioner receives a disclosure that has been made anonymously or by an individual who is not an employee and the Commissioner believes that the disclosure may relate to a wrongdoing set out in section 3, the Commissioner must investigate the disclosure while maintaining the anonymity of the individual in accordance with the procedures outlined in section 5.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Stier	Towle
Fox	Strankman	

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Hughes	Olson
Amery	Jansen	Pastoor
Brown	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Cao	Khan	Scott
Dallas	Lemke	Weadick
DeLong	Leskiw	Webber
Drysdale	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fenske	McDonald	Young
Fraser	McIver	

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(g) by adding “or who performs a service as an appointee, volunteer or student for or under a contract or agency relationship with,” after “employed by,”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Barnes	Saskiw	Strankman
Bilous	Smith	Swann
Fox	Stier	Towle

Against the amendment: 31

Amery	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quadri
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Cao	Khan	Sandhu
Dallas	Lemke	Sarich
DeLong	Leskiw	Scott
Drysdale	Luan	Weadick
Fenske	McDonald	Webber
Fraser	McIver	Woo-Paw
Hughes	Olson	Young
Jansen		

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended in section 32 by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) The report under subsection (1) must be included in the annual report of the department, public entity or office of the Legislature, and the report must be made publicly available.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Barnes	Saskiw	Strankman
Bilous	Smith	Swann
Fox	Stier	Towle

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Jansen	Pastoor
Amery	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sandhu
Cao	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Lemke	Scott
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Drysdale	Luan	Webber
Fenske	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fraser	McIver	Young
Hughes	Olson	

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended in section 33 by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) Where it is in the public interest to do so, the Commissioner must also publish special reports relating to any matter within the scope of the Commissioner's responsibilities under this Act, including any reports referring to and commenting on any particular matter investigated by the Commissioner within 90 days of the matter being investigated.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Barnes	Saskiw	Strankman
Bilous	Smith	Swann
Fox	Stier	Towle

Against the amendment: 32

Allen	Jansen	Pastoor
Amery	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sandhu
Cao	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Lemke	Scott
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Drysdale	Luan	Webber
Fenske	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fraser	McIver	Young
Hughes	Olson	

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 53:

53.1 The Commissioner has the duty to protect the job of any employee who in good faith makes a public interest disclosure.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Barnes	Saskiw	Strankman
Bilous	Smith	Swann
Fox	Stier	Towle

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Hughes	Olson
Amery	Jansen	Pastoor
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Quadri
Campbell	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Sandhu
Dallas	Khan	Sarich
DeLong	Leskiw	Scott
Drysdale	Luan	Weadick
Fenske	McDonald	Webber
Fraser	McIver	Young

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 38 and substituting the following:

38 Notwithstanding section 3(1) of the Ombudsman Act, the Ombudsman shall serve as Public Interest Commissioner to carry on the duties and functions set out in this Act.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Strankman
Bilous	Smith	Towle
Fox	Stier	

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Jansen	Pastoor
Amery	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sandhu
Cao	Lemke	Sarich
Dallas	Leskiw	Scott
DeLong	Luan	Swann
Drysdale	McDonald	Weadick
Fenske	McIver	Webber
Fraser	Olson	Young
Hughes		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

Mr. Amery, 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 4 (A14) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —
Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 4 (A15) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 350/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A16) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 351/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A17) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 352/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A18) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf
of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 353/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A19) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 354/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A20) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf
of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 355/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A21) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 356/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A22) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 357/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A23) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 358/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A24) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 359/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A25) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 360/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A26) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 361/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A27) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 362/2012

Amendment to Bill 4 (A28) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 363/2012

Third Reading

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

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 29

Allen	Hughes	Pastoor
Amery	Jansen	Quadri
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Rodney
Campbell	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Dallas	Leskiw	Scott
DeLong	Luan	Weadick
Drysdale	McDonald	Webber
Fenske	McIver	Young
Fraser	Olson	

Against the motion: 8

Barnes	Saskiw	Swann
Bilous	Smith	Towle
Fox	Strankman	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Amery, 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 7 (A1) (Hon. Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs)
— Agreed to

Sessional Paper 364/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:26 a.m. Thursday, November 29, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 29, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing December 5, 2012, as the International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development and regarding a Taiwan volunteer exchange project held in July and August 2012, hosted by St. Michael's Health Group and the International Association for Volunteer Effort.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the Alberta Education International Languages Program.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding long-term care and home care for seniors.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement congratulating recipients of the 2012 Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Heritage Awards.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding comments made by Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, in the Assembly on November 28, 2012, concerning the awarding of a tobacco litigation contract.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the recent work of the Premier to create relationships, partnerships, and opportunities for Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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: WQ5, WQ6, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13

To be dealt with: WQ4, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR1

To be dealt with: MR2

Notices of Motions

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 that the Premier's responses during Oral Question Period regarding her role as Justice Minister in selecting the firm to represent the Government in the tobacco lawsuit deliberately misled the Assembly in such a way as to impede the ability of Members of this House to fulfil their duties, thereby committing a contempt of parliament.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Page 1109 of Alberta Hansard dated November 28, 2012

Sessional Paper 365/2012

CBC News website article dated February 16, 2011, entitled "Justice minister Redford joins PC leadership race"

Sessional Paper 366/2012

Email message dated December 22, 2010, from Grant Sprague, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice, to Lorne Merryweather and Jeff Henwood regarding a call made to Carsten Jensen

Sessional Paper 367/2012

Email message dated December 22, 2010, from Karen Christensen, Legal Services Division, Alberta Justice, to Ray Bodnarek and Jeff Henwood, with an attachment of the text of memos to be sent to unsuccessful candidates regarding tobacco litigation

Sessional Paper 368/2012

Email message dated January 6, 2011, from Carsten Jensen to Lorne Merryweather regarding working together on the health care recovery claim

Sessional Paper 369/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Open letter dated November 27, 2012, from the Grey Nuns Hospital Medical Staff Association to the Citizens of Alberta regarding the recent five-year contract imposed on Alberta doctors

Sessional Paper 370/2012

Open letter dated November 28, 2012, from 27 "Edmonton-Rutherford family physicians" to their patients regarding implications for patient care as a result of contract changes imposed by the Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 371/2012

Letter dated April 11, 2012, from Dr. Cathy Scrimshaw, President, Alberta College of Family Physicians, to Alberta College of Family Physicians members expressing concern regarding comments made by Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, relating to the role of the College in the family care clinic initiative

Sessional Paper 372/2012

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

News release dated November 5, 2012, entitled “Whistleblower charity’s analysis of Alberta law concludes that it is a backward step: it protects the government, not whistleblowers or the public,” prepared by the Federal Accountability Initiative for Reform, supporting comments made by Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 4, Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, on November 28, 2012

Sessional Paper 373/2012

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.

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier:

Globe and Mail website article dated August 23, 2012, entitled “It’s okay for football fans to cheer. But not so loudly.”

Sessional Paper 374/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Saskiw, Deputy 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. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government business for the week of December 3 to December 6, 2012:

Monday, December 3	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 7
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, December 4	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 7

		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 7 Third Reading Bill 7
		And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, December 5	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 7
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 7
		And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, December 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 7
		And as per the Order Paper

Privilege – Premier’s Responses During Oral Question Period

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15, that the Premier’s responses during Oral Question Period regarding her role as Justice Minister in selecting the firm to represent the Government in the tobacco lawsuit deliberately misled the Assembly in such a way as to impede the ability of Members of this House to fulfil their duties, thereby committing a contempt of Parliament.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Denis, Mr. Eggen, Hon. Mr. Olson, and Mr. Donovan.

The Speaker advised that he would rule at a later date.

Privilege – Chief Electoral Officer

Now I'm going to move on with another matter, and that involves a question that was put forward by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, which, coincidentally, was also a purported point of privilege. Honourable Members, we'll all be reminded that the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona raised such a purported question of privilege on Monday, November 26, 2012. Essentially, in her purported question of privilege she contended that her ability to perform her functions had been interfered with by not having received a copy of the Chief Electoral Officer's proposed amendments to election statutes. In fact, the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General wrote to the Chief Electoral Officer and requested his involvement regarding amendments for a particular Bill that was under his purview.

Under Standing Order 15(6) the Speaker's role when a question of privilege is raised is to determine whether the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity and whether it constitutes a prima facie question of privilege. Now, just to be clear, Honourable Members, only the Assembly can in fact determine whether something is a question of privilege. But, to be even more clear, the Speaker's role is to determine whether the purported question meets the requirements to proceed. That is the role of the Speaker. Therefore, as for the preliminaries, the Member raising this matter did provide notice to the Speaker's office at 10:52 a.m. on Monday, November 26, and thus satisfied the requirements of Standing Order 15(2).

Now, before outlining the facts of this particular case and discussing the applicable authorities in making a determination on this application, the Speaker wants to say that there are some very serious allegations contained in this purported point of privilege that have been made against an Officer of this Alberta Legislature. Not without reservation the Speaker has allowed many statements and many comments to be made in the Assembly about the Chief Electoral Officer, known to many as Mr. Fjeldheim, because those statements and comments related directly to the question of privilege. As all Members here would know, some of those comments most likely would have been ruled out of order by the Speaker had they been raised in question period or during Members' Statements or in some other form of debate, discussion in this Assembly. As we know, Members cannot call into question the impartiality or integrity of an Officer of the Legislature per se. The Speaker will have more to say on this issue very shortly.

Meanwhile let me briefly outline some of the facts giving rise to the Member's purported question of privilege. The Minister of Justice and Solicitor General wrote to the Chief Electoral Officer on May 29, 2012, Sessional Paper 12/2012 for reference, concerning possible amendments to election statutes, and that letter was in fact tabled in this Assembly on that day, May 29, 2012. The Minister stated in his letter, "Amendments to the Elections Act would involve your Office being fully consulted to maintain the independence of your Office and avoid arbitrary amendments passed in the Legislature."

Mr. Fjeldheim, the Chief Electoral Officer, responded to the Minister of Justice with a letter on May 31, 2012, Sessional Paper 25/2012 for reference, indicating that he would be pleased to review both the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. This document was also tabled in the Assembly on that particular day, May 31, 2012.

Then on August 27, 2012, the Chief Electoral Officer provided the Minister of Justice with recommendations concerning election legislation. The covering letter of that date was tabled by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on November 26, 2012, in this Assembly as Sessional Paper 311/2012. That letter and the attached recommendations were copied to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that being the Member for Edmonton-McClung. From the submissions that were made on Monday, November 26, 2012, on this purported question of privilege, it appears that the committee Chair did not circulate the Chief Electoral Officer's August 27, 2012, letter, and consequently the committee members were not aware of the contents of the recommendations until the legislation was introduced.

Now, before continuing, your Speaker has two points to make. First, the Member raising this point of privilege, that being the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, is actually not a member of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. Nonetheless, the Speaker is not going to rule for or against the question on that basis alone. There are other matters that were raised with respect to what transpired in that committee referred to in this matter.

The Member who raised this matter along with the Member for Edmonton-Centre referred to what transpired during committee meetings in September 2012 and to correspondence from the Chief Electoral Officer as evidenced in Hansard on pages 997 and 1000. The Speaker is reluctant to get involved in what transpires in committees. You've heard me comment about this matter before. In this instance, however, the Assembly is not waiting for a report by or from that particular committee on this subject. Therefore, the Speaker will in fact rule on this question. Support for this process is found in Joseph Maingot's book, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, second edition, where on page 222 he states:

The practice (of the Speaker not interfering in committee matters unless a report of the matter has been made) was "not an absolute one and that in very serious or special circumstances the Speaker may have to pronounce on a committee matter without the committee having reported to the House."

In reviewing this matter, your Speaker notes that there is no statutory or codified procedure for how an Officer of the Legislature is to proceed in having his or her governing statute amended.

On page 1001 of Hansard for Monday, November 26, the Government House Leader referred to the practices of some officers going to the Legislative Offices Committee with requests for legislative change to reflect the fact that they do not report to the Government but to this Assembly. In the case before us the Chief Electoral Officer was responding to a request from the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Furthermore, the Chief Electoral Officer had copied the Chair of the standing committee in his August 27, 2012, letter under cover of which were the recommendations. One may have thought that would result in committee members being provided with a copy of the recommendations, but that was apparently not the case. The Chief Electoral Officer, however, cannot be faulted for what was or wasn't circulated at a particular meeting.

Now, the Member for Airdrie referred to several examples in his argument from other instances where contempt of the Assembly such as deliberately publishing a false or misleading report and refusing to answer a question or refusing to produce a report and so on – but here, in this particular case, there was no demand by the committee. Therefore, the Chief Electoral Officer is not in violation of any committee order. He was responding to a request made by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

The Member for Edmonton-Strathcona indicates in her arguments that her parliamentary work was interfered with by not having received a copy of the recommendations that were made by the Chief Electoral Officer. Now, while the Speaker sympathizes with the Honourable Member in that regard, this non-receipt of information by members of the committee does not in the Chair's view reach the standard of a Member having been obstructed or interfered with in the performance of his or her duties.

I would refer Members to chapter 3 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, and in particular pages 111 through 116, wherein obstruction and interference are discussed. To recast the question: has this Member been prevented from carrying out her parliamentary duties? In the Chair's opinion the answer is no. The document is now publicly available on the Department of Justice's website. The Chair understands that it was actually distributed to all members of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices on Thursday, November 22, 2012, one week ago.

No Member speaking to this question of privilege was able to provide an example or precedent from any jurisdiction where a *prima facie* question of privilege has been found with identical or highly similar facts. For the benefit of Members unaccustomed to the nuances of parliamentary privilege, the Speaker would point out the subtle distinction between questions of privilege and contempt. To use the definitions from House of Commons Procedure and Practice, at page 82 it states:

Any disregard of or attack on the rights, powers and immunities of the House and its Members, either by an outside person or body, or by a Member of the House, is referred to as a "breach of privilege . . ."

On the same page this particular authority offers an explanation of contempt as follows:

. . . any action which, though not a breach of a specific privilege, tends to obstruct or impede the House in the performance of its functions; obstructs or impedes any Member . . . in the discharge of their duties; or is an offence against the authority or dignity of the House, such as disobedience of its legitimate commands or libels upon itself, its Members, or its officers.

That is the explanation of contempt.

Contempts are treated in the same manner as questions of privilege under our Standing Order 15. While undoubtedly it would have been in everyone's best interest if the documents had been provided to the members of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices when they went to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Chair, the fact that they weren't does not elevate this matter to a *prima facie* question of privilege.

The Speaker is also struck by the fact that there is an absolute absence of any intention to withhold information from Members deliberately. The Speaker is of the view that some remedial action could certainly be undertaken. In fact, former Speaker Kowalski directed some action following his ruling that there was no *prima facie* question of privilege against the Ethics Commissioner in his ruling of June 3, 2009. You can reference pages 1512 and 1513 of Hansard for that day for more information in that regard. In the case before us today, however, the standing committee could establish guidelines or a protocol for Officers of the Legislature that want to pursue changes to their governing statutes or are asked to do so by a member of the Executive Council.

To be clear and in summary, the Speaker finds that there is no *prima facie* question of privilege, which now concludes this matter.

However, the Speaker would like to add that Mr. Fjeldheim is a respected public servant who has provided great service to the Province of Alberta in his terms as Chief Electoral Officer. While this question of privilege may be concerning, in my view as your Chair and Speaker it deals with one particular incident and should not be seen as damaging or tarnishing the fine reputation that Mr. Fjeldheim has and continues to have in providing services to all Members and to all Albertans.

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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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:25 p.m. until Monday, December 3, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 3, 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 Government's approach to inclusive education.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2012, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and recognizing recipients of several awards from the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the universal declaration of human rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Métis Urban Housing Corporation.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2012, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and regarding personal care standards in long-term and community care facilities.

Notice of Motions

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2012 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 7, Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 7, Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, may meet at the call of the Committee Chair to review the Standing Orders and report any proposed or recommended changes to the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur with the continuation of the Alberta Treasury Branches Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

Report entitled "APCCP Ipsos Reid Survey Results - March 2012, Support for a Wellness Foundation in Alberta," prepared by the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention

Sessional Paper 375/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Reprints of five newspaper articles from 2000 and 2003 written by Danielle Smith relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, during Oral Question Period on November 29, 2012

Sessional Paper 376/2012

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

Report dated March 1, 2011, entitled “Addressing the needs of Albertans with disabilities in home, supporting and long-term care living settings,” prepared by the Alberta Disabilities Forum

Sessional Paper 377/2012

3 recent email messages from Calgary residents expressing concern regarding the number of showers patients receive in care facilities

Sessional Paper 378/2012

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

News release dated November 10, 2011, entitled “Keystone delay costs Alberta treasury billions,” prepared by Alberta’s Wildrose Caucus

Sessional Paper 379/2012

Business Insider article dated December 1, 2012, entitled “Analyst Makes Bombshell Prediction of \$50 Oil, and More Production Than We Could Possibly Know What To Do With”

Sessional Paper 380/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Page 53 of the Law Society of Alberta Code of Conduct

Sessional Paper 381/2012

Privilege – Premier’s Responses During Oral Question Period

As Chair I am now prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Official Opposition House Leader last Thursday, November 29, 2012. The debate on this issue can be found in Hansard for that day at pages 1184 through 1189.

In a proverbial nutshell, the allegation by the Member for Airdrie is that the Premier deliberately misled the Assembly when she denied that the decision was made to retain a particular law firm for conducting litigation related to tobacco use while she was Minister of Justice.

In terms of formalities, notice of the purported question of privilege was received in the Speaker’s office at 10:54 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2012, so the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) regarding notice have been met as the statements were alleged to have been made in the Assembly the day before.

The Chair notes that Standing Order 15(5) permits Members to raise a question of privilege “immediately after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question, in which case the written notice under suborder (2) is not required,” but no one raised any objection on this point, and the Chair imagines that had it been raised, the Official Opposition House Leader would have said he needed time to review Hansard. In any case, the Official Opposition House Leader carefully and succinctly cited the relevant authorities on the issue of deliberately misleading the Assembly, including this Speaker’s ruling of May 30, 2012, found at page 96 of Hansard for that day.

In making his presentation on the point of privilege before us today, the Official Opposition House Leader indicated that deliberately misleading the Assembly was a form of contempt, which, as the Chair pointed out in another ruling last Thursday, at page 1190 of Hansard for that day, is treated as a question of privilege. The point is made in Erskine May’s *Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament*, 24th edition, at page 254. It reads:

The Commons may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as a contempt. In 1963 the House resolved that in making a personal statement which contained words which he later admitted not to be true, a former Member had been guilty of a grave contempt.

Before ruling on this purported question of privilege before us today, the Chair wants to remind Members that this application places a Speaker of the House in a difficult situation because the Speaker’s usual role is not to determine the merits or veracity of questions or answers in the Assembly. In fact, the Speaker’s role in question period is stated at page 510 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, second edition, which states:

The Speaker ensures that replies adhere to the dictates of order, decorum and parliamentary language. The Speaker, however, is not responsible for the quality or content of replies to questions.

The Speaker’s role in the Assembly is to ensure that Members are allowed to exercise their historic, if not ancient, and constitutionally recognized right to freedom of speech to the greatest extent possible consistent with the rules, the conventions, and the practices of the Assembly. On that point, any Member alleging that another Member is deliberately misleading the Assembly will be swiftly called to order by the Chair and asked to withdraw the comments. In the Chair’s view there have been numerous and far too many instances of this type of exchange occurring in this House this Fall Sitting. The only time that this type of allegation may be permitted is when a Member raises a purported question of privilege that a Member deliberately misled the Assembly, which is one reason why Speakers have continually cautioned Members that these allegations should only rarely be brought, as was indicated in my ruling, in fact, of May 30, 2012.

To return to the matter raised by the Official Opposition House Leader, his allegation is that the decision was made to retain a law firm for tobacco litigation by the Premier when she was Minister of Justice and that statements to the contrary by the Premier constitute, in his opinion, deliberately misleading the Assembly. The test for such situations both in this Assembly and in the Canadian House of Commons is articulated by David McGee, the former Clerk of the New Zealand House of Representatives, and stated in his book, *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand*, third edition, 2005, at pages 653 and 654. This test was recited by the Official Opposition House Leader last Thursday and also by this Speaker on May 30, 2012, but it bears repeating one more time. It reads as follows:

There are three elements to be established when it is alleged that a member is in contempt by reason of a statement that the member has made: the statement must, in fact, have been misleading; it must be established that the member making the statement knew at the time the statement was made that it was incorrect; and, in making it, the member must have intended to mislead the House.

The Official Opposition House Leader was clear that, in his view, the decision had been made on awarding a contract to a law firm before the Premier resigned from Cabinet in February 2011 to run for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

The Member for Edmonton-Calder was more equivocal on this point and was perhaps more careful in his choice of words as he referred to “a process which ended in a decision being made” at page 1187 of Hansard for last Thursday, which was not, with respect, what was alleged by the Official Opposition House Leader. He alleged that the decision had been made.

This is an important distinction, Honourable Members. If the Premier or the Government had denied that a process was under way to select a firm to handle the tobacco litigation prior to February 2011, then different considerations come into play in a forthcoming ruling. However, the allegation that the decision was made by the now Premier on hiring a law firm to conduct the tobacco litigation was firmly rejected by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, by the Government House Leader, and by the now Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

On the three elements of the test the Government House Leader was quite clear and succinct at page 1188 of Hansard, where he stated:

There are clear explanations about what the process was. There are clear explanations about the result, how the decision was made. There’s no misleading. There’s no intent to mislead, so there’s no *mens rea*. There’s no actual misleading.

By definition *mens rea* means guilty mind.

The distinction between the process and the final decision on selecting a law firm was addressed by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development when he said at page 1188 of Hansard for last Thursday the following:

Those are the facts as I know them, and I think that that supports the position of the Premier that there was no final decision. She may have identified a firm that she thought was appropriate, and this firm again, I'm told, was also selected by Nunavut.

In his comments last Thursday at page 1187 of Hansard the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General indicated that the then-Minister of Justice, now Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, authorized the contingency agreement with the law firm on June 21, 2011.

A Government of Alberta news release which the Chair has discovered, dated May 30, 2012, and entitled "Alberta to launch lawsuit against tobacco manufacturers," indicates that "Alberta has retained Tobacco Recovery Lawyers LLP since June 2011, a consortium of law firms, to file the lawsuit on its behalf."

Now, in this case much hinges on the interpretation of the decision to hire a firm. Certainly, the Chair admits that this is getting into a case of semantics, but it is evident that there was no final decision made as to the selection of a law firm for the tobacco litigation when the Premier was Minister of Justice. Clearly, a process was in place, but that was not the basis of the purported question of privilege.

Accordingly, the Chair cannot find that the three parts of the test have been made out. The determination of whether the Premier's statements were misleading is entirely subjective and depends greatly on the exact nature of the words used. The Chair cannot find that the second and third parts of the test have been made out, namely, that the Member making the statement knew at the time the statement was made that it was incorrect and that, in making it, the Member must have intended to mislead the House.

All three Ministers who spoke to the issue vehemently denied that any decision had been made at the time the Official Opposition House Leader alleges. Certainly, the Premier was unequivocal that she did not make the decision on the matter of retaining the law firm when she responded to questions on November 28, 2012, at pages 1107 through 1109 of Hansard for that day and which statements are at the core of this purported question of privilege.

Members may think that this is a very difficult test to meet, and the Chair would agree. That is precisely why such allegations are hardly ever found to be *prima facie* questions of privilege. Versions of events and interpretation of those events by Members may and frequently do differ. This difference is a characteristic of parliamentary debate and is one reason why the Chair has referred frequently to paragraph 494 of Beauchesne's, sixth edition, at page 151, which states:

It has been formally ruled by Speakers that statements by Members respecting themselves and particularly within their . . . knowledge must be accepted. It is not unparliamentary temperately to criticize statements made by Members as being contrary to the facts; but no imputation of intentional falsehood is permissible. On rare occasions this may result in the House having to accept two contradictory accounts of the same incident.

The same point is made in House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, at page 510, which states, commencing at line six, the following:

In most instances, when a point of order or a question of privilege has been raised in regard to a response to an oral question, the Speaker has ruled that the matter is a disagreement among Members over the facts surrounding the issue. As such, these matters are more a question of debate and do not constitute a breach of the rules or of privilege.

For the reasons that the Chair has just spent some considerable time articulating this afternoon, there is no prima facie question of privilege. Accordingly, under Standing Order 15(7), there are no further proceedings on the matter. This matter is now concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ5. Asked for by Ms Smith:

Of the transfers received from the federal government, what is the total amount earmarked for health care for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?

WQ6. Asked for by Ms Smith:

Of the transfers received from the federal government, what, if any, is the total amount earmarked for housing for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?

WQ11. Asked for by Mrs. Forsyth:

Which physicians, psychiatrists, or pharmacists were consulted on Creating Connections: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy dated September 2011?

WQ12. Asked for by Mr. Fox:

What are the criteria for determining the location of new registry offices in Alberta and do the communities of Blackfalds, Chestermere, and Redcliff meet these criteria?

WQ13. Asked for by Mr. Pedersen:

What Government of Alberta infrastructure projects are currently scheduled for Medicine Hat, and what are the projected costs and completion dates for each infrastructure project?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

Have all the claims submitted to the 2011 Southern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program and the 2011 Spring South Eastern Alberta Disaster Program in regard to the June 2010 South Saskatchewan River basin flooding been finalized and what is the longest claimants had to wait to receive payment?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved that the motion be amended to read:

Have all of the applications to the 2010 Southern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program and the 2010 Spring South Eastern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program been finalized, and how long did it take applicants to receive a first assistance payment once they provided all required information?

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 40

Allen	Goudreau	Luan
Amery	Hancock	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Hehr	Olesen
Bhullar	Horne	Olson
Brown	Horner	Pastoor
Calahasen	Hughes	Quadri
Cao	Jablonski	Quest
Casey	Jansen	Sarich
Denis	Jeneroux	Scott
Dorward	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Swann
Drysdale	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Webber
Fawcett	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Fraser	Leskiw	Young
Fritz		

Against the amendment: 16

Anglin	Hale	Smith
Barnes	McAllister	Stier
Bikman	Pedersen	Strankman
Donovan	Rowe	Towle
Forsyth	Saskiw	Wilson
Fox		

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ7. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

What is the projected annual cost to employ health-care professionals and other staff who will operate individual family care clinics?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 18

Anglin	Fox	Smith
Barnes	Hale	Stier
Bikman	McAllister	Strankman
Bilous	Pedersen	Swann
Donovan	Rowe	Towle
Forsyth	Saskiw	Wilson

Against the motion: 36

Allen	Fawcett	Leskiw
Amery	Fraser	Luan
Bhardwaj	Fritz	McDonald
Bhullar	Hancock	Olesen
Brown	Horne	Olson
Calahasen	Hughes	Quadri
Cao	Jablonski	Quest
Casey	Jansen	Sarich
Dallas	Jeneroux	Scott
Denis	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	VanderBurg
Dorward	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Kubinec	Young

WQ8. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

What is the forecast for annual expenditures for the next four fiscal years for building or leasing family care clinics?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 15

Barnes	Hehr	Stier
Bikman	McAllister	Strankman
Bilous	Pedersen	Swann
Forsyth	Rowe	Towle
Hale	Saskiw	Wilson

Against the motion: 38

Allen	Fritz	McDonald
Amery	Goudreau	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Olson
Bhullar	Horne	Pastoor
Brown	Hughes	Quadri
Calahasen	Jablonski	Quest
Cao	Jansen	Sarich
Casey	Jeneroux	Scott
Dallas	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Starke
Denis	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Leskiw	Young
Fawcett	Luan	

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy to eliminate public funding to private schools.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 3

Bilous	Hehr	Swann
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Against the motion: 48

Allen	Fritz	Pedersen
Amery	Goudreau	Quadri
Barnes	Hale	Quest
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Rodney
Bhullar	Hughes	Rowe
Bikman	Jansen	Sarich
Brown	Jeneroux	Saskiw
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Starke
Casey	Kubinec	Stier
Dallas	Leskiw	Strankman
Denis	Luan	Towle
Dorward	McDonald	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Olesen	Wilson
Fawcett	Olson	Woo-Paw
Fraser	Pastoor	Young

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders to allow consideration of Bill 201, Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Adjournment

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:34 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the Bill be amended in section 83 in the proposed section 35(1)(a) by striking out “if the registered party, registered constituency association or registered candidate knows or ought to know that the prospective contributor is” and substituting “from”.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells for this amendment to one minute.

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

For the amendment: 10

Anglin	Hale	Rowe
Barnes	McAllister	Saskiw
Bikman	Pedersen	Stier
Donovan		

Against the amendment: 30

Bhullar	Griffiths	McDonald
Cao	Hancock	Oberle
Casey	Hehr	Olson
Cusanelli	Hughes	Pastoor
Denis	Jansen	Rodney
Dorward	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Drysdale	Klimchuk	Scott
Eggen	Lemke	Starke
Fenske	Leskiw	Webber
Fraser	Luan	Woo-Paw

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the Bill be amended in section 100 in the proposed section 51.01(2) as follows:

- (a) by striking out “may serve” and substituting “must serve”;
- (b) by adding, “, and make a copy of the notice or letter public within 30 days” after “letter of reprimand”.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells for this amendment to one minute.

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

For the amendment: 10

Anglin	Hehr	Saskiw
Barnes	Pedersen	Stier
Bikman	Rowe	Strankman
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 29

Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Oberle
Bhullar	Hancock	Olson
Cao	Hughes	Pastoor
Casey	Jansen	Rodney
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Denis	Klimchuk	Scott
Dorward	Lemke	Starke
Drysdale	Leskiw	Webber
Fenske	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fraser	McDonald	

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the Bill be amended in section 100 in the proposed section 51.02

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out “3 years” and substituting “7 years”;
- (b) in subsection (2) by striking out “3 years” and substituting “7 years”.

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

For the amendment: 9

Anglin	Donovan	McAllister
Barnes	Eggen	Pedersen
Bikman	Hehr	Saskiw

Against the amendment: 29

Bhardwaj	Fritz	McDonald
Bhullar	Griffiths	Oberle
Cao	Hancock	Pastoor
Casey	Hughes	Rodney
Cusanelli	Jansen	Sandhu
Denis	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Dorward	Klimchuk	Starke
Drysdale	Lemke	Webber
Fenske	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Fraser	Luan	

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between any further division bells to one minute.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the Bill be amended in section 100 in the proposed section 51.01(5)(a) by striking out “exceed \$10 000 for each contravention” and substituting “be less than the amount by which the contribution or contributions exceed the prescribed limit”.

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

For the amendment: 7

Barnes	Eggen	Pedersen
Bikman	McAllister	Saskiw
Donovan		

Against the amendment: 28

Bhardwaj	Fritz	McDonald
Bhullar	Hancock	Oberle
Cao	Hughes	Pastoor
Casey	Jansen	Rodney
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Denis	Klimchuk	Scott
Dorward	Lemke	Starke
Drysdale	Leskiw	Webber
Fenske	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fraser		

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Ms Pastoor, 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 7 (A2) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 382/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 383/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 384/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A5) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 385/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 386/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 387/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A8) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 388/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A9) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 389/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 390/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A11) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 391/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A12) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 392/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:13 p.m. until Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Curtis Hargrove who is running from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, to Victoria, British Columbia, to raise funds for cancer research at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the Government's awarding of a tobacco litigation contract.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Government accountability in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing November 14, 2012, as United Nations World Diabetes Day and regarding the work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement, quoting from a letter, regarding care for seniors.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding alternative wellness practices.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Bringing Lethbridge Home, Our 5 Year Plan to End Homelessness, Annual Progress Report, 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 393/2012

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

764 email messages regarding compensation for Members of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 394/2012

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

Letter, undated, from Richard Mather to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, regarding the need to protect the sage grouse

Sessional Paper 395/2012

Newsletter dated December 4, 2012, entitled “The President’s Letter,” prepared by Dr. R. Michael Giuffre, President, Alberta Medical Association
Sessional Paper 396/2012

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Herald website article dated December 3, 2012, entitled “Satisfaction with Canadian democracy hits rock bottom, survey finds”
Sessional Paper 397/2012

Reprints of five news articles from March 2012 regarding the suspension of Gary Mar, Alberta’s Representative in Asia, concerning a fundraising dinner
Sessional Paper 398/2012

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Government of Alberta AR (Action Request) 39754 dated November 17, 2010, regarding tobacco litigation
Sessional Paper 399/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated November 29, 2012, from Ross Casswell to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding a proposal by the Alberta College of Pharmacists to ban incentives offered by retailers
Sessional Paper 400/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of an online petition consisting of 235 email messages calling for Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to “step aside”
Sessional Paper 401/2012

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

Open letter dated November 2012 from the Alberta Association of Seniors Helping Seniors to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, outlining several concerns of Alberta seniors
Sessional Paper 402/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2012
Sessional Paper 403/2012

Deputy Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Rogers, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented each of them with a Christmas gift.

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 58(a)(iv) is amended by striking out paragraph (A) and substituting the following:
 - (A) by repealing subclause (vi) and substituting the following:
 - (vi) a corporation that carries on business in Alberta;

- B Section 67 is amended by striking out clause (b) and substituting the following:
- (b) in subsection (5)
 - (i) in clause (e) by striking out “within the meaning of subsection 248(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada)”;
 - (ii) in clause (f) by adding “listed in section 1(1)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi.1), (vi.2), (vi.3), (vi.4) or (vii)” after “prohibited corporation”.
- C Section 89 is amended in the proposed section 44.2(5)(b) by adding “listed in section 1(1)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi.1), (vi.2), (vi.3), (vi.4) or (vii)” after “prohibited corporation”.
- D Section 95 is amended in the proposed section 44.93(2) by striking out “corporation,” wherever it occurs.
- E Section 100 is amended in the proposed section 51.01(2)(a) by striking out “corporation,”.
- F The following is added after section 101:
- 101.1 The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act is amended in the following sections by striking out “corporation,” wherever it occurs:
- section 17(1)
 - section 18(1)
 - section 34(1).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Anderson	Fox	Swann
Anglin	Rowe	Wilson
Bilous	Saskiw	

Against the amendment: 29

Bhardwaj	Fraser	Kubinec
Bhullar	Fritz	Lemke
Calahasen	Goudreau	Leskiw
Campbell	Griffiths	Quest
Casey	Hancock	Sarich
Denis	Horne	Scott
Dorward	Horner	Starke
Drysdale	Jeneroux	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Weadick
Fenske	Klimchuk	

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, moved that amendment A15 be further amended in the proposed subsection (2) by adding “where that contribution exceeds \$15 000” after “another contributor”.

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

For the subamendment: 8

Anderson	Fox	Swann
Anglin	Rowe	Wilson
Bilous	Saskiw	

Against the subamendment: 29

Bhardwaj	Goudreau	McDonald
Bhullar	Griffiths	McIver
Calahasen	Hancock	Quest
Casey	Horne	Sandhu
Denis	Horner	Sarich
Dorward	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Drysdale	Klimchuk	Starke
Fawcett	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Fenske	Lemke	Weadick
Fraser	Leskiw	

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the Bill be amended in section 120(b) in the proposed section 147.4(1.1)(a) by striking out “the candidate was declared elected” and substituting “the person was registered as a candidate”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Donovan	Saskiw
Anglin	Fox	Swann
Bilous	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 31

Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McIver
Bhullar	Hancock	Oberle
Calahasen	Horne	Quest
Casey	Horner	Redford
Denis	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Kubinec	Scott
Fawcett	Lemke	Starke
Fenske	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fraser	McDonald	Weadick
Goudreau		

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the Bill be amended in section 100 in the proposed section 51.02(2) by striking out “may be made with respect to an alleged contravention that occurred before the coming into force of this section” and substituting “must be made with respect to an alleged contravention that occurred in the 3 years preceding the coming into force of this section”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Donovan	Saskiw
Anglin	Fox	Swann
Bilous	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 31

Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McIver
Bhullar	Hancock	Oberle
Calahasen	Horne	Quest
Casey	Horner	Redford
Denis	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Kubinec	Scott
Fawcett	Lemke	Starke
Fenske	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fraser	McDonald	Weadick
Goudreau		

The question was put that Bill 7, Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McIver
Bhullar	Hancock	Oberle
Calahasen	Horne	Quest
Casey	Horner	Redford
Denis	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Kubinec	Scott
Fawcett	Lemke	Starke
Fenske	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fraser	McDonald	Weadick
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 9

Anderson	Donovan	Saskiw
Anglin	Fox	Swann
Bilous	Rowe	Wilson

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Goudreau, 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 7 (A13) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 404/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A14) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 405/2012

Subamendment to Bill 7 (A15-SA1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 406/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A15) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 407/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A16) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 408/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A17) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 409/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A18) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 410/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A19) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 411/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A20) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 412/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A21) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 413/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A22) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 414/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A23) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 415/2012

Amendment to Bill 7 (A24) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 416/2012

Government Motions

19. Oral notice having been given December 3, 2012, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, may meet at the call of the Committee Chair to review the Standing Orders and report any proposed or recommended changes to the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:45 p.m. until Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement, quoting from a letter, regarding recent contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for better long-term and continuing care for seniors.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the roles and responsibilities of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Providence Grain Solutions.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing December 5, 2012, as International Volunteer Day and congratulating six recipients of the Stars of Alberta Awards.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding the formation of the rural electrification association EQUUS REA Limited.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Seniors' Advocate Act — Mrs. Towle

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Letter dated November 5, 2012, from D. Birkby, General Manager, Westbridge PET Containers Limited, to Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, expressing concern regarding an increase in power pool-pricing

Sessional Paper 417/2012

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Email message dated November 26, 2012, from Dayna Leighton-Lane to Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, attaching the text of a letter regarding recent contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 418/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News release dated December 5, 2012, entitled "Redford Government leading Canada on expense disclosure," prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 419/2012

Canadian Taxpayers Federation website article dated December 5, 2012, entitled "AB: CTF Posts Expenses of Alberta Ministers Online"

Sessional Paper 420/2012

Page 167 of the October 2012 Report of the Auditor General of Alberta

Sessional Paper 421/2012

Edmonton Journal article dated December 5, 2012, entitled "Alberta MLAs' pay perks cost \$14 million last year"

Sessional Paper 422/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2010

Sessional Paper 423/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2012, with attached financial statements dated June 30, 2012

Sessional Paper 424/2012

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2011 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011, with attached financial statements dated December 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 425/2012

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Radiation Protection Program, 2011 Annual Report, November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2011, with attached independent auditor's report dated December 7, 2011

Sessional Paper 426/2012

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, for the period January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 427/2012

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 428/2012

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report, for the period April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, with attached financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 429/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Chart listing Canada and US food recalls from October 2012 to December 2012, sourced from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture

Sessional Paper 430/2012

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 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells.

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

For the motion: 36

Allen	Forsyth	Lemke
Bhardwaj	Fraser	McIver
Brown	Griffiths	Oberle
Calahasen	Hale	Olesen
Campbell	Hancock	Pastoor
Cao	Horne	Quest
Casey	Horner	Rodney
Cusanelli	Jansen	Rowe
Donovan	Jeneroux	Sandhu
Dorward	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Wilson
Fenske	Kubinec	Woo-Paw

Against the motion: 15

Anderson	McAllister	Smith
Anglin	Notley	Stier
Barnes	Pedersen	Strankman
Bikman	Saskiw	Swann
Fox	Sherman	Towle

The following Bill was read and Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 6, 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 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Members' Statements

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding his personal code of conduct as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding recent contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding FireSmart Community Grant funding provided by the Government to 16 forested communities.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement offering best wishes from his constituents to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, thanking his election campaign team, volunteers, and friends, and regarding his grandchildren and the Lunar Year of the Snake.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Wildrose Members' participation in the Assembly's proceedings.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Calgary being named as the 2012 Cultural Capital of Canada.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, presented the following report:

Report of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, Review of Compensation of Members of the Legislative Assembly, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session, December 2012

Sessional Paper 431/2012

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012
— Dr. Starke

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

CBC News website article dated December 6, 2012, entitled "Alberta's one-bath-a-week policy prompts gift idea"

Sessional Paper 432/2012

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

Letter dated December 4, 2012, from Jeff Kroll, Senior Vice-President, National Supply Chain, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited, and email message dated December 5, 2012, from Darlene Dunlop to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, both regarding child labour standards, relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on December 6, 2012

Sessional Paper 433/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a presentation by Don Good dated 2012 entitled "Municipal Revenue: An Examination for Discussion"

Sessional Paper 434/2012

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Associate Minister of Finance:

Copy of a Candidate Financial Statement for Chris Tahn for the period March 26, 2012, to June 23, 2012, Calgary-Klein constituency, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Fawcett during Oral Question Period on December 6, 2012

Sessional Paper 435/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Letter dated November 7, 2012, from R.L. Jespersen, Board Chair, Lethbridge College, to Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, regarding long-term financing of capital assets

Sessional Paper 436/2012

News release dated December 6, 2012, entitled "Provincial Government Going in Right Direction on Infrastructure Spending," prepared by Consulting Engineering of Alberta

Sessional Paper 437/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy:

Report entitled "Responsible Actions: A Plan for Alberta's Oil Sands, Progress Report 2011," prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 438/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Anderson, 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, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later this day, there was no projected Government business to report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(b), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 5, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the sculpture "A Meaningful Life," showcased in the Alberta Legislature Building on March 5, 2013, recognizing persons with developmental disabilities.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding public trust in the Government.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial community candle-lighting ceremony held in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2013.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing March 3 to 9, 2013, as National Social Work Week.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing those who assisted motorists stranded by a winter storm in southern Alberta on March 3, 2013.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding the impact on northern Alberta residents of rerouting medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, Report on the Appointment of the Public Interest Commissioner dated March 2013

Sessional Paper 451/2012-13

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Herald article dated March 5, 2013, entitled “Horner warns budget debate is ‘going to get hairy’; Unions warn of cuts to public services,” relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on March 5, 2013
Sessional Paper 452/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a presentation entitled “Municipal Revenue: An Examination for Discussion,” prepared by Don Good
Sessional Paper 453/2012-13

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

Letter dated February 15, 2013, from Susan Younggren, B.Sc.(Pharm.), to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to pharmacy services funding
Sessional Paper 454/2012-13

Alberta Oil article dated November 1, 2012, entitled “Alberta must ‘double down’ on heavy oil”
Sessional Paper 455/2012-13

Document, undated, entitled “Comments by Harry Chase, former MLA, Calgary-Varsity, on Queue Jumping in the Health System”
Sessional Paper 456/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of postcards from Albertans to Alberta’s New Democrats regarding Budget 2013
Sessional Paper 457/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members’ Services Committee Order No. MSC 10/12, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 26)
Sessional Paper 458/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 01/13, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 10)

Sessional Paper 459/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 02/13, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 09)

Sessional Paper 460/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 03/13, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 25)

Sessional Paper 461/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2013 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 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.

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 462/2012-13

Government Motions**22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:**

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates 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.

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for three hours on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

A Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective May 28, 2012, be amended as follows:

- 1. Standing Order 7 is amended**
 - (a) in suborder (1) by striking out “Projected Government Business (Thursday)”;**
 - (b) by striking out suborder (6).**
- 2. Standing Order 8 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(2.1) On Thursday afternoon no later than the time of adjournment, the Government House Leader shall provide notice to the Clerk of projected Government business to be brought before the Assembly in the next week, which shall be published in the Order Paper for the next sitting day.
- 3. Standing Order 52(1) is amended**
 - (a) in clause (a) by striking out “21” and substituting “18”;**
 - (b) in clause (b) by striking out “21” and substituting “18”;**
 - (c) in clause (c) by striking out “21” and substituting “18”.**
- 4. Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended**
 - (a) by striking out “25” and substituting “18”;**
 - (b) in clause (b) by striking out “Aboriginal Relations,”;**
 - (c) in clause (c) by striking out “and Energy” and substituting “Energy and Aboriginal Relations”.**

5. **Standing Order 57 is amended**
 - (a) **in suborder (1) by striking out all the words that follow “except” and substituting the following:**
 - (a) as provided for under Standing Order 59.01, or
 - (b) with leave of the Assembly.
 - (b) **in suborder (2) by striking out “suborder (1)” and substituting “suborder (1)(b)”.**
6. **Standing Order 59.01 is amended**
 - (a) **by striking out suborders (1) to (4) and substituting the following:**

59.01(1) Following the Budget Address, the main estimates of the ministries shall stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees according to their respective mandates.

(2) The estimates of the Executive Council shall stand referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future.

(3) At any time following the announcement of the date of the Budget Address and no later than 3 sitting days following the Budget Address, the Legislative Policy Committees shall meet to determine a proposed schedule for consideration of the ministries’ estimates that stand referred to them.

(4) Following the meetings held pursuant to suborder (3), the chairs of the Legislative Policy Committees shall provide the proposed schedules to the Government House Leader, who shall then finalize the schedule for consideration of main estimates, and such schedule shall be tabled by the Government House Leader in the Assembly no later than the Thursday preceding the first meeting scheduled for estimates consideration and shall be published in the Order Paper for the next sitting day.

(5) The schedule for consideration of the main estimates shall be subject to the following requirements:

 - (a) Legislative Policy Committees may only meet at the following times:
 - (i) on Monday evenings from
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - (ii) on Tuesdays from
8 a.m. to noon
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - (iii) on Wednesdays from
8 a.m. to noon
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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- (iv) on Thursdays from
8 a.m. to noon
 - (b) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the completion of the daily routine and all matters arising in connection with the routine, to allow for Legislative Policy Committees to meet for estimates consideration unless the Government House Leader, upon one sitting day's notice, advises the Assembly that the Assembly must meet beyond the daily routine to deal with Government business and the remaining meetings to consider estimates and the date for the vote shall be rescheduled as necessary;
 - (c) on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Legislative Policy Committees may commence estimates consideration notwithstanding that the Assembly has not completed the daily routine and if a vote is called in the Assembly, a Committee shall recess to allow Members to attend to vote;
 - (d) the estimates for a ministry shall be considered for a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 6 hours;
 - (e) the estimates of the Executive Council shall be considered for a maximum of 2 hours;
 - (f) no more than 2 Legislative Policy Committees shall be scheduled to consider estimates at the same time.
- (6)** Subject to suborder (7), a Legislative Policy Committee shall consider estimates in the following manner:
- (a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may make opening comments not to exceed 10 minutes,
 - (b) for the hour that follows, members of the Official Opposition and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,
 - (c) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the third party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,

- (d) for the next 20 minutes, the member of the fourth party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,
 - (e) for the next 20 minutes, private Members of the Government caucus and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and
 - (f) any Member may speak thereafter.
- (7) If a ministry's estimates are scheduled to be considered for fewer than 3 hours, the speaking times in suborder (6) shall be adjusted proportionately subject to any other decision of the committee.
- (b) by renumbering suborders (5), (6) and (7) as suborders (8), (9) and (10), respectively;**
- (c) by adding the following after suborder (10):**
 - (11) During the period that main estimates stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees, such period commencing the first day that estimates are scheduled for consideration and ending when the final vote in Committee of Supply occurs, these Committees shall not meet to consider any other matter nor shall any other committee of the Assembly meet during this period, unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly.

7. Standing Order 59.02 is amended

- (a) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:**

59.02(1) The Standing Orders of the Assembly shall be observed in the consideration of estimates except as follows:

 - (a) during consideration of interim or supplementary estimates, the rotation outlined in Standing Order 59.01(6) shall apply;
 - (b) all speaking times are limited to 10 minutes at one time during the rotation outlined in Standing Order 59.01(6)(a) to (e);
 - (c) all subsequent speaking times are limited to 5 minutes at one time;
 - (d) a Member may speak more than once.
- (b) in suborder (2)**
 - (i) by adding "or (c)" after "suborder (1)(b)", and**
 - (ii) by striking out "for a total of 20 minutes";**
- (c) in suborder (3)(a) by adding "or to respond to questions from the Committee at the request of the Minister during main estimates consideration" before ", and".**

- 8. Standing Order 59.03 is amended**
- (a) in suborder (1)**
 - (i) in clause (a) by striking out “Standing Order 59.01(6)” and substituting “Standing Order 59.01(9)”**,
 - (ii) in clause (b) by**
 - (A) striking out “department” and substituting “ministry”**,
 - (B) striking out “department’s” and substituting “ministry’s”**, and
 - (C) striking out “departments” and substituting “ministries”**,
 - (b) in suborder (2) by striking out “Standing Order 59.01(6)” and substituting “Standing Order 59.01(9)”**,
 - (c) by striking out suborder (4) and substituting the following:**
 - (4)** On the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates, if the vote has not been taken earlier, the Chair shall interrupt the proceedings at
 - (a)** one hour before the normal adjournment hour as defined in Standing Order 64(1)(b) if the vote is scheduled for an afternoon sitting, or
 - (b)** 9 p.m. if the vote is scheduled for an evening sitting, and, if required, Committee of Supply shall be called and the Legislative Policy Committee Chairs shall report without question put and then voting on the main estimates shall proceed.
 - (d) by adding the following after suborder (6):**
 - (7)** Following the Committee of Supply’s report to the Assembly on the main estimates, the Assembly shall immediately revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of the appropriation Bill.
- 9. Standing Order 61 is struck out and the following is substituted:**
- 61(1)** Interim and supplementary estimates shall be considered for not less than 3 hours.
 - (2)** A member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day’s notice, make a motion to determine
 - (a)** when Committee of Supply may be called to consider interim or supplementary estimates, and
 - (b)** the amount of time for consideration,
 and such questions shall be decided without debate or amendment.
 - (3)** Following the Committee of Supply’s report on interim or supplementary estimates, the Assembly shall immediately revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of the appropriation Bill.

10. Standing Order 64 is amended by adding the following after suborder (5):

(6) If more than one appropriation Bill is moved for second or third reading in the Assembly or considered by the Committee of the Whole on any day, and the Bills are at different stages, the questions on the appropriation Bills shall be put in the following order:

- (a) Committee of the Whole;
- (b) second reading;
- (c) third reading.

11. Standing Order 89 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Publication of time limits

89 When the sessional calendar is published under Standing Order 3, the Clerk of the Assembly shall publish a notice stating the day that the time limit for receiving private Bills will expire

- (a) on the Legislative Assembly website, and
- (b) once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in every daily newspaper published in Alberta.

12. Standing Order 91(1) is amended

- (a) by striking out clause (a),
- (b) in clause (b) by striking out “the session” and substituting “the sitting in which the petition will be presented”.

13. Standing Order 92 is amended by striking out “\$200” and substituting “\$500”.

14. Standing Order 94(2) is amended by striking out “following the opening day of the session” and substituting “following the first day of the first sitting in any year”.

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15. In 2013, notwithstanding Standing Order 94(2), the Clerk shall publish a notice as outlined in Standing Order 89 that sets the time limit to 30 days following the date this motion takes effect.

B Be it further resolved that the amendments in this motion come into force on passage.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion be amended in Part A as follows:

- A. Section 2 is amended in the proposed Standing Order 8(2.1) by striking out “provide notice to the Clerk” and substituting “provide written notice to the Clerk and all House Leaders”.
- B. Section 5 is struck out.

C. Section 6(a) is amended in the proposed Standing Order 59.01

(a) by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:

(3) Following the announcement of the date of the Budget Address, but no later than the date of the Budget Address, the House Leaders shall prepare a proposed schedule for consideration of the estimates by the Legislative Policy Committees and shall transmit that schedule to the chairs of those committees.

(3.1) Following the receipt of the proposed schedule under suborder (3), but no later than 3 sitting days following the Budget Address, the Legislative Policy Committees shall meet to consider and, if required, make changes to the proposed schedule for consideration of the ministries' estimates that stand referred to them.

(3.2) If the House Leaders are unable to reach an agreement on the proposed schedule under suborder (3), the Legislative Policy Committees shall prepare the proposed schedule for consideration of the ministries' estimates that stand referred to them.

(b) in suborder (4) by striking out "suborder 3" and substituting "suborder 3.1".

(c) in suborder (5)

(i) in clause (a) in subclauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) by striking out "8 a.m. to noon" wherever it occurs, and

(ii) by striking out clause (c).

D. Section 8 is amended by striking out clause (d).

E. Section 9 is amended in the proposed Standing Order 61

(a) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

(1) Subject to suborder (1.1), interim and supplementary estimates shall be considered for not less than 3 hours.

(1.1) When supplementary estimates

(a) total more than \$1 billion, or

(b) affect 8 or more ministries,

the estimates shall be considered for not less than 6 hours.

(b) by striking out suborder (3).

The Speaker ruled that Amendment A1 be divided into five parts, as follows, for the purpose of voting: A, B, C, D, E.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put on Amendment A1-A, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on Amendment A1-B, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on Amendment A1-C, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Anderson	Donovan	Rowe
Anglin	Eggen	Strankman
Bikman	Hehr	Wilson
Blakeman	Pedersen	

Against the amendment: 41

Allen	Fritz	Olesen
Amery	Goudreau	Olson
Bhullar	Griffiths	Pastoor
Brown	Hancock	Quest
Calahasen	Hughes	Redford
Cao	Jablonski	Rodney
Casey	Jansen	Scott
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	Starke
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Denis	Luan	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	McDonald	Xiao
Fawcett	McQueen	Young
Fraser	Oberle	

The question being put on Amendment A1-D, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on Amendment A1-E, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved that the motion be amended in Part A in section 6(a) in the proposed Standing Order 59.01(5) by striking out clause (f) and substituting the following:

- (f) no more than one Legislative Policy Committee shall be scheduled to consider estimates at any one time.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the membership for the Assembly's five Standing Committees and the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be replaced with the following:

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund
(9 Members)

Khan (Chair)	Casey	Kubinec
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Dorward	Sandhu
Anderson	Eggen	Sherman

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Cao (Chair)	Brown	Quadri
McDonald (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Rogers
Bikman	Eggen	Wilson
Blakeman	Leskiw	

Standing Committee on Private Bills (18 Members)

Xiao (Chair)	DeLong	Notley
Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) (Deputy Chair)	Fox	Olesen
Barnes	Fritz	Rowe
Bhardwaj	Goudreau	Strankman
Brown	Jablonski	Swann
Cusanelli	Leskiw	Webber

Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (18 Members)

Olesen (Chair)	Jansen	Pedersen
Lemke (Deputy Chair)	Kennedy-Glans	Rogers
Calahasen	Kubinec	Sandhu
Cao	Luan	Saskiw
Casey	McAllister	Towle
Hehr	Notley	Young

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (18 Members)

Anderson (Chair)	Donovan	Khan
Dorward (Deputy Chair)	Fenske	Pastoor
Allen	Goudreau	Quadri
Amery	Hale	Quest
Anglin	Hehr	Sarich
Bilous	Jeneroux	Stier

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Fraser	Quest
Rogers (Deputy Chair)	Kennedy-Glans	Sherman
Casey	Mason	Smith
Forsyth	McDonald	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the membership for the Assembly's three Legislative Policy Committees be replaced with the following:

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (18 Members)

Quest (Chair)	Fritz	Notley
Forsyth (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	Pedersen
Brown	Jablonski	Swann
Cusanelli	Jansen	Towle
DeLong	Jeneroux	Wilson
Fraser	Leskiw	Young

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (18 Members)

Amery (Chair)	Eggen	Quadri
FOX (Deputy Chair)	Hehr	Rogers
Bhardwaj	Luan	Rowe
Cao	McDonald	Sarich
Donovan	Olesen	Strankman
Dorward	Pastoor	Xiao

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (18 Members)

Kennedy-Glans (Chair)	Blakeman	Khan
Anglin (Deputy Chair)	Calahasen	Kubinec
Allen	Casey	Lemke
Barnes	Fenske	Sandhu
Bikman	Hale	Stier
Bilous	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Webber

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. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2010-2011, deposited on December 21, 2012

Sessional Paper 439/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Fatal Accidents Act, cF-8, s9(2):

Report to the Legislative Assembly, Review of Damages Amounts Under Section 8 of the Fatal Accidents Act, November 2012, deposited on December 21, 2012

Sessional Paper 440/2012

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

Education, Annual Report Update 2011-2012, deposited on December 28, 2012

Sessional Paper 441/2012

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated Annual Report 2011-12, deposited on January 18, 2013

Sessional Paper 442/2012

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 443/2012

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2011-12, June 1, 2011, to May 31, 2012, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 444/2012

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2011-12, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 445/2012

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 446/2012

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2011, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 447/2012

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, February 2013, deposited on February 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 448/2012

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on February 15, 2013

Sessional Paper 449/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2012-13 Third Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement dated February 2013, deposited on February 21, 2013

Sessional Paper 450/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal policies.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Government election promises and the upcoming 2013 budget.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of Quikcard Edmonton Minor Hockey Week, recognized by Guinness World Records as the largest hockey tournament in the world.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding Wellspring Calgary's Toupee for a Day fundraiser for those living with cancer.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Alberta Rural Education Symposium held in Canmore from March 3 to 5, 2013.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding personal care standards in seniors' facilities.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy:

3 documents, undated, entitled "PISA 2009 - Students Aged 15" for mathematics, science, and reading

Sessional Paper 463/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 21, 2013, from Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Dr. Theman, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, requesting that the College suspend the operating and accreditation privileges of the Helios Wellness Centres in Calgary until the College's investigation is complete

Sessional Paper 464/2012-13

Email message dated March 5, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, to an unknown addressee, regarding the budget lock-up

Sessional Paper 465/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Report dated February 22, 2013, entitled "AHS-EMS Edmonton Metro Response Intervals for Lights and Sirens (Delta and Echo) Events in the City of Edmonton," prepared by Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, during Oral Question Period on March 5, 2013

Sessional Paper 466/2012-13

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

Document dated March 4, 2013, entitled "These People are our Teachers," prepared by Jennifer Marcotte

Sessional Paper 467/2012-13

Report dated February 2013 entitled "Stabilizing Alberta's Revenues, A Common Sense Approach," prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 468/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of postcards from Albertans to Alberta's New Democrats regarding Budget 2013

Sessional Paper 469/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, on behalf of Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Excerpt from a Lacombe Globe article dated December 27, 2012, supporting comments made by Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, during Oral Question Period on March 6, 2013

Sessional Paper 470/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (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. Amery reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates, 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, 2013, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Education

Expense	\$24,289,000
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Enterprise and Advanced Education

Expense	\$30,900,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$77,451,000

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Expense	\$286,497,000
Capital Investment	\$16,010,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	\$59,318,000
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Transportation

Capital Investment	\$38,986,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and oral notice having been given March 5, 2013:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2013, as International Women's Day.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, concerning urban Albertans.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the work of the Calgary Society for Persons with Disabilities.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing Albertans who voluntarily donate blood.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the United Nations 57th Commission on the Status of Women held in New York City, New York, from March 4 to 15, 2013, and recognizing the work of the Hope Resource Centre in Westlock.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the work of Immigrant Services Calgary and the Immigrants of Distinction Award ceremony held on March 1, 2013.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 1,162 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to provide a universal newborn screening program for Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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: WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23

To be dealt with: WQ19, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR4

To be dealt with: MR3, MR5, MR6

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Document, undated, entitled “Alison Redford’s Plan: No New Taxes. No Service Cuts.”

Sessional Paper 471/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Email message dated March 6, 2013, from Patrick and Elizabeth Lund to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the rerouting of medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport

Sessional Paper 472/2012-13

Email message dated March 6, 2013, from Bob Hetherington to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the rerouting of medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport

Sessional Paper 473/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Series of recent correspondence from Albertans to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the proposed closure of the Warner ambulance service

Sessional Paper 474/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Four documents relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, during Oral Question Period March 7, 2013, regarding recent remarks made by Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 475/2012-13

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:01 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain 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:

2013-14 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund	Sessional Paper 476/2012-13
2013-14 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund	Sessional Paper 477/2012-13
2013-16 Government of Alberta Strategic Plan	Sessional Paper 478/2012-13
Budget 2013, Ministry Business Plans	Sessional Paper 479/2012-13

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 28, Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document:

Budget 2013, Fiscal Plan	Sessional Paper 480/2012-13
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28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:58 p.m. until Monday, March 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 2013

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

Speaker's Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement and read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2013.

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing Marilyn Gunn of Calgary, founder of the Community Kitchens program and recipient of an Alberta Centennial Medal and a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the provincial debt.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding highlights of the 2013 budget.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Basketball Alberta youth provincial championships held in Calgary on March 8 and 9, 2013.

Mr. Lemke, 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding safety standards for child farm workers and unpaid farm workers.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, Report dated March 2013 entitled "Review of the Potential for Expanded Hydroelectric Energy Production in Northern Alberta, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session"

Sessional Paper 481/2012-13

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 13 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled “Proposed Bill 1, An Act to End Poverty in the Province of Alberta, 2012,” prepared by Poverty Talks!

Sessional Paper 482/2012-13

Email message, undated, from Ayuz Mukadam of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the unemployment of university graduates

Sessional Paper 483/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 budget

Sessional Paper 484/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

2 recent email messages from Tracy Kjenner and Jacques Plante to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the rerouting of medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport

Sessional Paper 485/2012-13

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Email message dated March 8, 2013, from Gordon Steele to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing opposition to Alberta’s 10 per cent flat income tax

Sessional Paper 486/2012-13

Council of Alberta University Students newsletter dated March 2013 entitled “Long-Term Thinking in Post-Secondary”

Sessional Paper 487/2012-13

Email message dated March 11, 2013, from Dillon Hargreaves, President, Lethbridge College Students’ Association, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 488/2012-13

Email message dated March 5, 2013, from Marianne Cole, Human Resources Chairman, Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp, to Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 489/2012-13

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

Letter dated March 7, 2013, from Neil Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, to Chandra L. Flett, Flett Manning Moore Barristers and Solicitors, responding to a February 13, 2013, request for an investigation concerning Hon. Mr. Scott, Associate Minister of Accountability, Transparency and Transformation

Sessional Paper 490/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Dr. Starke, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer the sponsorship of Bill 206, Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012, to Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East.

Speaker's Statement – Bill 207 Title

Honourable Members, as you are already aware, this Spring Sitting commenced as a continuation of the First Session of the 28th Legislature. As a result, all matters present on the Order Paper at the conclusion of the last sitting remain on the Order Paper for the Assembly's continued consideration. Members will note in tomorrow's Order Paper that a small amendment will have been made to the title of Bill 207, which appears in the Notices section of the Order Paper, to reflect the current year, 2013.

Bills introduced in 2012 that contain the year in their title will continue to bear that title because they have already been introduced as such. However, should these Bills reach the Committee of the Whole stage, Members may wish to bring forward amendments to the Bills to reflect the current year in the title so that members of the public will know to locate these Acts in the 2013 volume of the Statutes of Alberta.

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ20. Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

Which companies have been granted royalty credits by the Department of Energy through the Incremental Ethane Extraction Program since its inception to December 31, 2011, and what is the value of the credits?

WQ21. Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

As of June 1, 2012, what was the value of unpaid oil and gas royalties that were in dispute?

WQ22. Asked for by Dr. Sherman:

What is the breakdown of operating expenses listed under the heading “Data Communications” for 2009-2010, as reported in Note 12 to the Financial Statements of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (Solicitor General and Public Security Annual Report, 2009-10, p. 113)?

WQ23. Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What is the percentage of new graduates from registered nursing programs in Alberta post-secondary institutions who gained employment with Alberta Health Services in each of the fiscal years 2008-2009 to 2011-2012?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Hale:

For the fiscal year 2012-2013, how many oil and gas operations paying reduced royalties will reach their payout stage and what effect will that have on non-renewable resource revenue?

Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy, moved that the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal year 2012-2013, how many *oil sands producers* paying reduced royalties will reach their payout stage and what effect will that have on non-renewable resource revenue?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ9. Moved by Mrs. Towle on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth:

What is the ratio of front line staff to patients or residents at long-term care facilities, seniors’ lodges, and continuing care facilities, with ratios differentiated between public and private facilities?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 18

Anderson	Donovan	Sherman
Anglin	Forsyth	Stier
Barnes	Hale	Strankman
Bikman	McAllister	Swann
Bilous	Rowe	Towle
Blakeman	Saskiw	Wilson

Against the motion: 40

Allen	Hancock	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Horner	Olesen
Brown	Hughes	Olson
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Dallas	Khan	Rodney
Denis	Klimchuk	Sandhu
Dorward	Kubinec	Sarich
Drysdale	Lemke	Scott
Fenske	Leskiw	Starke
Fraser	McDonald	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McQueen	Weadick
Griffiths		

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Strankman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to ensure that all Albertans have an inalienable right to full, fair, and timely compensation with recourse to the courts when a new government initiative negatively impacts the value of their property.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 10

Anderson	Hale	Stier
Barnes	Pedersen	Strankman
Bikman	Rowe	Towle
Donovan		

Against the motion: 36

Allen	Hancock	Olson
Bhardwaj	Hughes	Pastoor
Bilous	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Khan	Rodney
Dallas	Klimchuk	Sandhu
Denis	Kubinec	Sarich
Dorward	Lemke	Scott
Drysdale	McDonald	Starke
Fenske	McQueen	VanderBurg
Goudreau	Oberle	Weadick
Griffiths	Olesen	Young

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:10 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner 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 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given December 3, 2012, moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur with the continuation of the Alberta Treasury Branches Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the anniversary of four Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 11, 1997, and six Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 12, 2001.

Members' Statements

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie, held during March 2013, and recognizing March 20, 2013, as International Francophonie Day.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the closure of Michener Centre and the relocation of its residents.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing March 10 to 16, 2013, as Canadian Agriculture Safety Week.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the 2013 provincial budget and how it affects the Edmonton-South West constituency.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the accountability of the Premier.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing March 2013 as Fraud Prevention Month.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 491/2012-13

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

Report dated August 1972 entitled "Summer Temporary Employment Program: Report and Project Evaluation, Farmstead Clean-up," prepared by the Resource Economics Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture

Sessional Paper 492/2012-13

Alberta Rural Development Network Request for Proposal, Evaluation of the Summer Temporary Employment Program, dated October 22, 2012

Sessional Paper 493/2012-13

Document dated 2013 regarding five priority areas currently affecting post-secondary students, prepared by the Alberta Students' Executive Council

Sessional Paper 494/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

4 recent email messages to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, and Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed closure of the Warner ambulance service

Sessional Paper 495/2012-13

5 recent email messages to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the Government reducing generic drug pricing

Sessional Paper 496/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

2 recent email messages from Andrew DeGruchy and Jon Knutson to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the rerouting of medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport

Sessional Paper 497/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Public Service Act, cP-42, s6(2):

Corporate Human Resources, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 498/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Donovan speaking.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Acting Speaker's Statement – Table Officers

The Acting Speaker made a statement introducing Fiona Vance and Nancy Robert, who will be assisting at the Table beginning this evening.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Dallas 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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's policies on debt and borrowing.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the lack of funding in the 2013 provincial budget dedicated to eliminating child poverty.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Pro-Am Face Off for Alzheimer's hockey tournament, to be held in Edmonton from April 26 to 28, 2013.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing three Great Kids Award recipients from the Bonnyville-Cold Lake constituency.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding medevac services.

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement congratulating the Olds College Broncos women's basketball team on winning the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference championships, and regarding the centennial of Olds College.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that:

- A. On Monday afternoons, during the period that the 2013-14 main estimates stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees, the Assembly stands adjourned at 6 p.m.;
- B. Notwithstanding Standing Order 59.03(4)(b), following completion of consideration of the main estimates by the Legislative Policy Committees,
 - (i) on April 22, 2013, or
 - (ii) on such other date of which the Government House Leader has provided written notice to House Leaders and tabled in the Assembly,the Assembly shall reconvene in Committee of Supply at 9:30 p.m., at which time the Committees shall report and voting on the main estimates shall proceed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Associate Minister of Finance:

Airdrie Echo article dated November 16, 2012, entitled “Construction begins on Airdrie Schools” and CBC News article dated September 1, 2006, entitled “Klein admits government had no plan for boom,” relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Fawcett during debate on Government Motion 28 on March 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 499/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 500/2012-13

Email message dated February 20, 2013, from Julie O’Bray to the New Democrats regarding the need for new public schools in Fort McMurray

Sessional Paper 501/2012-13

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Letter dated March 1, 2013, from Shaun Hammond, Registrar, Motor Vehicle Services, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Transportation, to Dr. R. Michael Giuffre, President, Alberta Medical Association, and Dr. Randall Sargent, President, College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding assessment tools used by doctors to determine medical fitness to drive

Sessional Paper 502/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated February 12, 2013, from Arif Virji, Lemarchand Dispensary, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding dispensing fees for pharmacies and a decrease in generic drug pricing

Sessional Paper 503/2012-13

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Page 1496 from Alberta Hansard dated March 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 504/2012-13

Report dated January 2011 entitled "IRPP Study, Residential Long-Term Care for Canadian Seniors," prepared by the Institute for Research on Public Policy

Sessional Paper 505/2012-13

Report dated November 2011 entitled "Long Term Care, Family Experience Survey," prepared by the Health Quality Council of Alberta

Sessional Paper 506/2012-13

BMJ Research article, undated, entitled "Quality of care in for-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes: systematic review and meta-analysis"

Sessional Paper 507/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, 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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Third Reading

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

Bill 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 64(2) to allow Bill 13, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$), to advance more than one stage in a day.

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 13 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:13 p.m. until Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Music for Hope fundraising event, in support of the Alberta Cancer Foundation, to be held in Fort Saskatchewan on March 16, 2013, and recognizing Jen and Isaac McNeill for their work in organizing the annual event.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's resource revenue spending.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the United Nations 57th Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York City, New York, from March 4 to 15, 2013, and several events held to bring awareness to domestic violence against women.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding human trafficking.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the closure of acute-care beds at the Consort hospital.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the negotiation of a long-term agreement on March 12, 2013, between the Government and Metis settlements.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, 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, the suspension of medevac flights to the Edmonton City Centre Airport on March 15, 2013, and the serious concern that this closure could result in the needless death and disability of Albertans who require emergency medical treatment.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Copy of a petition signed by 944 Albertans regarding acute-care beds at the Consort hospital

Sessional Paper 508/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copies of nine recent news articles regarding the 2013 provincial budget relating to comments made by Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 28 on March 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 509/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Bonneyville Nouvelle article dated March 12, 2013, entitled "Why the rush to reroute medevac?"

Sessional Paper 510/2012-13

5 recent email messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the rerouting of medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport

Sessional Paper 511/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(4):

Final Budget Main Estimates Schedule, 2013 Spring Session, dated March 14, 2013

Sessional Paper 512/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Email message dated March 12, 2013, from Wendy Werkman, Bethel Community Church, to Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 513/2012-13

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 514/2012-13

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

Email message dated March 13, 2013, from Sarah Hoffman, President, Cloverdale Community League, to Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 515/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Report dated March 7, 2013, entitled "Fiscal Pulse, Alberta 2013-14 Budget," prepared by Scotiabank

Sessional Paper 516/2012-13

Report dated March 7, 2013, entitled "Alberta Budget Highlights," prepared by BMO Capital Markets

Sessional Paper 517/2012-13

Report dated March 7, 2013, entitled "Alberta Budget 2013," prepared by National Bank Financial Group

Sessional Paper 518/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 13, 2013, from Emily Yu to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the reduction in generic drug pricing and the changes made to drug dispensing tiers

Sessional Paper 519/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated April 2009 entitled "An Uncertain Future for Seniors," prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 520/2012-13

Report dated July 21, 2004, entitled "There are Not Enough Hands, Conditions in Ontario's Long-Term Care Facilities," prepared by the Canadian Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 521/2012-13

Document dated September 15, 2004, entitled "Nursing Home Profit Status and Quality of Care: Is there any evidence of an association?"

Sessional Paper 522/2012-13

Report dated December 1994 entitled “Do For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Nursing Homes Behave Differently?”

Sessional Paper 523/2012-13

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Mr. Hale on March 11, 2013:

For the fiscal year 2012-2013, how many *oil sands producers* paying reduced royalties will reach their payout stage and what effect will that have on non-renewable resource revenue?

Sessional Paper 524/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 11, 2013:

Which companies have been granted royalty credits by the Department of Energy through the Incremental Ethane Extraction Program since its inception to December 31, 2011, and what is the value of the credits?

Sessional Paper 525/2012-13

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, 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 suspension of medevac flights to the Edmonton City Centre Airport on March 15, 2013, and the serious concern that this closure could result in the needless death and disability of Albertans who require emergency medical treatment.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker called upon Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, to speak to the motion.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the fourth year of the High School Flexibility Enhancement Project at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy in Slave Lake.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the creation of the Wildrose Caucus Foundation.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement recognizing Phil Meagher, Councillor, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, who recently completed Ski For Hope, a cross-country ski fundraiser to end homelessness.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Earth Hour, to be held on March 23, 2013.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Combines for Cures project, launched by Prostate Cancer Canada, to bring prostate cancer awareness and screening to men in rural Alberta.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberals' plan for affordable and accessible education.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated April 2012 entitled "Delivery Matters, The High Cost of For-Profit Health Services in Alberta," prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 526/2012-13

Susan on the Soap Box weblog dated March 17, 2013, entitled "Redford's Keystone Ad in the New York Times: The St. Patrick's Day Blunder"

Sessional Paper 527/2012-13

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Several hundred email messages expressing concern regarding the impending closure of Michener Centre in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 528/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Copy of a Calgary Herald article dated November 23, 2003, regarding prostitution, prepared by Danielle Smith

Sessional Paper 529/2012-13

Excerpt of a document entitled "Getting It Done: An on-the-ground look at twinning and improving safety on Alberta Highway 63"

Sessional Paper 530/2012-13

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

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 531/2012-13

National Post News advertisement entitled "Keystone XL: The Choice of Reason," prepared by the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada

Sessional Paper 532/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2012 Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 533/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ14. Moved by Dr. Swann:

As of June 1, 2012, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

As of March 31, 2012, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?

WQ15. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2012?

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between *January 1, 2010, and March 31, 2012?*

WQ17. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

What is the average amount owed in student loans by a student graduating in 2011 with a medical degree from an Alberta university?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What is the average *amount of total federal and provincial loans provided to a medical student enrolled at an Alberta university who entered repayment in 2009-10?*

WQ24. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many supervisory and front-line staff positions were in each of the Child and Family Services Authorities for the period from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2011; and what was the funding allocated for salary and wages for supervisory positions compared to front-line staff?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many supervisory and front-line staff positions were in each of the Child and Family Services Authorities *as of September 30 for each year from 2009 to 2012*; and what *were the salary and wage ranges* for supervisory positions compared to front-line staff?

WQ25. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many children who have been under the care of the Province have been part of a reported situation of abuse, and how many of the reported cases have been substantiated for the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2011-2012?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many children who have been under the care of the Province have been part of a reported situation of abuse, and how many of the reported cases have been substantiated for the fiscal years *2008-2009* through 2011-2012?

WQ26. Moved by Dr. Swann:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 to 2011-2012, what was the average annual cost for a resident in long-term, enhanced living, and designated assisted living facilities, both in private and not-for-profit facilities, respectively?

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years *2009-2010* to 2011-2012, what was the average *health care funding per resident per day for long-term care, and what was the average health care funding per resident per day for designated supportive living for 2011-2012?*

WQ27. Moved by Dr. Swann:

As of January 1, 2010, January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2012, what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

As of March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011, and March 31, 2012, what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ16. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many new special needs child care spaces were created in Alberta between January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2012?

WQ18. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many written and telephone complaints has the Ministry of Employment and Immigration received related to the Workers' Compensation Board in each of the fiscal years from 2002-2003 to 2011-2012?

WQ19. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What are the Government's estimated projections for the increase in prisoners expected in provincial correction institutions as a result of the recent changes to the Criminal Code (Canada) (including, but not limited to mandatory minimum sentences, reductions in two-for-one credit for time served in remand centres, toughening drug and alcohol laws, etc.) per year, for the fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR1. Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the period between January 1, 2006, and February 20, 2011.

MR4. Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all communications between Alberta school boards and the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding complaints concerning P3 school design.

The following Motion for a Return was accepted as amended:

MR5. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of the fees charged to parents by each of Alberta's 62 school boards for each of the school years from September 2009 to June 2012.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of the fees charged to parents by each of Alberta's 62 school boards *for the 2011-2012 school year as collected by the department.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR2. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Dr. Sherman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all detailed information, including flight records, final destinations, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and a list of occupants on each flight, however recorded or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, that relates to the operation and usage of any provincially leased or owned aircraft from December 16, 2010, to April 23, 2012.

MR3. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, and any other materials prepared for Alberta Energy on the Swan Hills In-Situ Coal Gasification/Power Project and the associated carbon capture and storage project.

Debate on the following Motion for a Return was adjourned:

MR6. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all Government studies on the impact of reducing public funding to private schools.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Hancock speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Anderson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would do the following: limit spending increases to no more than population growth plus inflation; prohibit the introduction of a budget that proposes a cash deficit; allocate half of all cash surpluses to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund; and amend the appropriate legislation to suspend the practice of spending the interest generated by the Fund until it reaches an amount of at least \$200 billion.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 12

Anderson	Donovan	Rowe
Anglin	Forsyth	Saskiw
Barnes	Hale	Strankman
Bikman	Pedersen	Wilson

Against the motion: 38

Allen	Horner	Pastoor
Bhardwaj	Jeneroux	Quest
Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Casey	Khan	Sarich
DeLong	Klimchuk	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Starke
Dorward	Lemke	Swann
Drysdale	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Lukaszuk	Weadick
Fenske	Mason	Webber
Fraser	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Goudreau	Oberle	Xiao
Hancock	Olson	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:12 p.m. until Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

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

The Deputy Speaker offered a prayer, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Dr. Walter Buck, Member for Clover Bar, 1967 to 1989, who passed away on March 14, 2013.

Members' Statements

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Kids on Track recreational and educational program.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding a federal carbon tax.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding people involved in the justice system and statements by the opposition.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing former Senator Joyce Fairbairn, who recently retired after 25 years of service.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing Jean Raymond Spenard, who recently passed away, for his many years of serving the Bowness community, and regarding several community members and organizations who volunteer their time.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement, quoting from a letter, regarding how the change in the education portion of property tax, as proposed in the 2013 provincial budget, affects the residents of Blackfalds.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Calgary Herald article dated September 14, 2011, entitled “Lougheed raises job fears over Keystone”

Sessional Paper 534/2012-13

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

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 535/2012-13

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

Report, undated, entitled “PIRLS 2011, Canada in Context, Canadian Results from the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study,” prepared by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada

Sessional Paper 536/2012-13

Calgary Herald article dated December 12, 2012, entitled “Alberta reading scores slide in international study”

Sessional Paper 537/2012-13

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

Document dated March 18, 2013, entitled “President’s Letter,” prepared by Dr. R. Michael Giuffre, President, Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 538/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Email message dated March 13, 2013, from Justin McDonald of Edmonton to Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing support for the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 539/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Document, undated, entitled “Alberta Policy on Children Working,” prepared by Calvin Timmerman, Association for Reformed Political Action
Sessional Paper 540/2012-13

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated December 4, 2012, from Todd Hartley of Airdrie to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding public access to crown land subject to grazing leases

Sessional Paper 541/2012-13

Correspondence from Sherri Case expressing concern regarding the Maintenance Enforcement Program

Sessional Paper 542/2012-13

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Letter dated March 14, 2013, from Melodie Stol, Mayor, Town of Blackfalds, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, and Cabinet Ministers, expressing opposition to how the change in the education portion of property tax, as proposed in the 2013 provincial budget, affects the residents of Blackfalds

Sessional Paper 543/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities:

Document dated November 29, 2012, entitled “Inquiries Fielded by the WCB 2002-2012,” relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, during debate on Written Question WQ18 on March 18, 2013

Sessional Paper 544/2012-13

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:01 p.m. until Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

Acting Speaker’s Statement – Member’s Anniversary

The Acting Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 24th anniversary of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 20, 1989.

Members' Statements

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding the new Edmonton Remand Centre.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding bitumen upgrading in Alberta.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the process for consideration of the 2013 provincial budget estimates.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing March 20, 2013, as the International Day of Happiness.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Alberta Winter Games, to be held in Banff and Canmore from February 6 to 9, 2014.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

5 recent email messages from Edmonton residents to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting that the Minister of Health consult with experts before cutting pharmacy funding

Sessional Paper 545/2012-13

2 recent email messages from Edmonton residents to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting that the proposed 2013-14 education funding reduction be overturned

Sessional Paper 546/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 3, 2013, from Jacquie Hansen, President, Alberta School Boards Association, to Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, responding to a letter from Hon. Mr. Johnson to school trustees dated March 1, 2013, and regarding a recent contract offer to the Alberta Teachers' Association

Sessional Paper 547/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Document dated March 2013 entitled "Education Property Tax Comparison Report, 2013 Tax Year," relating to comments made by Mr. Donovan during Oral Question Period on March 20, 2013

Sessional Paper 548/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

News release dated March 11, 2013, entitled “Budget Gets Infrastructure Investment Right,” prepared by the Consulting Engineers of Alberta, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Horner during Oral Question Period on March 20, 2013

Sessional Paper 549/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated March 19, 2013, from Matthew Bennett of Cardston to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, requesting that the Minister of Health consult with experts before cutting pharmacy funding

Sessional Paper 550/2012-13

Recent email messages between Brandon Gibb and Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding the 75 per cent road ban on Highway 505

Sessional Paper 551/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 11, 2013:

As of June 1, 2012, what was the value of unpaid oil and gas royalties that were in dispute?

Sessional Paper 552/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, and pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:07 p.m. until Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the recent approval of the French Quarter Revitalization Zone in the Edmonton community of Bonnie Doon.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2013, as World Water Day.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding several support programs and services for child sexual abuse victims.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the Government's commitment to develop a provincial strategy to reduce poverty.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding pharmacists' concerns with respect to proposed changes to generic drug pricing.

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.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing Calgary's Francophone history.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg

Bill 207 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013 — Mr. Webber

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Email message dated March 14, 2013, from Tracey Bert expressing concern regarding impending budget cuts to post-secondary education
Sessional Paper 553/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget
Sessional Paper 554/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Email message dated March 20, 2013, from Sara Coumantarakis expressing concern regarding the cancellation of the Summer Temporary Employment Program
Sessional Paper 555/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Letter dated March 18, 2013, from Alan Hodgins, CEO, Value Drug Mart Associates Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the reduction in generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 556/2012-13

Letter dated March 18, 2013, from Alan Hodgins, CEO, Value Invest – The Value Drug Mart Investment Company Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the reduction in generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 557/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

5 recent email messages from Albertans to Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requesting that the Minister of Health consult with experts before cutting pharmacy funding

Sessional Paper 558/2012-13

Email message dated March 15, 2013, from Rashida Yamani, Vilna Pharmacy, and email message dated March 18, 2013, from Lesley Rebryna, St. Paul and District Co-op Pharmacy, both to Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, expressing concern regarding the reduction of generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 559/2012-13

3 recent letters from Lillian Palmer, Lynn Stanley, and Korrena Chychul to Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, all expressing concern regarding recent pharmacy funding cutbacks

Sessional Paper 560/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Letter dated March 20, 2013, from Zakari Murakami, B.Sc.(Pharm.), of Barnwell to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the reduction of generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 561/2012-13

Email message dated March 21, 2013, from Arlen Bennett of Magrath to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the reduction of generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 562/2012-13

Email message dated March 20, 2013, from Kathy Schow of Cardston to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, requesting the Minister of Health consult with experts before cutting pharmacy funding

Sessional Paper 563/2012-13

Email message dated March 21, 2013, from Lance Miller of Magrath to Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta, expressing concern regarding Government rates for rural registry offices

Sessional Paper 564/2012-13

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Letter dated March 17, 2013, from Jenn Fookes of Blackfalds to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding recent funding cuts to the pharmacy industry

Sessional Paper 565/2012-13

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

Letter undated, unaddressed, from Tracy Balash regarding new Government communication templates

Sessional Paper 566/2012-13

Information bulletin dated March 15, 2013, entitled "Include 511 Alberta in your spring break travels," prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 567/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 13 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Fawcett on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Government Motions

29. Oral notice having been given March 13, 2013, moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

- A. On Monday afternoons, during the period that the 2013-14 main estimates stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees, the Assembly stands adjourned at 6 p.m.;

- B. Notwithstanding Standing Order 59.03(4)(b), following completion of consideration of the main estimates by the Legislative Policy Committees,
- (i) on April 22, 2013, or
 - (ii) on such other date of which the Government House Leader has provided written notice to House Leaders and tabled in the Assembly,
- the Assembly shall reconvene in Committee of Supply at 9:30 p.m., at which time the Committees shall report and voting on the main estimates shall proceed.

A debate followed.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 4:15 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 13 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Government Motions

Debate continued on Government Motion 29.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Fox speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, April 8, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 8, 2013

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 Hon. Mr. Ralph Klein, OC, AOE, Member for Calgary-Elbow, 1989 to 2007, who passed away on March 29, 2013.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, made a statement recognizing the long and distinguished career of Hon. Mr. Ralph Klein, former Premier.

Ms Smith, 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.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then commented on the statement.

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.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of CapitalCare on April 1, 2013.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding his relationship with Hon. Ralph Klein, former Premier, who passed away on March 29, 2013.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing April 8, 2013, as Holocaust Memorial Day – Yom ha-Shoah.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister, United Kingdom, who passed away on April 8, 2013.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the FireSmart plan.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's promise in 2012 to end child poverty in five years and its proposed cuts in the 2013 provincial budget.

Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 11th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly on April 8, 2002.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

48 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre
Sessional Paper 568/2012-13

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

Email message dated March 27, 2013, from Ron Theaker of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, attaching information regarding digital solar heat
Sessional Paper 569/2012-13

Email message dated March 24, 2013, from Richard Rego, Beacon Pharmacy, Calgary, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the impact of the proposed 2013 provincial budget on pharmacists and the pharmacy practice

Sessional Paper 570/2012-13

Email message dated March 26, 2013, from Dariel Bateman of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding the role of universities and regarding Quality Enhancement Grants

Sessional Paper 571/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Advertisement regarding generic drug pricing prepared by the Alberta Government, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on April 8, 2013

Sessional Paper 572/2012-13

Report, undated, entitled "Summary of Changes to the Alberta Drug Benefit List Effective April 1, 2013," prepared by the Alberta Government, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on April 8, 2013

Sessional Paper 573/2012-13

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

7 recent email messages and one letter dated March 24, 2013, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, all expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 574/2012-13

Letter dated March 21, 2013, from Kerry Logan Smith of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, and four recent letters and two recent email messages from Albertans to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, all expressing concern over the impact of proposed funding cuts to pharmacies

Sessional Paper 575/2012-13

News release dated March 13, 2013, entitled "Redford reneges on farm worker safety," prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 576/2012-13

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Letter dated April 4, 2013, from Joe Hanson of Medicine Hat to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding the impact of proposed funding cuts to pharmacies in Medicine Hat

Sessional Paper 577/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Property Rights Advocate Act, cP-26.5, s5(3):

Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 578/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, Annual Report 2012

Sessional Paper 579/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR6. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all Government studies on the impact of reducing public funding to private schools.

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 202 Public Lands (Grasslands Preservation) Amendment Act, 2012 —
Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 6

Anglin	Donovan	Swann
Brown	Eggen	Wilson

Against the motion: 42

Allen	Griffiths	Pedersen
Barnes	Hancock	Quadri
Bhardwaj	Horner	Quest
Bikman	Jeneroux	Rowe
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sarich
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Saskiw
Denis	Kubinec	Scott
Dorward	Lemke	Starke
Drysdale	Luan	Stier
Fawcett	McAllister	Strankman
Fenske	McDonald	Towle
Fox	Oberle	Weadick
Fraser	Olesen	Xiao
Goudreau	Olson	Young

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 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on November 19, 2012, that Bill 201, Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act, be amended as follows:

- A. Section 3 is amended by striking out subsection (5) and (6).
- B. Section 8 is amended by striking out clause (e).

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

For the amendment: 15

Anderson	Eggen	Saskiw
Anglin	Fox	Stier
Barnes	McAllister	Strankman
Bikman	Pedersen	Towle
Donovan	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 38

Allen	Hancock	Pastoor
Bhardwaj	Horner	Quadri
Brown	Jeneroux	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sandhu
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
Denis	Khan	Scott
Dorward	Kubinec	Starke
Drysdale	Lemke	Swann
Fawcett	Luan	VanderBurg
Fenske	McDonald	Weadick
Fraser	Oberle	Xiao
Goudreau	Olesen	Young
Griffiths	Olson	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Mr. Luan, 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 201 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on November 19, 2012) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 245/2012

Amendment to Bill 201 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 580/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Stier:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (formerly known as Bill 36) and replace it with a land-use framework that better protects the rights of landowners and respects the role of locally elected and accountable municipal councils.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 11

Anderson	Eggen	Stier
Barnes	Fox	Strankman
Bikman	McAllister	Wilson
Donovan	Rowe	

Against the motion: 37

Allen	Hancock	Olson
Bhardwaj	Horner	Pastoor
Brown	Jeneroux	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Denis	Khan	Sarich
Dorward	Kubinec	Scott
Drysdale	Lemke	Starke
Fawcett	Luan	Swann
Fenske	McDonald	VanderBurg
Fraser	Oberle	Weadick
Goudreau	Olesen	Xiao
Griffiths		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:08 p.m. until Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

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

Deputy Speaker's Statement – Battle of Vimy Ridge

The Deputy Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 96th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which took place on April 9, 1917.

Members' Statements

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

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding Alberta Health Services performance measure targets and administrative costs.

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the late Hon. Lois E. Hole, former Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Enjoy Centre, and Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Government's environmental policies.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the nominations for the 2013 Inspiration Awards, recognizing leadership in family violence protection.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding landowner property rights.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated April 8, 2013, from Joe and Teresa Boone of Picture Butte to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding funding cutbacks for private schools

Sessional Paper 581/2012-13

Email message dated April 6, 2013, from Dr. Galbraith of Lethbridge to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding proposed 2013 provincial budget cutbacks to health care

Sessional Paper 582/2012-13

Email message dated April 7, 2013, from Duncan Nickerson of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 583/2012-13

Email message dated April 8, 2013, from Dr. Lloyd Clarke of Cardston to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding Government contract negotiations with the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 584/2012-13

Email message dated March 27, 2013, from Mandy Bretzke, Constituency Assistant, Cardston-Taber-Warner, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, identifying concerns of George Lee of Coutts regarding changes in services provided by the Alberta Lung Association and Aids to Daily Living

Sessional Paper 585/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated January 21, 2013, from Nadine Riopel of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for midwifery care

Sessional Paper 586/2012-13

Email message dated March 22, 2013, from Olivia Martins of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the lack of legislated tenant protection from rent increases

Sessional Paper 587/2012-13

Email message dated January 10, 2013, from Kory Orban to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding proposed rent increases

Sessional Paper 588/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated March 13, 2013, from Faron Smordin of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding proposed 2013 provincial budget cuts to distance education

Sessional Paper 589/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated March 19, 2013, from David Dodge, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 590/2012-13

3 email messages dated February 7, 2013, to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 591/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Draft proposal, undated, entitled "The Alberta Institute of Advanced Technology, A Big Idea," prepared by the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 592/2012-13

Report dated April 2002 entitled "Campus Alberta, A Policy Framework," prepared by Alberta Learning

Sessional Paper 593/2012-13

Report dated November 2007 entitled "Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publicly Funded Advanced Education System," prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 594/2012-13

Agenda, participant list, and meeting summary regarding the Campus Alberta Strategic Directions Committee meeting held on January 15, 2013

Sessional Paper 595/2012-13

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Report dated March 22, 2013, entitled "XL Foods Community Response Committee Final Report," prepared by Grasslands Regional FCSS Society

Sessional Paper 596/2012-13

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

Letter dated April 8, 2013, from Dr. Paul Parks to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding the future of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 597/2012-13

Correspondence from five Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding Government negotiations with the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 598/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Page 80 of the Alberta Health Services 2012-2015 Health and Business Plan relating to 2012/13 budgeted expenses by service

Sessional Paper 599/2012-13

Alberta Health Services 2013/14 revenue and expense summary backgrounder, undated, regarding expenses related to grants

Sessional Paper 600/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 1, 2013, from Denis Tremblay, Pfizer Canada, to a pharmacist regarding a price increase on Pfizer pharmaceutical products

Sessional Paper 601/2012-13

Notice of Alberta pharmaceutical price changes dated April 4, 2013, prepared by Apotex

Sessional Paper 602/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Edmonton Journal article dated August 14, 2011, entitled "Lawyer raises alarm over land-use legislation; Keith Wilson draws controversy, crowds talking about property rights," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Denis during debate on Motion Other Than Government Motion 507 on April 8, 2013

Sessional Paper 603/2012-13

Mr. Rogers, Deputy Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 04/13, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 26)

Sessional Paper 604/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 05/13, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 11)

Sessional Paper 605/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 06/13, Administrative Services Amendment Order (No. 02)

Sessional Paper 606/2012-13

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:11 p.m. until Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding a decision by Alberta Health Services to discontinue free hospital parking for veterans and regarding comments made by an Alberta Health Services senior vice-president.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing April 10, 2013, as the International Day of Pink, raising awareness to stop bullying, discrimination, homophobia, and transphobia in schools and communities.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding private health care and the health care system.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi, the anniversary of the birth of the Khalsa, and the celebration held in the Legislature Rotunda on April 10, 2013.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Government's support of the development of pipeline infrastructure in the United States.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding how changes to generic drug pricing will affect rural pharmacies.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Weadick

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 17, 2013, from Denise Melrose, Melrose Drugs, Airdrie, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the funding model for generic drugs as proposed in the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 607/2012-13

Email message, undated, from Amanda Laurans of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the financial difficulties she faces as a single mother to pay for daycare for her special needs children

Sessional Paper 608/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Letter dated March 20, 2013, from Janny and Joop Harthoorn of Coaldale to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding plant operation and maintenance funding for private schools

Sessional Paper 609/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

"Letter to the editor," undated, from Chris Mazurkewich, Chief Operating Officer, Alberta Health Services, regarding funding for long-term care, supportive living, and home care

Sessional Paper 610/2012-13

Price comparison list of the top 20 generic drugs paid for by the Government of Alberta versus ingredient costs in the United States and New Zealand, prepared by the UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research

Sessional Paper 611/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated April 10, 2013, from Darryl Hutchings to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the closure of Support Hope Opportunity and Progress in Stirling

Sessional Paper 612/2012-13

4 email messages dated April 10, 2013, requesting that the Minister of Health consult with experts before cutting pharmacy funding

Sessional Paper 613/2012-13

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.

Letter dated April 3, 2013, from Deanna Walker of Cardston to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding how the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan affects camping in the Castle River area

Sessional Paper 614/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Responses to Written Questions WQ24 and WQ25, both asked for by Dr. Swann on March 18, 2013, with information regarding Written Question WQ16, rejected by the Assembly on March 18, 2013:

WQ24. How many supervisory and front-line staff positions were in each of the Child and Family Services Authorities *as of September 30 for each year from 2009 to 2012*; and what *were the salary and wage ranges* for supervisory positions compared to front-line staff?

WQ25. How many children who have been under the care of the Province have been part of a reported situation of abuse, and how many of the reported cases have been substantiated for the fiscal years *2008-2009* through 2011-2012?

Sessional Paper 615/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

CBC News website article dated April 7, 2013, entitled “McConnell family makes emotional statement in wake of deportation”

Sessional Paper 616/2012-13

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

Copy of a petition signed by 63 Edmonton residents requesting the immediate reversal of cuts in the 2013 provincial budget that will negatively affect seniors

Sessional Paper 617/2012-13

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 618/2012-13

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

Report dated April 2013 entitled “Youth Aging Out of Care, Special Report,” prepared by the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate (Alberta)

Sessional Paper 619/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

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

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2011, Section 1

Sessional Paper 620/2012-13

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2011, Section 2

Sessional Paper 621/2012-13

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
August 31, 2011, Section 3

Sessional Paper 622/2012-13

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:16 p.m. until Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2013

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

Speaker's Statement – Longest-serving Opposition Member

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the longest-serving Member in Alberta's history to serve exclusively in the Opposition, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing members of the Action Group of Congolese and Friends of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the advantages of Saskatchewan's tax structure.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Premier's recent mission to Washington, D.C.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Calgary Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Government's recent changes to generic drug pricing.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing April 12 to 14, 2013, as Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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: WQ28, WQ29, WQ31, WQ33

To be dealt with: WQ30, WQ32

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

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

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated September 14, 2012, entitled “Taxes and the Economy: An Economic Analysis of the Top Tax Rates Since 1945,” prepared by the Congressional Research Service, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2013

Sessional Paper 623/2012-13

Report dated April 5, 2013, entitled “Labour Force Survey, March 2013,” prepared by Statistics Canada, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2013

Sessional Paper 624/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 28, 2013, from Anneta Alexandrovich of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, and Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, regarding funding for fertility treatments

Sessional Paper 625/2012-13

Email message dated April 6, 2013, from Peter Koziarz to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 626/2012-13

Email message dated April 4, 2013, from Alim Nagji of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 627/2012-13

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Memorandum, undated, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, regarding the communications protocol of Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2013

Sessional Paper 628/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Email message dated April 7, 2013, from Duncan Nickerson of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 629/2012-13

Email message dated March 24, 2013, from Dorothy Seiller of Nobleford to Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, regarding the treatment of seniors in the health care system

Sessional Paper 630/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 631/2012-13

6 email messages dated February 7, 2013, to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 632/2012-13

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

3 recent email messages from Audrey Attfield of Rimbey, Euphemia McLeod of Blackfalds, and June Mangaard of Rimbey to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, all expressing concern regarding changes to generic drug pricing and the impact on pharmacies

Sessional Paper 633/2012-13

Email message dated March 27, 2013, from Erna de Wet to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding how changes to generic drug pricing will affect rural pharmacies

Sessional Paper 634/2012-13

Letter dated March 30, 2013, from Robert Geldreich, Script Pharmacy, to Dianne Balon, Alberta Blue Cross, regarding the submission of claims for pharmaceutical services on behalf of plan participants

Sessional Paper 635/2012-13

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

Brochure entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 28th Legislature, Third Sitting of the First Session, Spring 2013"

Sessional Paper 636/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

29. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

- A. On Monday afternoons, during the period that the 2013-14 main estimates stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees, the Assembly stands adjourned at 6 p.m.;
- B. Notwithstanding Standing Order 59.03(4)(b), following completion of consideration of the main estimates by the Legislative Policy Committees,
 - (i) on April 22, 2013, or
 - (ii) on such other date of which the Government House Leader has provided written notice to House Leaders and tabled in the Assembly,

the Assembly shall reconvene in Committee of Supply at 9:30 p.m., at which time the Committees shall report and voting on the main estimates shall proceed.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

30. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices tabled in the Assembly on March 5, 2013, and appoint Mr. Peter Hourihan as Public Interest Commissioner for a term commencing on the coming into force of section 38 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act and expiring October 16, 2016.

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 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, April 15, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Ultimate Ascent Robotics competition held in Calgary on April 6, 2013.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement recognizing Dani Polsom, a child sexual abuse victim, for her efforts to have changes made to the Alberta justice system to prevent court delays that may result in a case not proceeding.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Irlen Syndrome and its negative effect on literacy and requesting support for Bill 204, Irlen Syndrome Testing Act.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Northland School Division's literacy project, which includes Family Literacy Day.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon, to be held in Calgary on May 26, 2013.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding cuts in the 2013 provincial budget that will affect programs that provide services to vulnerable people.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 486 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Report dated April 11, 2013, entitled "Injecting a Sense of Urgency, A new approach to delivering justice in serious and violent criminal cases," prepared by Greg Lepp, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Criminal Justice Division

Sessional Paper 637/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated April 2, 2013, from Joyce L. Tona of Rimbey to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 638/2012-13

Email message dated March 20, 2013, from Marianne Wilkat to Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 639/2012-13

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Booklet entitled “Over the Wall with Paul,” prepared by Cornelia Siebert
Sessional Paper 640/2012-13

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Copy of a petition signed by over 1,000 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to immediately pass legislation pertaining to several areas concerning crimes against children
Sessional Paper 641/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated April 12, 2013, from Ryan Holt, King Pharmacy, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing opposition to the Government’s changes to the generic drug model
Sessional Paper 642/2012-13

Email message dated April 12, 2013, from Wayne Smith to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the Government delisting certain brands of penicillin
Sessional Paper 643/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ28. Asked for by Mr. Barnes:

As of November 1, 2012, what costs have been incurred on the Edmonton Federal Building and Centennial Plaza project?

WQ29. Asked for by Mr. Barnes:

As of November 1, 2012, what is the status of all infrastructure projects in Phase One and Phase Two of the Health Capital Plan (2010-2013)?

WQ31. Asked for by Mr. Barnes:

How many drivers have had their vehicles impounded since September 1, 2012, pursuant to the 2011 amendments to the Traffic Safety Act, and what was the average length of time of the impoundment?

WQ33. Asked for by Mr. Barnes:

What was the cost to build each school under the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement I and Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement II initiatives and the ABC Schools Partnership, and what is the ongoing annual cost of the maintenance agreements for each school?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ30. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

As of November 1, 2012, what is the projected spending for each project listed in Alberta Transportation's Three-Year Construction Program (2012-2015)?

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation, moved that the motion be amended to read:

As of November 1, 2012, what is the projected spending for *the contract associated with* each project listed in *Alberta Transportation's Three-Year Construction Program (2012-2015) with the exception of pre-tendered estimates*?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ32. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

As of November 28, 2012, how many peace officers have been added to operate Check Stops in Alberta since April 23, 2012?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 12

Barnes	Forsyth	Saskiw
Bikman	Hale	Strankman
Bilous	Kang	Towle
Donovan	Pedersen	Wilson

Against the motion: 35

Allen	Hughes	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Jablonski	Olson
Bhullar	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Brown	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Denis	Khan	Sandhu
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Kubinec	Scott
Fenske	Lemke	Starke
Fraser	Leskiw	Xiao
Goudreau	McQueen	Young
Hancock	Oberle	

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *mandate that Alberta Health Services report length of stay data for all emergency departments across the province on a weekly basis.*

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 11

Anderson	Forsyth	Strankman
Barnes	Hale	Towle
Bikman	Pedersen	Wilson
Bilous	Rowe	

Against the motion: 34

Allen	Hancock	Olson
Bhardwaj	Hughes	Pastoor
Bhullar	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Khan	Rodney
Denis	Klimchuk	Sandhu
Dorward	Kubinec	Sarich
Drysdale	Lemke	Scott
Fenske	Leskiw	Starke
Fraser	McQueen	Xiao
Goudreau	Olesen	Young
Griffiths		

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 29 agreed to by the Assembly on April 11, 2013, the Assembly adjourned at 6:05 p.m. until Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the announcement on April 16, 2013, by Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, concerning seniors' lodge renewal grants.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding Government health policies.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Lakeland Centre for FASD (fetal alcohol spectrum disorder).

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Callingwood Farmers' Market.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding Government post-graduate internship programs.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Servants Anonymous Facilitated Exit (SAFE) house in Calgary that is facing closure due to funding cuts.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 516 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre
Sessional Paper 644/2012-13

4 email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget
Sessional Paper 645/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Several documents relating to expenses incurred by Michele Lahey, former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Alberta Health Services, regarding her visit to the Mayo Clinic from January 23 to 25, 2007
Sessional Paper 646/2012-13

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

Email message dated March 7, 2013, from James and Barbara Steel of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding proposed changes to the home oxygen program
Sessional Paper 647/2012-13

Letter, undated, from Aileen Jang, B.Sc.(Pharm.), of Sturgeon County to Members of the Legislative Assembly inviting them to a gathering at the Legislature on March 21, 2013, regarding the impact of proposed 2013 budget changes to pharmacies
Sessional Paper 648/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from Taria Gouw, pharmacist, Bow Island Apple Drugs, to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the Government's changes to generic drug pricing and providing suggestions on how to keep pharmacies sustainable in the future
Sessional Paper 649/2012-13

Email message dated April 12, 2013, from Wayne Smith to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the Government's changes to generic drug pricing

Sessional Paper 650/2012-13

Email message dated April 12, 2013, from Dennis Strong, Woods Dispensary, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding Government policy changes that will impact pharmacies

Sessional Paper 651/2012-13

Fact sheet dated March 27, 2013, entitled "Impact of Alberta Generic Price Reductions: Here are the Facts," prepared by the Alberta Pharmacists' Association

Sessional Paper 652/2012-13

Email message dated April 12, 2013, from Gordon ZoBell, General Manager, Raymond Irrigation District, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding the proposed main canal spillway and the Ridge Reservoir

Sessional Paper 653/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Innisfail Province website article dated January 8, 2013, entitled "Monkeys for Brooke"

Sessional Paper 654/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 2012

Sessional Paper 655/2012-13

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:46 p.m. until Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding senior health officials' expense claims and the Government's administration and management of the health-care system.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding senior health officials' expense claims and the need for the Government to protect the public health-care system.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 15th anniversary of the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights, established on November 26, 1998.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing 129 Excellence in Teaching Awards semifinalists from Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King and several positive aspects of living in Alberta.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the effect of budget cuts on seniors and dementia patients in long-term care.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Stephen D. Miller, Trustee of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act;

of Charles Frederick Barth, Chair of the Members of Misericordia Hospital, for the Misericordia Hospital Amendment Act, 2013;

of Lynn Jacobson, President of the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, for the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 506 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of an Alberta Health Services travel, hospitality, and hosting expense claim dated January 30, 2012, for Alison Tonge, Executive Vice-President, Strategy and Performance, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on April 17, 2013

Sessional Paper 656/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Insight Medical Imaging website homepage, relating to comments made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on April 17, 2013

Sessional Paper 657/2012-13

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 658/2012-13

3 email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 659/2012-13

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

Sun News website article dated April 13, 2013, entitled "Straight Talk - In today's politically correct pecking order, gays trump Christians and Muslims trump gays"

Sessional Paper 660/2012-13

Edmonton Islamic Academy web page entitled "Criteria for Admission," relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 17, 2013

Sessional Paper 661/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Memorandum of Understanding dated June 18, 2012, between the Government of Alberta, the City of Calgary, and the City of Edmonton regarding options for a legislative framework for Calgary and Edmonton

Sessional Paper 662/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Document, undated, entitled "Future Performance Measures, International and Intergovernmental Relations"

Sessional Paper 663/2012-13

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated April 17, 2013, from David Ross to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding budget cuts to a Persons with Developmental Disabilities program that funds his son's day program

Sessional Paper 664/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, on March 6, 2013, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 2012-2013 Supplementary Supply Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 665/2012-13

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:09 p.m. until Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing April 21 to 27, 2013, as National Volunteer Week.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding senior health officials' expense claims and health care queue-jumping.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the protection and promotion of the North Saskatchewan River valley system and the use of its trails.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the Youth Advisory Panel.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding strategies to support seniors to enable them to remain living in their own communities.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing the recent Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. McIver, 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: WQ34, WQ35

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Fawcett

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated April 11, 2013, from Fiona Lauridsen to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching a copy of an email message sent to Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, regarding the recent appointment of Gerard Protti within the oil and gas industry

Sessional Paper 666/2012-13

Email message dated April 4, 2013, from Jodi Kashmere, MD, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding Government contract negotiations with the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 667/2012-13

Email message dated April 12, 2013, from Dianne Molstad of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the violation of human rights in Islamic schools

Sessional Paper 668/2012-13

Email message dated March 22, 2013, from Grant Kemp of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding funding cuts to post-secondary education and medical research

Sessional Paper 669/2012-13

Letter dated April 11, 2013, from Theresa Lord of Camrose to Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to universities

Sessional Paper 670/2012-13

Email message dated April 18, 2013, from Ken McBean to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to education

Sessional Paper 671/2012-13

11 recent email messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the proposed cancellation of the theatre and music program at Mount Royal University

Sessional Paper 672/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 673/2012-13

Open letter dated April 18, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, regarding the Government's efforts to combat climate change

Sessional Paper 674/2012-13

Copies of postcards from Albertans to Alberta's New Democrats regarding Budget 2013

Sessional Paper 675/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Letter dated February 6, 2013, from Ian Arcand, Executive Director, O'Chiese Business and Investment Centre, to Marguerite Trussler, Chairperson, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, regarding the potential relocation of a gaming operation in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 676/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Letter dated April 18, 2013, from Sheila Weatherill of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding an expense approval error in 2007 for Michelle Lahey, former Chief Operating Officer of Capital Health, and enclosing a \$7,800 cheque for repayment

Sessional Paper 677/2012-13

Letter dated April 18, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Hon. Allan Wachowich, former Chief Justice, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, requesting a written report that addresses whether the Government or Alberta Health Services can recover improperly claimed expenses

Sessional Paper 678/2012-13

Letter dated April 17, 2013, from Chris Eagle, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services, to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding information with respect to medical expense reimbursements to Alison Tonge

Sessional Paper 679/2012-13

Letter dated April 11, 2013, from Chris Mazurkewich, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Alberta Health Services, to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding clarification of the Alberta Health Services 2013/14 budget

Sessional Paper 680/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Letter dated September 20, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, regarding a request by Russell Coyne for reimbursement for surgery obtained at a private clinic in British Columbia

Sessional Paper 681/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Sunny South News website article dated April 12, 2013, entitled "Redford campaign rolls through region with stop in Coaldale"

Sessional Paper 682/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Letter, undated, from the Respiratory Homecare Association of Alberta to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding contract negotiations with Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 683/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Letter dated April 17, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, regarding clarification of comments Hon. Mr. Hancock made about child poverty

Sessional Paper 684/2012-13

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

21 recent email messages from Medicine Hat residents to Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requesting that the Minister of Health consult with experts before reducing pharmacy funding

Sessional Paper 685/2012-13

Email message dated April 15, 2013, from Lana Lojczyc, B.Sc.(Pharm.), of Beaverlodge to Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, expressing concern regarding how changes to generic drug pricing will affect pharmacies

Sessional Paper 686/2012-13

68 letters from Albertans to Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed 2013 budget cuts and how they will affect pharmacies

Sessional Paper 687/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2011, and 2011 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch, and Interparliamentary Relations

Sessional Paper 688/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Responses to questions raised by Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on March 7, 2012, Ministry of Health and Wellness, 2012 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 689/2012-13

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 18, 2013:

A list of the fees charged to parents by each of Alberta's 62 school boards *for the 2011-2012 school year as collected by the department.*

Sessional Paper 690/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg

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

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

Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Weadick

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

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

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Hon. Mr. Campbell 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 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:25 p.m. until Monday, April 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 22, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing April 21 to 27, 2013, as Human Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the dangers of travelling on Highway 8 and requesting Government action to address safety concerns.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement recognizing 11 Juno Award nominees from Alberta.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the importance of programs and supports for seniors.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the importance of Alberta's agricultural sector.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the plan presented by the Alberta Liberals during the election campaign in 2012.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

2 recent letters from Craig Jensen and David Wright, Johnson's Taber Drugs, and Dennis Strong, Wood's Dispensary, to Dianne Balon, Alberta Blue Cross, regarding the submission of claims on behalf of plan participants for pharmaceutical services

Sessional Paper 691/2012-13

Document dated April 11, 2013, entitled "Provincial Budget Affects Village Residents," prepared by the Village of Stirling Council

Sessional Paper 692/2012-13

Email message dated April 19, 2013, from Rita Lyster, Rita's Apothecary and Home Healthcare Ltd., Barrhead, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed 2013 budget cuts and how they will affect her pharmacy

Sessional Paper 693/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated September 6, 2011, from Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to John Schmal, Vice President, Public Relations, Coalition of Seniors' Advocates Association, regarding pharmacare for Alberta seniors, relating to comments made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on April 22, 2013

Sessional Paper 694/2012-13

Letter dated March 19, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to John Schmal regarding the Government maintaining existing pharmacare benefits for Alberta seniors

Sessional Paper 695/2012-13

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 696 /2012-13

3 email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 697/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated April 22, 2013, from Tyler Peterson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding post-secondary education funding cuts and their impact on staff and research

Sessional Paper 698/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Herald website article dated April 20, 2013, entitled “Braid: Leadership review no trivial pursuit,” relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on April 22, 2013

Sessional Paper 699/2012-13

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

Report, undated, entitled “Enabling 21st Century Learning,” prepared by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre

Sessional Paper 700/2012-13

Email message dated February 11, 2013, from Chris Carter of Edmonton to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, regarding Alberta medical schools admissions

Sessional Paper 701/2012-13

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

Letter dated April 22, 2013, from Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, responding to Hon. Mr. Hancock’s letter dated April 17, 2013, to Dr. Swann regarding child poverty in Alberta

Sessional Paper 702/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 18, 2013:

Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the period between January 1, 2006, and February 20, 2011.

Sessional Paper 703/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ34. Asked for by Mr. McAllister:

What was the total amount that school boards in Alberta charged in mandatory school fees in each of the school years from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, and how much did each individual board charge?

WQ35. Asked for by Mr. McAllister:

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Education to determine where new schools are constructed?

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

On motion by Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, pursuant to Standing Order 74.1(1):

Bill 204 Irlen Syndrome Testing Act — Mrs. Jablonski

On motion by Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, pursuant to Standing Order 74.1(1):

Bill 205 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012 — Ms Calahasen

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2012 — Mr. Jeneroux

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Ms Jansen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a working group to review whether adequate policies are in place for urban communities with regard to oil and gas development.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 29 agreed to by the Assembly on April 11, 2013, that the Assembly reconvene at 9:30 p.m. in Committee of Supply, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 — 9:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Amery, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2013-2014 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, Enterprise and Advanced Education, Executive Council, Infrastructure, International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Amery then presented proposed amendments to the 2013-2014 estimates for the Ministries of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Executive Council, Infrastructure, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Amery also tabled copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, during consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the official records of the Assembly:

Document entitled "Future Performance Measures, International and Intergovernmental Relations"

Sessional Paper 704/2012-13

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Acting Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2013-2014 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Culture, Education, Health, Human Services, Justice and Solicitor General, and Service Alberta.

Ms Kennedy-Glans then presented proposed amendments to the 2013-2014 estimates for the Ministries of Education, Health, Human Services, and Service Alberta.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2013-2014 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Aboriginal Relations, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

Ms Kennedy-Glans then presented proposed amendments to the 2013-2014 estimates for the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Municipal Affairs, Treasury Board and Finance, and Transportation.

Ms Kennedy-Glans also tabled copies of a document tabled by Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, during consideration of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation for the official records of the Assembly:

Document entitled "Highway Projects Dropped from the 2013-2016 Construction Schedule"

Sessional Paper 705/2012-13

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a), the following amendments were voted on:

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (A1) (Hon. Member for Little Bow) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 706/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Culture (A2) (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 707/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Education (A3) (Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 708/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Energy (A4) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 709/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (A5) (Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 710/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (A6) (Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 711/2012-13

During consideration of the 2013-14 Main Estimates, Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the estimates for Executive Council be reduced as follows:

- a) for Public Affairs Corporate Services under reference 2.1 at page 110 by \$1,437,000; and,
 - b) for Public Affairs Corporate Communications under reference 2.2 at page 110 by \$8,563,000
- so that the amount to be voted at page 109 for Operational is \$38,430,000.

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

For the amendment: 23

Anderson	Fox	Sherman
Anglin	Hale	Smith
Barnes	Hehr	Stier
Bikman	Kang	Strankman
Bilous	McAllister	Swann
Blakeman	Pedersen	Towle
Donovan	Rowe	Wilson
Eggen	Saskiw	

Against the amendment: 44

Allen	Fritz	Lemke
Amery	Goudreau	Leskiw
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McDonald
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberle
Campbell	Horner	Olesen
Cao	Hughes	Pastoor
Casey	Jablonski	Quadri
Cusanelli	Jansen	Sandhu
Dallas	Jeneroux	Sarich
Denis	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Scott
Dorward	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Starke
Drysdale	Kennedy-Glans	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Khan	Weadick
Fenske	Klimchuk	Xiao
Fraser	Kubinec	

Amendment to the Main Estimates for Executive Council (A7) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 712/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Health (A8) (Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 713/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Human Services (A9) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 714/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Infrastructure (A10) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 715/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (A11) (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 716/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Service Alberta (A12) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 717/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation (A13) (Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 718/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Transportation (A14) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 719/2012-13

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance (A15) (Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 720/2012-13

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2013-14 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, Government Estimates and 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, 2014, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$71,421,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$26,635,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$3,359,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$5,683,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$967,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$6,867,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$12,224,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$1,460,000
Aboriginal Relations	
Operational	\$166,965,000
Capital	\$25,000
Agriculture and Rural Development	
Operational	\$559,560,000
Capital	\$24,196,000
Culture	
Operational	\$141,155,000
Capital	\$53,100,000
Financial Transactions	\$2,243,000
Education	
Operational	\$4,016,257,000
Capital	\$505,235,000
Financial Transactions	\$21,899,000
Energy	
Operational	\$232,083,000
Capital	\$6,315,000
Financial Transactions	\$30,500,000
Enterprise and Advanced Education	
Operational	\$2,593,525,000
Capital	\$68,347,000
Financial Transactions	\$425,000,000
Environment and Sustainable Resource Development	
Operational	\$461,318,000
Capital	\$65,916,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,410,000
Executive Council	
Operational	\$48,430,000

Health

Operational	\$17,020,489,000
Capital	\$104,450,000
Financial Transactions	\$50,226,000

Human Services

Operational	\$4,239,645,000
Capital	\$9,442,000

Infrastructure

Operational	\$507,370,000
Capital	\$783,525,000
Financial Transactions	\$52,000,000

International and Intergovernmental Relations

Operational	\$37,144,000
Capital	\$25,000

Justice and Solicitor General

Operational	\$1,193,526,000
Capital	\$87,412,000

Municipal Affairs

Operational	\$409,338,000
Capital	\$855,740,000

Service Alberta

Operational	\$302,318,000
Capital	\$40,524,000
Financial Transactions	\$8,750,000

Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Operational	\$154,358,000
Capital	\$18,812,000

Transportation

Operational	\$478,126,000
Capital	\$1,935,408,000
Financial Transactions	\$63,914,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Operational	\$131,305,000
Capital	\$2,853,000
Financial Transactions	\$20,125,000
Lottery Fund Transfer	\$1,485,671,000

Mr. Amery then tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of Supply on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg

Government Motions

31. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Rogers (Chair)	Eggen	Leskiw
Quadri (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	McDonald
Blakeman	Lemke	Saskiw

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued.

5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

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. Gerard Amerongen, Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on April 21, 2013.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m. in order to complete Introduction of Guests.

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first anniversary of the election of 38 Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on April 23, 2012.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Polish Veterans' Society, which was established on April 11, 1938.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement recognizing the effectiveness of the Wildrose Party as the Official Opposition.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing the achievements of the Progressive Conservative Party as the governing party since the 2012 provincial election.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing April 23, 2013, as St. George's Day.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the 2013 Special Olympics Alberta Spring Games held in Red Deer from April 19 to 21, 2013.

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.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement recognizing April 2013 as Cancer Awareness Month.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94; however, the petition of Charles Frederick Barth, Chair of the Members of Misericordia Hospital, for the Misericordia Hospital Amendment Act, 2013, has been withdrawn by the petitioner and will not be proceeding.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 8, 2013, from John Nevakshonoff to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to the medical oxygen program

Sessional Paper 721/2012-13

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

Letter dated April 14, 2013, from Nicola Ramsey of Slave Lake to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding distance education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 722/2012-13

Copy of an online petition regarding cuts to Alberta schools that use distance education courseware

Sessional Paper 723/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 724/2012-13

31 email messages regarding budget cuts that will affect seniors

Sessional Paper 725/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Letter dated April 11, 2013, from Diana Stinn, Phoenix Foundation, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding budget cuts to private schools

Sessional Paper 726/2012-13

Letter dated April 7, 2013, from Shirley Redford of Calgary to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the condition of the Police Outpost Provincial Park road

Sessional Paper 727/2012-13

4 recent letters to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing opposition to budget cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 728/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis moved adjournment of the debate. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Allen	Fraser	Luan
Amery	Fritz	McDonald
Bhullar	Goudreau	McQueen
Brown	Hancock	Oberle
Calahasen	Horner	Olesen
Cao	Hughes	Pastoor
Casey	Jablonski	Rodney
Cusanelli	Jansen	Scott
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Starke
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	VanderBurg
Denis	Kubinec	Webber
Drysdale	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Fawcett		

Against the motion: 16

Anglin	Hehr	Rowe
Bikman	Kang	Saskiw
Bilous	Mason	Stier
Blakeman	Notley	Towle
Fox	Pedersen	Wilson
Hale		

Privilege – Debate on Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$)

Following Second Reading consideration of Bill 20, Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 that the ability of all opposition Members to participate fully and fairly in debate concerning Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$), has and will be unjustifiably hindered by the actions of the Government, which therefore infringes on the privileges of opposition Members.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Bilous and Ms Blakeman.

The Speaker ruled that no violation had occurred.

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

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

Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Weadick

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

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 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon.
Mr. VanderBurg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 12 (A1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 729/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 730/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 731/2012-13

Second Reading

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 10:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — 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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 12 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 731/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 732/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A5) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 733/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A6) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 734/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon.
Mr. VanderBurg

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:02 p.m. until Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding budget cuts affecting coverage for insulin pumps.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing the one-year anniversary of the provincial election held on April 23, 2012, and commenting on Government policies and New Democrat Party promises.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing the support of family and friends to all Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing April 24, 2013, as the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Sherwood Park Music Festival held from April 15 to 21, 2013.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2013, as the National Day of Mourning, commemorating workers who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards and incidents.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 389 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years.

Privilege – Debate on Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$)

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding her belief that her rights and privileges as a Member of the Legislative Assembly to, within reason, identify, draw attention to, delay, and debate items that she feels need attention and discussion pursuant to Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$), have been trampled upon by unwarranted, unnecessary, and excessive use of the extensive powers the Government has to limit debate under the current Standing Orders.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act — Mr. Dorward

Bill Pr2 Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013 —
Mr. McDonald

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of a petition signed by 111 Albertans urging the Government to use the present conditions in the lives of Alberta's children as the lens to view and revise its policies to eliminate child poverty and its many manifestations in Alberta

Sessional Paper 735/2012-13

Copy of a petition signed by 121 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate action to regulate electricity prices, recognizing that electricity is an essential service

Sessional Paper 736/2012-13

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

Letter dated April 23, 2013, from Calgary eye physician and surgeon Patrick Wyse to Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 737/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of an employment contract between Alberta Health Services and Alison Tonge dated November 4, 2009, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period

Sessional Paper 738/2012-13

Copies of several expense claims and receipts for Joanne Stalinsky, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period this week

Sessional Paper 739/2012-13

Copies of several expense claims and receipts for Michele Lahey, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period this week

Sessional Paper 740/2012-13

Bulletin dated April 2013 entitled “The Pharmacy Benefact: Updates to the Alberta Drug Benefit List,” prepared by Alberta Blue Cross

Sessional Paper 741/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Calgary Herald website article dated January 13, 2013, entitled “Provincial plan to fund insulin pumps promises better quality of life for diabetics”

Sessional Paper 742/2012-13

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Cards for 2010-11 and 2011-12

Sessional Paper 743/2012-13

Privilege – Debate on Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$)

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding her belief that her rights and privileges as a Member of the Legislative Assembly to, within reason, identify, draw attention to, delay, and debate items that she feels need attention and discussion pursuant to Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$), have been trampled upon by unwarranted, unnecessary, and excessive use of the extensive powers the Government has to limit debate under the current Standing Orders.

The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Ms Blakeman, Mr. Anderson, and Hon. Mr. Campbell.

The Speaker ruled that there was no prima facie question of privilege.

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. Amery, 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 12 (A7) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 744/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A8) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 745/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A9) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 746/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A10) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 747/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A11) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View
on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 748/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A12) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View
on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 749/2012-13

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 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Third Reading

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

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 32

Amery	Fenske	McIver
Bhardwaj	Fraser	Olesen
Bhullar	Horner	Quadri
Brown	Hughes	Rodney
Campbell	Jansen	Sandhu
Cao	Jeneroux	Sarich
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Starke
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Webber
DeLong	Khan	Woo-Paw
Dorward	Klimchuk	Xiao
Fawcett	Lemke	

Against the motion: 10

Anglin	Hale	Saskiw
Bikman	Kang	Smith
Blakeman	Pedersen	Stier
Eggen		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Weadick

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Amery, 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 16 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 750/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 2013

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2013, as the National Day of Mourning, commemorating workers who have died or been injured in the workplace.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, then commented on the statement.

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, should it be necessary.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of Edmonton's Chinatown.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Government's financial policies and bitumen pricing.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement congratulating Jacob Onyschuk of Legal on receiving the 4-H Premier's Award, and regarding the work of Alberta's 4-H clubs.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding postpartum depression and anxiety in men.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's borrowing and spending practices.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Music Awards, to be held on April 28, 2013.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. McIver, 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: WQ36, WQ37, WQ39

To be dealt with: WQ38, WQ40

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR7

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

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

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Calgary Herald website article dated February 11, 2013, entitled “Mintz: The thoughtful case for an Alberta sales tax”

Sessional Paper 751/2012-13

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

Report dated September 2012 entitled “Power for the People, Report and Recommendations for the Minister of Energy, Government of Alberta,” prepared by the Retail Market Review Committee

Sessional Paper 752/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

24 handwritten notes, several to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, regarding a variety of issues

Sessional Paper 753/2012-13

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

2 letters dated March 19, 2013, from Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation, to Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the Ministry of Transportation's 2012-13 supplementary estimates funding requests relating to construction of the Anthony Henday and Stoney Trail ring roads

Sessional Paper 754/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

CBC News website article dated April 25, 2013, entitled "Donations to Alberta Tories linked to election promises," relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on April 25, 2013

Sessional Paper 755/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

CBC News website article dated April 23, 2013, entitled "Premier Alison Redford, one year after the election"

Sessional Paper 756/2012-13

CBC News website article dated April 25, 2013, entitled " 'Bitumen bubble' not top source of Alberta's financial pain, poll says"

Sessional Paper 757/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mrs. Forsyth on November 26, 2012:

How many long-term care nursing beds were available to Albertans *as of March 31, 2012*?

Sessional Paper 758/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Mrs. Forsyth on November 26, 2012:

How many mental health beds and addiction beds on average were available to Albertans in 2011?

Sessional Paper 759/2012-13

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Dr. Swann on November 26, 2012:

What was the original 2007 estimate of construction costs and projected opening day for the South Campus Hospital in Calgary versus the actual cost on completion and actual opening date?

Sessional Paper 760/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, May 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 2013

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

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, should it be necessary.

Members' Statements

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the 68th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by the Allied forces on May 5, 1945.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's recent announcement of the construction of several new schools.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the release of the Government's new plan to fight cancer entitled "Changing Our Future: Alberta's Cancer Plan to 2030."

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Balwin Community League.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing the David Thompson Corridor Visitor Services Program on winning the Responsible Canadian Energy Program Social Performance Award.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to modernize the tax system to ensure predictable and sustainable funding and saving.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Amery, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, Review of the BRIK (Bitumen-Royalty-in-Kind) Program, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session, dated May 2013

Sessional Paper 761/2012-13

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Copy of the State of the City Address presented by Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel on April 2, 2013

Sessional Paper 762/2012-13

Globe and Mail website article dated March 27, 2013, entitled "Report to Supreme Court chief justice calls for family law overhaul"

Sessional Paper 763/2012-13

Report dated April 2013 entitled “Meaningful Change for Family Justice: Beyond Wise Words,” prepared by the Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters

Sessional Paper 764/2012-13

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

Letter dated March 21, 2013, from Merwan N. Saher, Auditor General of Alberta, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, responding to Mr. Hehr’s letter dated March 8, 2013, regarding the Government’s budgeting and reporting structure for Budget 2013

Sessional Paper 765/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated April 24, 2013, from R. Davies, Magrath Pharmacy, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding generic drug pricing and delisted drugs, attaching a letter dated April 23, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Arlen Bennet regarding the reduction in generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 766/2012-13

Email message dated April 29, 2013, from Kelly Clemis to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, and letter dated May 1, 2013, from Ms Jansen of Taber to whom it may concern, both expressing concern regarding how funding cutbacks would affect how they receive in-home oxygen

Sessional Paper 767/2012-13

1 recent letter and 3 recent email messages to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing support for continued funding for the Parent Preschool Program of Southwestern Alberta

Sessional Paper 768/2012-13

30 recent letters and email messages regarding services in the Cardston and Lethbridge areas for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 769/2012-13

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated April 30, 2013, from Matt Dumais to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing opposition to the proposal by the Alberta College of Pharmacists to eliminate rewards programs for prescriptions

Sessional Paper 770/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Lobbyists Act, cL-20.5, s17(2):

Report of an Investigation under the Lobbyists Act Re: Mr. Joseph Lougheed, dated May 6, 2013, prepared by the Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 771/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Ms Smith on December 3, 2012:

Of the transfers received from the federal government, what is the total amount earmarked for health care for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 772/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Ms Smith on December 3, 2012:

Of the transfers received from the federal government, what, if any, is the total amount earmarked for housing for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 773/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ36. Asked for by Mr. McAllister:

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Infrastructure to determine where new schools are constructed?

WQ37. Asked for by Mr. Wilson:

What steps are being taken by the Minister of Human Services, and what steps were taken by the previous Ministers of Children and Youth Services, to complete the recommendations that were made in the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta?

WQ39. Asked for by Mr. Wilson:

What are the cost implications, on a fiscal year basis, to extend Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits to those currently receiving benefits, beyond the age of 65?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ38. Moved by Mr. Wilson:

How many subsidized daycare spaces were available each month in Edmonton, Calgary, and the province as a whole, from January 1, 2011, to January 31, 2013?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many regulated child care spaces were available quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary child and family service regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013, and how many children received child care subsidies quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ40. Moved by Mr. Rowe:

Which municipalities have not received their full share of eligible fine revenues earned through provincial traffic tickets issued pursuant to the Traffic Safety Act from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2012, and what is the total amount that was not returned to municipalities across the province because of clerical errors and missed time limits, since January 1, 2007?

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

For the motion: 13

Anderson	Forsyth	Stier
Barnes	Hale	Strankman
Bikman	Rowe	Towle
Blakeman	Saskiw	Wilson
Eggen		

Against the motion: 37

Allen	Jansen	Quadri
Bhardwaj	Jeneroux	Quest
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Casey	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Klimchuk	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Starke
Dorward	Lemke	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Leskiw	Weadick
Fenske	McQueen	Webber
Goudreau	Olesen	Xiao
Hancock	Olson	Young
Horner		

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR7. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A list of the projects itemized in the Alberta Transportation Three-Year Construction Plan 2012-2015, listed according to priority (rather than highway number) with related costs for each project.

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

For the motion: 12

Anderson	Blakeman	Rowe
Anglin	Eggen	Stier
Barnes	Forsyth	Strankman
Bikman	Pedersen	Wilson

Against the motion: 40

Allen	Horner	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Jansen	Olson
Bhullar	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Casey	Khan	Sandhu
Dallas	Klimchuk	Sarich
Denis	Kubinec	Scott
Dorward	Lemke	Starke
Drysdale	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fenske	McIver	Weadick
Fraser	McQueen	Webber
Goudreau	Oberle	Xiao
Hancock		

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Pedersen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate a competitive tax credit regime for supporting the film industry in Alberta rather than the current grant system.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 3(1) to allow the Assembly to sit past 6:00 p.m. in order to complete debate on Motion 510.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 — 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 some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Mr. Cao, 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 19 (A1) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 774/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A2) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 775/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A3) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 776/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A4) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 777/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A5) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 778/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A6) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 779/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A7) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 780/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 781/2012-13

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

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

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

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

Bill 18 Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Fawcett

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Weadick

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:40 p.m. until Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement recognizing May 6 to 10, 2013, as Education Week.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding donations to political parties from corporations and unions.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing May 5 to 11, 2013, as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, and congratulating the winning teams from the Work Safe Alberta student video contest.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Government's Results-based Budgeting Economic Development Challenge Panel.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing May 2013 as Asian Heritage Month.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement recognizing May 2013 as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated April 17, 2013, from Brigitte Baradoy, Executive Director, Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society, Co-Chair, Calgary Domestic Violence Collective, and Andrea Silverstone, Executive Chair, Peer Support Services for Abused Women, Co-Chair, Calgary Domestic Violence Collective, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to services for vulnerable Albertans and requesting a cooperative planning process for the next provincial budget

Sessional Paper 782/2012-13

Copy of a petition signed by 465 Albertans urging the Government to increase post-secondary funding that will exceed the 2011-2012 budget

Sessional Paper 783/2012-13

Globe and Mail website article dated May 7, 2013, entitled "Slow down and earn public support for resource projects, Dix says"

Sessional Paper 784/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Public Fatality Inquiry, Province of Alberta, regarding William Evan Buckley, dated April 9, 2013, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2013

Sessional Paper 785/2012-13

Email message dated May 7, 2013, from Robert Stewart submitting an online petition from 100 people regarding the cancellation of the music enrichment program in Edmonton's public schools

Sessional Paper 786/2012-13

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.

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

Email message dated May 3, 2013, from Joan Raugust of Calgary to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding how funding cuts to the Community Access Program affect her son

Sessional Paper 787/2012-13

23 pieces of recent correspondence from Albertans regarding funding cuts to pharmacies

Sessional Paper 788/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Elections Alberta website document entitled "2004 Political Party Annual Financial Statement, Alberta Alliance Party, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at December 31, 2004"

Sessional Paper 789/2012-13

Elections Alberta website document entitled "2005 Political Party Campaign Return, Alberta Alliance Party, Summary of Campaign Period Revenue and Expenditures for the Period October 25, 2004 - January 24, 2005"

Sessional Paper 790/2012-13

Elections Alberta website document entitled "2005 Political Party Annual Financial Statement, Alberta Alliance Party, Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at December 31, 2005"

Sessional Paper 791/2012-13

Elections Alberta website document entitled "2007 Political Party Campaign Return, Alberta Alliance Party, Summary of Campaign Period Revenue and Expenditures for the Period May 15, 2007 - August 12, 2007"

Sessional Paper 792/2012-13

Elections Alberta website document entitled "2008 Political Party Campaign Return, Wildrose Alliance Party, Summary of Campaign Period Revenue and Expenditures for the Period February 4, 2008 - May 3, 2008"

Sessional Paper 793/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Photograph of the cover of a report entitled "Report to Taxpayers," prepared by the Alberta Government, relating to comments made by Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2013

Sessional Paper 794/2012-13

Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Public Fatality Inquiry, Province of Alberta, regarding William Evan Buckley, dated April 9, 2013

Sessional Paper 795/2012-13

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

Email message, undated, from Rachel McDougall-Sutherland of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the cost of living and of daycare in Calgary and requesting an increase in the income threshold for daycare subsidies

Sessional Paper 796/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s44(1):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Candidates Who Failed to Eliminate a Campaign Deficit Reported for the 2012 Provincial General Election

Sessional Paper 797/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 798/2012-13

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3), Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2012 dated October 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 799/2012-13

Pursuant to the Capital Region Board Regulation, AR38/2012, s9(2), Capital Region Board, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 800/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Hon. Mr. Bhullar 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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 18 Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Fawcett

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 17 (A1) (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 801/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 17 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf
the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 802/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — 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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

Bill 23 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. Amery, 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 21 (A1) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 803/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 21 (A2) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 804/2012-13

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Fawcett

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 23, Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Hancock requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 21, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 17 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 805/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:13 p.m. until Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the quality of care in assisted living facilities in Brooks that are regulated and supervised by the Government and regarding concerns brought forward by facility employees and patients' families.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need for a city charter for Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement recognizing May 6 to 10, 2013, as Education Week, and regarding the Inspiring Education and High School Flexibility Enhancement projects.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the opening of the Points West Living supportive living centre in Cold Lake.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement commending the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future for their review of the BRIK (Bitumen Royalty-in-Kind) program.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement recognizing May 4 to 10, 2013, as Calgary Access Awareness Week.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of a petition signed by 52 Edmonton residents urging the Government to protect the rights of injured workers by amending the Workers' Compensation Act

Sessional Paper 806/2012-13

Letter dated April 25, 2013, from Bob Johnson, President, Alberta College of Social Workers, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding and opposition to proposed funding cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Access Program

Sessional Paper 807/2012-13

List of members of the Energy Policy Institute of Canada, relating to comments made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2013

Sessional Paper 808/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated May 6, 2013, from Mark Heseltine of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Edmonton Public School Board's cancellation of the Music Enrichment Program

Sessional Paper 809/2012-13

Letter dated May 8, 2013, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, unaddressed, quoting the text of an email petition and listing the names of its 245 senders, requesting that the Government consider options for continuing the Edmonton Public School's Music Enrichment Program

Sessional Paper 810/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Response to Written Question WQ38, asked for by Mr. Wilson on May 6, 2013:

How many regulated child care spaces were available quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary child and family service regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013, and how many children received child care subsidies quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013?

Sessional Paper 811/2012-13

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

Email message dated May 8, 2013, from Carolyn Pogue of Calgary to the Editor, Calgary Herald, regarding the proposed Children First Act

Sessional Paper 812/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Book entitled "For the Love of My Boys," authored by Sherri-Lee James with Susan M. Rowe

Sessional Paper 813/2012-13

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Victims Services Status Report 2011-2012
Sessional Paper 814/2012-13

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Letter dated March 29, 2013, from Harley Sanders, Condominium Board Director, Prince of Peace Village, to Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, regarding a recent court case concerning the collection of funds by bare land condominium corporations, relating to comments made by Mr. McAllister in the Assembly on May 7, 2013

Sessional Paper 815/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 25, Children First Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Hon. Mr. Hancock speaking.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 25, Children First Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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

For the amendment: 13

Anglin	Hale	Saskiw
Bikman	Kang	Smith
Bilous	Mason	Swann
Eggen	Notley	Wilson
Fox		

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Griffiths	Luan
Amery	Hancock	McIver
Bhullar	Hughes	Olesen
Brown	Jansen	Olson
Cao	Jeneroux	Quadri
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Dorward	Khan	Sarich
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Starke
Fenske	Lemke	Xiao
Fraser		

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

For the motion: 38

Allen	Fraser	McIver
Amery	Griffiths	Olesen
Anglin	Hale	Olson
Bhullar	Hancock	Quadri
Bikman	Hughes	Quest
Brown	Jansen	Rodney
Cao	Jeneroux	Sarich
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Saskiw
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Smith
Dorward	Khan	Starke
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Wilson
Fenske	Lemke	Xiao
Fox	Luan	

Against the motion: 5

Bilous	Kang	Notley
Eggen	Mason	

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

Bill 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

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

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

A debate followed.

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Third Reading

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

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 21, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering sections 2, 3 and 6.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 21, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 21, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 —
Ms Jansen

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 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Government Motions**32.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2013 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:31 a.m., Thursday, May 9, 2013, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Northern Alberta Development Council.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing Mother's Day on May 12, 2013, and proposing \$10 a day child care so mothers can afford to return to work.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement recognizing May 9, 2013, as World Catholic Education Day.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the role of tourism as an economic generator in Alberta.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding potential funding cuts to the early childhood education diploma course at Lethbridge College.

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the importance of the Government's 10 international offices.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from 225 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will require all drivers and passengers of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to wear Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved helmets while operating an ATV.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that Bill 207, Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013, be moved to Government Bills and Orders on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4.1, s64:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2011

Sessional Paper 816/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated April 17, 2013, from Jean Bauman of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, expressing concern regarding funding cuts that will affect her developmentally disabled daughter

Sessional Paper 817/2012-13

Letter dated April 17, 2013, from Petra Roberts of Lethbridge to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressing concern regarding changes to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 818/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Letter dated April 25, 2013, from Grand Chief Craig Makinaw, Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations, to Stan Rutwind, Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Relations, expressing concern regarding the Government's policy on consultation with First Nations on land and natural resource management

Sessional Paper 819/2012-13

Document entitled "Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Grand Chief's Speaking Points on the Consultation Policy"

Sessional Paper 820/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated April 28, 2013, from Joni and Brad Stenning of San Jose, California, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and how those cuts will affect their developmentally disabled brother

Sessional Paper 821/2012-13

Email message dated April 17, 2013, from Gary Simpson of Edmonton to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Alberta Distance Learning Centre

Sessional Paper 822/2012-13

Email message dated April 25, 2013, from Tammy Johnson of Airdrie to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to community programs for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 823/2012-13

Email message dated May 5, 2013, from Barb Kerley of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the possible implementation of an income-based drug plan for Alberta seniors

Sessional Paper 824/2012-13

Email message dated April 24, 2013, from Jason Walker of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding funding cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program, attaching a copy of a letter he wrote to Hon. Ms Woo-Paw, Associate Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations

Sessional Paper 825/2012-13

Letter, undated, from Ben Graham of Calgary to Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 826/2012-13

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.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated May 8, 2013, from Gary, Susan, and Chris Marshall to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and how they will affect their developmentally disabled family member

Sessional Paper 827/2012-13

Letter dated May 6, 2013, from Brad Sabey, Principal, Magrath Elementary School, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing support for the Southern Alberta Society for the Handicapped school hot lunch program and concern about potential funding cuts to the program

Sessional Paper 828/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Response to Written Question WQ37, asked for by Mr. Wilson on May 6, 2013:

What steps are being taken by the Minister of Human Services, and what steps were taken by the previous Ministers of Children and Youth Services, to complete the recommendations that were made in the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta?

Sessional Paper 829/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ39, asked for by Mr. Wilson on May 6, 2013:

What are the cost implications, on a fiscal year basis, to extend Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits to those currently receiving benefits, beyond the age of 65?

Sessional Paper 830/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated May 2, 2013, from Sheila-Marie Cook, Executive Director, Health Services Preferential Access Inquiry, to Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding Ms Smith's request for an extension to the inquiry's current timeline and mandate, relating to comments made by Ms Smith in Oral Question Period on May 9, 2013

Sessional Paper 831/2012-13

Letter dated May 7, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the continuing care needs of Americo and Alberta Brazzoni

Sessional Paper 832/2012-13

Letter, undated, from Debbie Boyle to Mr. Hinman regarding changes to the Alberta Drug Benefit List and the role of pharmacists as part of the health care team

Sessional Paper 833/2012-13

Letter dated January 18, 2013, from A. Paterson, Professor, Department of Medicine and Oncology, University of Calgary, to Dr. Douglas Perry regarding the Alberta Health Technology review of the Oncotype DX breast cancer assay

Sessional Paper 834/2012-13

Alberta Doctors' Digest article dated March-April 2013 entitled "Please wait while Frankenhealth rises"

Sessional Paper 835/2012-13

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Excerpt from the Alberta Health Services Infrastructure Capital Submission 2013/14 to 2017/18 regarding the Foothills Medical Centre kitchen renovation project

Sessional Paper 836/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, on behalf of Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

CBC News website article dated May 2, 2013, entitled “Calgary crowd vents about disability program cuts,” relating to comments made by Mr. Wilson during Oral Question Period on May 9, 2013

Sessional Paper 837/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Email message dated May 8, 2013, from the Alberta Council of Disability Services to its members regarding budget reductions, relating to comments made by Ms Notley during Oral Question Period on May 9, 2013

Sessional Paper 838/2012-13

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

Memorandum dated May 8, 2013, from Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting early consideration of Bill 203, Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2012, to proceed to Third Reading directly after Committee of the Whole on May 13, 2013

Sessional Paper 839/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ4 asked for by Mr. Barnes on December 3, 2012:

Have all of the applications to the 2010 Southern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program and the 2010 Spring South Eastern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program been finalized, and how long did it take applicants to receive a first assistance payment once they provided all required information?

Sessional Paper 840/2012-13

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

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mrs. Forsyth on December 3, 2012:

Which physicians, psychiatrists, or pharmacists were consulted on the Creating Connections: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy dated September 2011?

Sessional Paper 841/2012-13

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

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Fox on December 3, 2012:

What are the criteria for determining the location of new registry offices in Alberta and do the communities of Blackfalds, Chestermere, and Redcliff meet these criteria?

Sessional Paper 842/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Pedersen on December 3, 2012:

What Government of Alberta infrastructure projects are currently scheduled for Medicine Hat, and what are the projected costs and completion dates for each infrastructure project?

Sessional Paper 843/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

A debate followed.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, May 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, read a letter from the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River thanking the Government for its assistance following the 2011 wildfire crisis.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's generic drug pricing plan.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement recognizing Grade 6 students from Garneau School in Edmonton who recently visited Fort McMurray to learn about the oil sands.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Provincial Skills Canada Competition, to be held in Edmonton from May 13 to 17, 2013.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing May 2013 as Asian Heritage Month.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, presented a petition from over 12,000 Albertans urging the Government to implement policy that will ensure that the access to and quality of the services currently provided by community pharmacies and pharmacists in Alberta is preserved.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, presented a petition from several hundred Albertans urging the Government to implement policy that ensures access to and quality of the services currently provided by community pharmacies and pharmacists in Alberta is maintained.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, on behalf of Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, presented a petition from 1,173 Albertans urging the Government to implement policy that will ensure that the access to and quality of the services currently provided by community pharmacies and pharmacists in Alberta is preserved.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, on behalf of Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from several hundred Albertans urging the Government to implement policy that will ensure that the access to and quality of the services currently provided by community pharmacies and pharmacists in Alberta is preserved.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr1 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act —
Mr. Dorward

Bill Pr2 Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013 —
Mr. McDonald

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr1, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act

Sessional Paper 844/2012-13

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr2, Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013

Sessional Paper 845/2012-13

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act

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

Be it resolved that:

- A. Pursuant to Standing Order 77(2), Bill 26, Assurance for Students Act, may be advanced two or more stages in one day;
- B. If Bill 26 has not yet been introduced, then immediately following the passage of this motion, the Assembly shall revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of Bill 26, Assurance for Students Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture:

Letter dated May 9, 2013, from Bill Evans, Executive Director, Alberta Media Production Industries Association, to the Editors of the Calgary Herald and the Edmonton Journal clarifying inaccuracies in the May 8, 2013, article entitled "Alberta Film Tax Credit Earns All-party Support"

Sessional Paper 846/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities:

Document dated May 13, 2013, entitled "List of WCB's Partnerships in Injury Reduction (PIR) award recipients"

Sessional Paper 847/2012-13

Document dated May 13, 2013, entitled "List of all employers in Alberta who received a Partnerships in Injury Reduction (PIR) rebate in 2012"

Sessional Paper 848/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated April 22, 2013, from Linda Egland-Dyck of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 849/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Email message dated April 19, 2013, from Dominic Schamuhn, Legislative Assistant, Wildrose Official Opposition, to Raeanne Peers, Scheduling Assistant to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, confirming a meeting between Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, and Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk scheduled for May 7, 2013, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk during Oral Question Period on May 13, 2013

Sessional Paper 850/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 300 Albertans urging the Premier to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity and stability

Sessional Paper 851/2012-13

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Email message dated April 26, 2013, from Ross to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding the collection of funds by bare land condominium corporations, relating to comments made by Mr. Fox in the Assembly during the week of May 6 to 9, 2013

Sessional Paper 852/2012-13

Letter dated April 12, 2013, from Marvin Lee of Calgary to Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, regarding the collection of funds by bare land condominium corporations, relating to comments made by Mr. Fox in the Assembly during the week of May 6 to 9, 2013

Sessional Paper 853/2012-13

Email message dated May 13, 2013, from Anne Murgg of Langley, British Columbia, to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding the closure of Michener Centre and how it will affect her developmentally disabled brother

Sessional Paper 854/2012-13

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Letter dated May 6, 2013, from Denny Garratt, Reeve, Municipal District of Lesser Slave River, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing thanks to the Government for its assistance following the 2011 wildfire, referred to by Ms Calahasen during her Member's Statement on May 13, 2013

Sessional Paper 855/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 67th Annual General Meeting Report dated March 26, 2013

Sessional Paper 856/2012-13

Pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4), Alberta Association of Architects, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 857/2012-13

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 858/2012-13

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 859/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

During consideration of Bill 203, Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2012, Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Committee to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 203 Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act,
2012 — Mr. Jeneroux

Ms Pastoor, 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) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 860/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act,
2012 — Mr. Jeneroux

Second Reading

During consideration of Bill 206, Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012, Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012
— Mr. Fraser

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Ms Kubinec (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to complete a report, to be tabled in the Assembly, which examines *various* strategies utilized around the world *that* enhance the viability of rural *communities* and to *help* retain *rural families*.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on May 9, 2013, that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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

For the amendment: 12

Anderson	Bilous	Smith
Anglin	Donovan	Swann
Barnes	Hale	Towle
Bikman	Mason	Wilson

Against the amendment: 33

Allen	Hughes	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Denis	Khan	Rodney
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sandhu
Drysdale	Kubinec	Sarich
Fenske	Leskiw	Scott
Fraser	McIver	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McQueen	Woo-Paw
Hancock	Oberle	Xiao

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$), be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$), being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Rogers in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Allen	Hancock	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Hughes	Pastoor
Campbell	Jeneroux	Quadri
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Denis	Khan	Sarich
Dorward	Klimchuk	Scott
Drysdale	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Leskiw	Webber
Fenske	McIver	Woo-Paw
Fraser	McQueen	Xiao
Goudreau	Oberle	Young

Against the motion: 14

Anderson	Blakeman	Smith
Anglin	Donovan	Swann
Barnes	Hale	Towle
Bikman	Mason	Wilson
Bilous	Notley	

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

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

The following motion was moved by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Be it resolved that this committee requests the Assembly to issue an instruction to the committee to summon the Information and Privacy Commissioner, an independent Officer of this Legislature, and receive evidence as to the likely effects of the measures proposed in Bill 25, Children First Act (\$).

According to Standing Order 48, the Chair ruled the motion to be out of order.

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Khan, 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 25 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 861/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 862/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A3) (Hon. Member for Airdrie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 863/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 864/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 865/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 866/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 867/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 868/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 869/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 870/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A11) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 871/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A12) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 872/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A13) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 873/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 25 (A14) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 874/2012-13

Government Motions

33. Oral notice having been given May 9, 2013, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that Bill 207, Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013, be moved to Government Bills and Orders on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:10 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2013, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

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.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, made a statement regarding the Government's efforts to support persons with disabilities and its new emphasis on supports that provide for inclusion and engagement in the community.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement expressing support for Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's contract negotiations with teachers.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing April 6, 2013, as Tartan Day.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding funding cuts to health care services.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding Albertans' trust in the Government.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, was not in order to be presented.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,560 Albertans urging the Government to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity and stability

Sessional Paper 875/2012-13

CBC News website article dated May 14, 2013, entitled “Progressive Conservative MLA leaves trail of unpaid debts,” with attached copies of Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta Consent Judgment between Dee Vee Electrical Ltd. and Newview Homes Ltd. dated March 5, 2012, a Writ of Enforcement stating Newview Homes Ltd. as the debtor and Fancy Doors & Mouldings Ltd. as the creditor dated April 17, 2012, Affidavit of Parmjit Sandhu sworn March 19, 2013, various receipts showing expenses of Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, and excerpts from the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship meetings of December 13, 2012, and February 4, 2013
Sessional Paper 876/2012-13

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

Report entitled “National Freedom of Information Audit 2012,” prepared by Newspapers Canada, relating to comments made by Mr. Kang during Oral Question Period on May 14, 2013

Sessional Paper 877/2012-13

United Nurses of Alberta website article dated May 13, 2013, entitled “UNA demands answers from AHS about nurse layoffs”

Sessional Paper 878/2012-13

Copy of a petition signed by thousands of Albertans urging the Government to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity and stability

Sessional Paper 879/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated May 8, 2013, from Tyler Stephenson, Ph.D. candidate, University of Alberta, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding education funding cutbacks

Sessional Paper 880/2012-13

Document entitled “May 13, 2013 Report” listing 96 people who have emailed the Edmonton-Centre constituency office regarding the proposed arena in downtown Edmonton and expressed their support for the City of Edmonton’s application for a Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant, prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 881/2012-13

Document entitled “May 13, 2013 Report” listing 1,317 people who have emailed the Edmonton-Centre constituency office expressing support for funding Edmonton’s downtown arena, prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 882/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Report dated August 2012 entitled “Investor Perspectives on the Attractiveness of Alberta’s Electricity Generation Market,” prepared by Morrison Park Advisors for Alberta’s Market Surveillance Administrator

Sessional Paper 883/2012-13

Document entitled “Power Pool of Alberta real time price,” dated May 13, 2013, at 12:00 hours

Sessional Paper 884/2012-13

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Copy of a petition signed by thousands of Albertans urging the Government to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity and stability

Sessional Paper 885/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

34. Oral notice having been given May 13, 2013, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

- A. Pursuant to Standing Order 77(2), Bill 26, Assurance for Students Act, may be advanced two or more stages in one day;
- B. If Bill 26 has not yet been introduced, then immediately following the passage of this motion, the Assembly shall revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of Bill 26, Assurance for Students Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 26, Assurance for Students Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Bill 207 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013 — Mr. Webber

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Children First Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act — Mr. Dorward

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute during Second Reading and Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr2 Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013 —
Mr. McDonald

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 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended in section 7(1) by adding “as well as a list of the recipients of the grants for each project” after “audited financial statements of the Fund”.

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

For the amendment: 12

Anglin	Fox	Saskiw
Bilous	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Donovan	McAllister	Towle

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fawcett	Lukaszuk
Amery	Fenske	McQueen
Brown	Griffiths	Oberle
Campbell	Jansen	Olesen
Cao	Jeneroux	Olson
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Denis	Khan	Scott
Dorward	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Leskiw	Woo-Paw

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 8 and substituting the following:

8 The Minister may, in accordance with the regulations, require a proponent to provide the Minister with information related to aboriginal traditional land use studies for one or both of the following purposes:

- (a) to assist in determining the amount of funds to be provided to First Nations and other identified aboriginal groups;

- (b) to plan and facilitate any required Crown consultation in respect of regulated provincial activities that are occurring in the areas under development.

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

For the amendment: 13

Anglin	Fox	Saskiw
Bilous	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Donovan	McAllister	Towle
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Fenske	McQueen
Amery	Griffiths	Oberle
Brown	Jansen	Olesen
Campbell	Jeneroux	Olson
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Dallas	Khan	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Dorward	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Young
Fawcett		

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4 by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:

- (3) The Minister may only use the Fund for the following purposes:
- (a) to pay all of the costs incurred by First Nations and identified aboriginal groups with respect to consultation;
 - (b) to make grants in accordance with the regulations to First Nations and identified aboriginal groups to assist them in developing capacity to participate fully in all required Crown consultations in respect of provincial regulated activities; and
 - (c) to pay the costs of administering this Act.
- (4) The Consultation Levy Fund, and grants made from therein, cannot under any circumstance be construed as accommodation or compensation for infringements of Treaty or aboriginal rights.

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

For the amendment: 12

Anglin	Fox	Saskiw
Bilous	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Eggen	McAllister	Towle

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Fawcett	McQueen
Amery	Fenske	Oberle
Brown	Jansen	Olesen
Campbell	Jeneroux	Olson
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Dallas	Khan	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Donovan	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Dorward	Lukaszuk	Young
Drysdale		

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the Bill be amended in section 10 as follows:

A. By striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:

- (d) respecting the amount or the method of determining the amount of a consultation levy in consultation with First Nations and other identified aboriginal groups, including, without limitation, regulations
 - (i) prescribing factors on the basis of which a consultation levy is determined,
 - (ii) respecting any formula, ratio or percentage to be used to calculate a consultation levy, and
 - (iii) establishing different consultation levies for different types of provincial regulated activities.

B. By striking out clause (k).

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

For the amendment: 11

Anglin	Fox	Smith
Bilous	Hale	Stier
Blakeman	Mason	Towle
Eggen	Saskiw	

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fawcett	McQueen
Amery	Fenske	Oberle
Brown	Fraser	Olesen
Campbell	Jansen	Olson
Cao	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Dorward	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Young

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended:

- A. in section 1(1) by striking out clause (f) and substituting the following:
 (f) “identified aboriginal group” means “aboriginal peoples of Canada”, as defined in section 35(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982, in the Province of Alberta;
- B. by striking out section 2.

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

For the amendment: 10

Anglin	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Eggen	Saskiw	Towle
Fox		

Against the amendment: 33

Allen	Fawcett	Lukaszuk
Amery	Fenske	McQueen
Brown	Fraser	Oberle
Campbell	Griffiths	Olesen
Cao	Jansen	Olson
Casey	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Denis	Khan	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Leskiw	Young

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking out subsection (2).

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

For the amendment: 10

Anglin	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Eggen	Saskiw	Towle
Fox		

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Fawcett	McQueen
Amery	Fenske	Oberle
Brown	Fraser	Olesen
Campbell	Jansen	Olson
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Dallas	Khan	Scott
DeLong	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Denis	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Dorward	Lukaszuk	Young
Drysdale		

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended by renumbering section 2 as section 2(1) and by adding the following after subsection (1):

(2) For greater certainty, a Minister's order identifying an aboriginal group under subsection (1) does not constitute recognition for any purpose beyond the scope of this Act nor shall it be interpreted as bestowing any other rights or benefits.

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

For the amendment: 10

Anglin	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Eggen	Saskiw	Towle
Fox		

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fenske	Oberle
Amery	Jansen	Olesen
Campbell	Jeneroux	Olson
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
DeLong	Khan	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Dorward	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Fawcett	McQueen	Young

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 9.

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

For the amendment: 11

Anglin	Hale	Smith
Blakeman	Mason	Stier
Eggen	McAllister	Towle
Fox	Saskiw	

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fawcett	Oberle
Amery	Fenske	Olesen
Brown	Hughes	Olson
Campbell	Jansen	Pastoor
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quadri
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
DeLong	Khan	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Dorward	Lukaszuk	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	McQueen	Young

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(1)(j) by striking out subclause (viii).

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

For the amendment: 12

Anglin	Fox	Saskiw
Blakeman	Hale	Smith
Donovan	Mason	Stier
Eggen	McAllister	Towle

Against the amendment: 30

Allen	Fawcett	Oberle
Amery	Fenske	Olesen
Brown	Hughes	Olson
Campbell	Jansen	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
DeLong	Khan	VanderBurg
Denis	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Dorward	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Drysdale	McQueen	Young

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended in section 10

- (a) by renumbering it as section 10(1);
- (b) in subsection (1)(d) by adding “Subject to subsection (2),” before “respecting the amount”;
- (c) by adding the following after subsection (1):

- (2) Prior to any regulation made pursuant to subsection (1)(d), the Crown must negotiate the amount among First Nations and identified aboriginal groups and industry representatives.

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

For the amendment: 9

Anglin	Hale	Smith
Donovan	McAllister	Stier
Fox	Saskiw	Towle

Against the amendment: 31

Allen	Fawcett	Mason
Amery	Fenske	Oberle
Blakeman	Hughes	Olesen
Brown	Jansen	Olson
Campbell	Jeneroux	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Denis	Khan	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kubinec	Xiao
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Young
Eggen		

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 10:

10.1 Before introducing an amendment in the Assembly or making a regulation under section 10, the Minister must

- (a) provide First Nations and other identified aboriginal groups with notice in writing and a copy of the proposed regulation or amendment as the case may be, and
- (b) give due consideration to written suggestions about the regulation or amendment that are received from the First Nations and identified aboriginal groups within 45 days of the notice.

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

For the amendment: 9

Anglin	Eggen	Saskiw
Blakeman	Hale	Smith
Donovan	McAllister	Towle

Against the amendment: 28

Allen	Fenske	Oberle
Amery	Hughes	Olesen
Brown	Jansen	Olson
Campbell	Jeneroux	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Denis	Khan	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kubinec	Xiao
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Young
Fawcett		

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr1 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act — Mr. Dorward

Bill Pr2 Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013 —
Mr. McDonald

Mr. Amery, 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 22 (A1) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 886/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A2) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 887/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 888/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clareview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 889/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A5) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 890/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A6) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 891/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A7) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 892/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A8) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 893/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A9) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 894/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A10) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 895/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 22 (A11) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 896/2012-13

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on
behalf of the Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 897/2012-13

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 898/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:38 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

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, should it be necessary.

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement providing a Wildrose retrospective of the current session of the Legislature.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the New Democrats' role to hold the Government accountable during the current session of the Legislature.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding innovation initiatives in the constituency of Calgary-Varsity and the importance to society of science.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing May 2013 as Food Allergy Awareness Month.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 30th anniversary and ongoing contributions of the Filipino Senior Citizens Association of Edmonton.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Government business grants.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, presented a petition from over 1,600 Albertans urging the Government to phase in the increase in the education property tax caused by the cessation of the education property tax mitigation program in equal increments over a period of four or more years to lessen the financial impact on residents of the affected communities.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, on behalf of Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise, Annual Report 2012
Sessional Paper 899/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Copy of a petition signed by 89 Albertans urging the Government to refrain from reallocating the estimated \$42 million from the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Access Program into other government budgets as it will create substantial financial and personal hardships for both clients and service providers

Sessional Paper 900/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter, undated, from Linda Canniff of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Community Access Program for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 901/2012-13

Copy of a petition signed by 1,377 Albertans urging the Government to increase post-secondary education funding that will exceed the 2011-2012 budget

Sessional Paper 902/2012-13

Copy of a petition signed by 113 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that amends the Workers' Compensation Act to allow for physicians to advocate for the injured worker to receive compensation, with medical reports that answer to the cause of the workplace injury/incident in a timely manner and to protect doctors who give medical evidence and treatment needed to the injured worker

Sessional Paper 903/2012-13

Letter dated April 22, 2013, from Kerry Sonnenberg of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Community Access Program for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 904/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Copy of a petition signed by 257 Albertans regarding the closure of acute care beds in Elk Point

Sessional Paper 905/2012-13

68 letters from Albertans to Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, expressing concern regarding how funding cuts will affect the care and service that pharmacists can provide

Sessional Paper 906/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Copy of a petition signed by over 3,700 Albertans urging the Government to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity and stability

Sessional Paper 907/2012-13

Page 9 from a document entitled “The Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta, Election Platform 2012,” relating to comments made by Mrs. Towle during Oral Question Period on May 15, 2013

Sessional Paper 908/2012-13

Excerpt from the Alberta Health Services Infrastructure Capital Submission 2013/14-2017/18 entitled “Appendix VI: Detailed Capital Submission for Seniors Care Facilities Across Alberta to 2017/18,” relating to comments made by Mrs. Towle during Oral Question Period on May 15, 2013

Sessional Paper 909/2012-13

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Letter, undated, from Pat Whyte of Brooks to Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Community Access Program for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 910/2012-13

12 letters, undated, from Albertans expressing concerns regarding funding cuts to the Community Access Program for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 911/2012-13

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

88 postcards, undated, from Albertans to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, requesting the Government restore the \$42 million back into services for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 912/2012-13

Speaker’s Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages. The Deputy Speaker then made some remarks, and on behalf of the Speaker and Members, the Deputy Chair of Committees presented the Pages with a gift.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Third Reading

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

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 44

Amery	Fraser	McDonald
Anglin	Fritz	McIver
Barnes	Goudreau	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Hale	Pastoor
Bhullar	Horne	Quadri
Bikman	Jablonski	Quest
Brown	Jansen	Rowe
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sarich
Campbell	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Smith
Cusanelli	Khan	Swann
Donovan	Klimchuk	Towle
Dorward	Lemke	Webber
Fawcett	Luan	Wilson
Fenske	McAllister	

Against the motion: 4

Bilous	Mason	Notley
Eggen		

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

A debate followed.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$), be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 15

Anglin	Eggen	Saskiw
Barnes	McAllister	Smith
Bikman	Notley	Swann
Bilous	Pedersen	Towle
Donovan	Rowe	Wilson

Against the amendment: 36

Amery	Fraser	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Fritz	McIver
Bhullar	Goudreau	Oberle
Brown	Horne	Pastoor
Calahasen	Jansen	Quadri
Campbell	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Cusanelli	Khan	VanderBurg
Dorward	Klimchuk	Webber
Fawcett	Lemke	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Luan	Xiao

The question for Third Reading of Bill 22, Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$), being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Fraser	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Fritz	McIver
Bhullar	Goudreau	Oberle
Brown	Horne	Pastoor
Calahasen	Jansen	Quadri
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Fenske	Luan	Xiao

Against the motion: 15

Anglin	Eggen	Saskiw
Barnes	McAllister	Smith
Bikman	Notley	Swann
Bilous	Pedersen	Towle
Donovan	Rowe	Wilson

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 26 Assurance for Students Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Bill Pr1 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada Act — Mr. Dorward

Bill Pr2 Wild Rose Agricultural Producers Amendment Act, 2013 —
Mr. McDonald

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 32 agreed to on May 8, 2013, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Monday, October 28, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

FOURTH SITTING

OCTOBER 28, 2013, TO DECEMBER 4, 2013

Monday, October 28, 2013

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 Members Mr. Edwin Albert Oman, Member for Calgary-North Hill from 1979 to 1986, who passed away on September 19, 2013, and Mr. Richard Arthur Miller, Member for Edmonton-Rutherford from 2004 to 2008, who passed away on October 26, 2013.

The prayer and moment of silence was also observed in recognition of Mr. Paul Joseph Lorieau, who sang the national anthem in the Legislative Assembly Chamber since January 27, 1998, and passed away on July 2, 2013.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 7(1.1) and 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, made a statement regarding the work the Government is doing to help communities recover and rebuild following the floods in southern Alberta in June 2013.

Ms Smith, 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.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period Rotation

Honourable Members, before we proceed with the Routine and Oral Question Period, I would like to make a brief statement about the rotation of oral questions and Members' Statements. This statement is further to my recent memorandum dated and sent to each of you on October 18 of this year, which included the Projected Sitting Days Calendar for the Fall Sitting.

As you are all well aware, there have been changes to caucus membership over the last number of months, and the Member for Edmonton-Manning and the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo are both now sitting as independent Members. Although the first change occurred on May 14, when the Assembly was in fact sitting, this was only one day prior to the House concluding the Spring Sitting, so there was little or no opportunity to make a statement regarding the rotation at that time.

At the outset, however, I would like to point out to all Members that the change in caucus membership will not alter the rotation of questions for today or tomorrow, which, as indicated on the calendar, are so-called days two and three of the rotation sequence.

In reviewing the rotation for question period, I noted that the current House standings are somewhat similar to those that existed in both February 2011 and February 2012, where there was one independent Member and one Member of the Alberta Party. It is my view that the current rotation should parallel these circumstances, which would result in each independent Member having one question every four days. Accordingly, the Member for Edmonton-Manning will be entitled to a question this Wednesday, should he wish to take it, since that will be day four, and the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo will be entitled to a question this coming Thursday, should he wish to take it, since that will be day one.

In other words, given that today is day two in the rotation, this means that one independent Member will have a question on day four and the second independent Member will have a question on day one, which follows day four. As was the case in 2011 and 2012, the independent Members will be entitled to the sixth question slot on each of these days, a slot which occurs after all four caucuses have had the opportunity to ask at least one question during slots one, two, three, four, and five.

With respect to the rotation for Members' Statements, this has also been modified to provide for one statement for each independent Member every two weeks. This was reflected on the Projected Sitting Days Calendar that I sent you last week.

Honourable Members, we are off to a very good start with some wonderful statements. Let us see if we can continue on that high level and that high plane.

Members' Statements

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the policies of the Official Opposition and of the Government.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the Wildrose party's annual general meeting held in Red Deer on October 25 and 26, 2013, and the review of its policies.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the damages sustained in the Banff-Cochrane constituency due to the floods that occurred in June 2013 and the assistance provided by many Albertans and by the Government.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the tentative agreement announced on October 24, 2013, between the Government and the Tsuu T'ina Nation concerning the Southwest Calgary Ring Road.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the damages sustained at the Calgary Zoo following the floods in June 2013 and the work being done to fully reopen the zoo in November 2013.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Mr. Rick Miller, former Member for Edmonton-Rutherford from 2004 to 2008, who passed away on October 26, 2013.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Quest, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following pursuant to Standing Order 74.2(1):

Standing Committee on Families and Communities, Report entitled “Review of Bill 204, Irlen Syndrome Testing Act, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session” dated October 2013

Sessional Paper 974/2012-13

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Jablonski speaking.

Speaker’s Statement – Motion to Concur in the Report from the Standing Committee on Families and Communities

Honourable Member, I hesitate to interrupt, but I must because we have a unique situation that has arisen here on which I need to make a few brief comments. As Members have just heard, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has just presented a report from that committee on Bill 204, known as the Irlen Syndrome Testing Act. The Chair moved that the Assembly concur in that report. This follows the usual practice when this type of committee reports on a Bill that has been referred to it by this Assembly. The unique part here, however, is that motions for concurrence from this type of committee have not been debated in the past once they have been presented and a motion for concurrence has been uttered.

At this time the Assembly is still considering items in the Daily Routine, which is not the usual time for debating motions. In fact, Standing Order 2 states in part that, “In all contingencies unprovided for, the question shall be decided by the Speaker . . .” and it continues on. In this case the committee’s report concerns a Private Member’s Public Bill. Therefore, it would be inappropriate in the Chair’s view to ask the Government House Leader and other Members to find time to schedule a debate on the motion for concurrence during Government business since it is a Private Member’s Public Bill.

Accordingly, it also seems to me that the more logical time to debate this motion for concurrence or otherwise is during the item known as Public Bills and Orders Other than Government Bills and Orders. This item of business, as you all know, occurs on Monday afternoons, which means that our Assembly will have an opportunity to debate this motion further, in fact today, this afternoon to be exact, immediately after the items of business called Written Questions and Motions for Returns. My understanding is that there is only one Written Question for consideration today, which means that we should have ample time for the said debate to carry on.

Furthermore and in keeping with the time limits for Private Members' Public Bills found in Standing Order 29(3), Members who wish to participate in the debate on the concurrence motion will be limited to 10 minutes each in their speaking time. The mover of the motion will of course have five minutes to close debate thereafter. As I have said, there should be lots of time to do that this afternoon. At least, we hope so.

Thank you for your attention in providing me with this opportunity to provide some direction on this unique situation. As always, I am interested in any comments that you might have regarding what I have just said, and in particular from the House Leaders, but also from Members in general outside of the proceedings of the Assembly. If you wish to write to me, please let me know.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following, pursuant to Standing Order 74.2(1):

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, Report entitled "Review of Bill 205, Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session" dated August 2013

Sessional Paper 960/2012-13

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

Debate adjourned, Ms Calahasen speaking.

Speaker's Statement – Motion to Concur in the Report from the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship

As I just indicated to the Member for Red Deer-North and to all Members, the most appropriate time for the debate on this matter and other such committee motions for concurrence would be this afternoon once we get to that stage. It will take place prior to 5:00 p.m. That having been said, we will proceed on that basis.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, 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, the negative impacts on patient care and safety resulting from Alberta Health Services' decision in June 2013 to significantly reduce the number of home care providers in Edmonton and Calgary by cancelling contracts with existing providers and awarding multi-million dollar, multi-year contracts to for-profit corporations.

Introduction of Bills

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Bill 29 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horne

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated July 8, 2013, from Garrick Burrton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the lack of availability of rental properties that allow pets and requesting that Ms Blakeman lobby for a change to legislation

Sessional Paper 975/2012-13

Email message dated October 8, 2013, from Diana Sully to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable seniors' housing in Edmonton that allow pets

Sessional Paper 976/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Letter dated June 27, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to D.N. (Dale) McGowan, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, RCMP "K" Division, requesting confirmation that firearms collected from homes in High River during the flooding disaster are being stored and not confiscated or seized and requesting information regarding the return of the firearms

Sessional Paper 977/2012-13

Letter dated June 28, 2013, from D.N. (Dale) McGowan, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, RCMP "K" Division, to Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, responding to Hon. Mr. Denis's letter of June 27, regarding firearms collected from homes in High River

Sessional Paper 978/2012-13

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Letter dated August 28, 2013, from Rajko Dodic, QC, Mayor, City of Lethbridge, also signed by several Alberta Mayors, to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding the consolidation of ambulance dispatch services

Sessional Paper 979/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, on behalf of Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report dated October 2013 entitled "Waiting your turn: Wait times for health care in Canada, 2013 Report," prepared by Bacchus Barua and Nadeem Esmail of the Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 980/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated September 27, 2013, from Frank Bruseker, President, Calgary Public Teachers' Association Local 38, to Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, regarding a survey of Calgary Board of Education high school principals relating to class size

Sessional Paper 981/2012-13

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

Letter dated August 29, 2013, from Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing official notice of his resignation from three committees of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 982/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 07/13, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 27)

Sessional Paper 983/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, C-23, s28(1):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by Neil Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Member Parmjit (Peter) Sandhu (Non-disclosure), dated October 16, 2013

Sessional Paper 984/2012-13

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by Neil Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Member Parmjit (Peter) Sandhu (Improper Use of Office), dated October 16, 2013

Sessional Paper 985/2012-13

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, 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 negative impacts on patient care and safety resulting from Alberta Health Services' decision in June 2013 to significantly reduce the number of home care providers in Edmonton and Calgary by cancelling contracts with existing providers and awarding multi-million dollar, multi-year contracts to for-profit corporations.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Associate Minister for Recovery and Reconstruction of High River, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer the sponsorship of Bill 206, Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012, to Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie.

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ41. Asked for by Mr. Bikman:

What are the amounts for which the Crown has settled legal actions for each fiscal year commencing April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2012, where the Minister or Ministry of Energy is the defendant, and what were the causes of action in those legal actions?

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly, to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mr. Luan (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote and assist heritage language *schooling in collaboration with local school board authorities to provide adequate access to school facilities.*

A debate followed.

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. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, s10(3), sch10:

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 913/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1 to December 31, 2011, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 914/2012-13

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, Annual Report 2012, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 915/2012-13

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 916/2012-13

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report, April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 917/2012-13

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2012, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 918/2012-13

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 919/2012-13

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 920/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s87(4) :

Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on May 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 921/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ34, asked for by Mr. McAllister on April 22, 2013, deposited on June 5, 2013:

What was the total amount that school boards in Alberta charged in mandatory school fees in each of the school years from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, and how much did each individual board charge?

Sessional Paper 922/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ35, asked for by Mr. McAllister on April 22, 2013, deposited on June 5, 2013:

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Education to determine where new schools are constructed?

Sessional Paper 923/2012-13

Pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on June 5, 2013
Sessional Paper 924/2012-13

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on June 5, 2013
Sessional Paper 925/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2012-2013 Annual Report,
deposited on June 7, 2013
Sessional Paper 926/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on June 12, 2013
Sessional Paper 927/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Alberta Denturists, Annual Report 2012, deposited on June 21, 2013
Sessional Paper 928/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 18, 2013, deposited on June 24, 2013:

What is the average amount of total federal and provincial loans provided to a medical student enrolled at an Alberta university who entered repayment in 2009-10?

Sessional Paper 929/2012-13

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

Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 930/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2):

Agriculture and Rural Development, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 931/2012-13

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Culture, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 932/2012-13

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

Education, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 933/2012-13

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

Enterprise and Advanced Education, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 934/2012-13

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14 :

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 935/2012-13

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 936/2012-13

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

Human Services, Annual Report (Volume 1) 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 937/2012-13

Human Services, Annual Report (Volume 2) 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 938/2012-13

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

Infrastructure, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 939/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, Annual Report 2012-2013,
deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 940/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Justice and Solicitor General, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27,
2013
Sessional Paper 941/2012-13

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

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 942/2012-13

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

Service Alberta, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 943/2012-13

Hon. Dr. Starke, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on
June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 944/2012-13

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

Transportation, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 945/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30, Treasury Board and Finance, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 946/2012-13

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10, Government of Alberta, 2012-13 Annual Report, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 947/2012-13

Mr. Khan, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s16(2), and Standing Order 55:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on June 27, 2013
Sessional Paper 948/2012-13

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Response to Written Question WQ30, asked for by Mr. Barnes on April 15, 2013, deposited on July 2, 2013:

As of November 1, 2012, what is the projected spending for *the contract associated with each project listed in Alberta Transportation's Three-Year Construction Program (2012-2015) with the exception of pre-tendered estimates?*

Sessional Paper 949/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ31, asked for by Mr. Barnes on April 15, 2013, deposited on July 2, 2013:

How many drivers have had their vehicles impounded since September 1, 2012, pursuant to the 2011 amendments to the Traffic Safety Act, and what was the average length of time of the impoundment?

Sessional Paper 950/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5) :

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2011 Annual Report, deposited on July 5, 2013

Sessional Paper 951/2012-13

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on July 5, 2013

Sessional Paper 952/2012-13

Mr. Cao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s30, Office of the Auditor General of Alberta, Performance Report 2012-2013, deposited on July 8, 2013
Sessional Paper 953/2012-13

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2), Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, July 2013, deposited on July 9, 2013
Sessional Paper 954/2012-13

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

Health, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on July 9, 2013
Sessional Paper 955/2012-13

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

Energy, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on July 10, 2013
Sessional Paper 956/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, 2012-13 Annual Report, deposited on July 16, 2013
Sessional Paper 957/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, 2011-2012 Annual Report, deposited on July 26, 2013
Sessional Paper 958/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy, pursuant to Standing Order 52.09(1):

Alberta Energy's response to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship's March 2013 report on the potential for expanded hydroelectric energy production entitled "Response to the Standing Committee on the Hydroelectric Report," with attached letter dated August 1, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy, to Ms Kennedy-Glans, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, deposited on August 1, 2013
Sessional Paper 959/2012-13

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, pursuant to Standing Order 74.2(1):

Report entitled “Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, Review of Bill 205, Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session,” dated August 2013, deposited on August 8, 2013

Sessional Paper 960/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2013, deposited on August 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 961/2012-13

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association, Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fourth Annual General Meeting (2013), deposited on August 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 962/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s22(6):

Health Services Preferential Access Inquiry, Alberta, Volume 1: Inquiry Report and Volume 2: Research and Expert Opinions, deposited on August 21, 2013

Sessional Paper 963/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2011, deposited on September 18, 2013

Sessional Paper 964/2012-13

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

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(d), and Standing Order 55, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2012/2013 Report Covering Activities related to the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, deposited on September 25, 2013

Sessional Paper 965/2012-13

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s15(2), and Standing Order 55:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Third Quarter Update 2012-2013, deposited on September 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 966/2012-13

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter 2013-2014, deposited on September 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 967/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2), Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2012/2013, deposited on October 3, 2013

Sessional Paper 968/2012-13

Pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3), and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3), Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Report to the Minister and Summary of Activities, Reporting Period: April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013 (2012-2013 Fiscal Year), deposited on October 3, 2013

Sessional Paper 969/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy, pursuant to Standing Order 52.09(1):

Alberta Energy's response to the report of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future entitled "Review of the BRIK (Bitumen Royalty-in-Kind) Program," with attached memorandum from Hon. Mr. Hughes to Mr. Amery, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, deposited on October 17, 2013

Sessional Paper 970/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on October 17, 2013

Sessional Paper 971/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 2013, Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2013, deposited on October 24, 2013

Sessional Paper 972/2012-13

Alberta Law Foundation, Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Years ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, deposited on October 24, 2013

Sessional Paper 973/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Chinese Freemasons.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Lions Foundation of Canada, her hearing aid service dog Quill, and the federal government's proposed "Quanto's law" in support of police service animals.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the new Alberta Tourism Framework announced on October 29, 2013.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Calgary Society for Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing Diwali, the five-day Indian festival of lights, and the celebration held in the Legislature Rotunda on October 29, 2013.

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.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the work of many in the Brooks community to reopen the beef processing plant that was shut down last year due to contamination, and the Alberta Beef Celebration held in Brooks on September 7, 2013.

Privilege – Public Advertising of a Bill

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, on behalf of Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding his belief that as a result of the Government's public advertising of a Bill not yet presented to this Legislature, the Government deliberately prevented the Members of the Legislative Assembly from fulfilling their duty and as such breached the rights of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and thereby committed a contempt.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Calgary Society for Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2013
Sessional Paper 986/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on April 17, 2013, Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 987/2012-13

Pursuant to the Asia Advisory Council Act, c44.5, s8(2), Asia Advisory Council, Annual Report 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 988/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Dr. Sherman on March 11, 2013:

What is the breakdown of operating expenses listed under the heading "Data Communications" for 2009-2010, as reported in Note 12 to the Financial Statements of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (Solicitor General and Public Security Annual Report, 2009-10, p. 113)?

Sessional Paper 989/2012-13

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 990/2012-13

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

67 recent email messages and letters expressing support for Bill 207, Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013

Sessional Paper 991/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2012-2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 992/2012-13

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

Letter dated October 9, 2013, signed by 16 doctors from the University of Alberta, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, to Mrs. Hofer, Mr. Trafford, Dr. Wesenberg, and Dr. O'Hara, regarding a request for feedback on a proposal concerning privatization of laboratory services, relating to comments made by Mr. Mason during Oral Question Period on October 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 993/2012-13

Letter, undated, with the sender's name blocked out, to Dr. John Cowell, Official Administrator, Alberta Health Services, and Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to the privatization of hospital-based medical laboratory services in the Edmonton region

Sessional Paper 994/2012-13

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

Edmonton Journal article dated August 26, 2013, entitled "Province to OK Fort McMurray, Drumheller floodway development"

Sessional Paper 995/2012-13

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Memorandum of Understanding dated June 18, 2012, between the Government of Alberta, the City of Calgary, and the City of Edmonton, regarding a commitment to deliverables

Sessional Paper 996/2012-13

Metro News article dated October 29, 2013, entitled "Big cities or all cities? Nenshi and Griffiths square off again over city charters"

Sessional Paper 997/2012-13

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association newsletter dated October 25, 2013

Sessional Paper 998/2012-13

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Report From the Law Society of Alberta With Respect to the Government of Alberta's Review of the Alberta Land Titles System in its Results-based Budgeting Process, dated August 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 999/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of the University of Alberta Action Plan, Budget Presentation to General Faculties Council on Monday, October 28, 2013, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk during Oral Question Period on October 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 1000/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Sherwood Park News article dated October 29, 2013, entitled "Bill for playground zones announced"

Sessional Paper 1001/2012-13

Photocopy of a photograph of an Alberta Government sign entitled "Building Alberta, Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads (Bill 32)"

Sessional Paper 1002/2012-13

Document dated October 29, 2013, entitled "School and playground zones could soon be harmonized"

Sessional Paper 1003/2012-13

Privilege – Public Advertising of a Bill

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, on behalf of Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding his belief that as a result of the Government's public advertising of a Bill not yet presented to this Legislature, the Government deliberately prevented the Members of the Legislative Assembly from fulfilling their duty and as such breached the rights of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and thereby committed a contempt.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Saskiw, Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Mr. Mason, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Mr. McIver, Mr. Anglin, Mr. Barnes, and Mrs. Towle.

The Speaker stated he would rule on the purported point of privilege the next sitting day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horne

Hon. Mr. Horne 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 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 207 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013 — Mr. Webber

Mr. Amery, 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 207 (A1A) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1004/2012-13

Subamendment to Bill 207 (A1B-SA1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish
Creek) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1005/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 207 (A1B) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1006/2012-13

Government Motions**37.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2013 Fall Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 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.

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved:
that Mr. Amery replace Mr. Sandhu;
- B. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:
that Mr. Allen replace Mr. Webber;
- C. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved:
that Mr. Goudreau replace Hon. Ms Jansen,
that Mrs. Fritz replace Mr. Sandhu;
- D. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:
that Mr. Webber replace Mr. Allen,
that Mr. Luan replace Mr. Goudreau;
- E. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:
that Mr. Young replace Mr. Rogers,
that Mr. Young replace Mr. Rogers as Deputy Chair,
that Mrs. Fritz replace Hon. Mr. Fraser.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

39. Moved by Hon Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Families and Communities be approved:
that Mr. Allen replace Hon. Mr. Fraser,
that Mr. Khan replace Mr. Goudreau,
that Ms Calahasen replace Hon. Ms Jansen;
- B. the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship be approved:
that Mr. Goudreau replace Mr. Allen;

- C. the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee be approved:
 - that Mr. Luan replace Mr. Allen as Chair,
 - that Mr. Dorward replace Mr. Luan as Deputy Chair,
 - that Ms Kubinec replace Mr. Allen.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- A. Clause A is struck out and the following is substituted:
 - the Standing Committee on Families and Communities be approved:
 - that Mr. Khan replace Hon. Mr. Fraser,
 - that Mr. Xiao replace Hon. Mrs. Jansen.
- B. Clause B is struck out.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

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

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

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

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen 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 29 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horne

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 with some amendments:

Bill 207 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013 — Mr. Webber

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 207 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013 — Mr. Webber

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement expressing opposition to Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the lack of Government transparency and accountability in Alberta.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the work of the board members of Alberta's 10 Child and Family Services Authorities and six Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding George Noskiye of Peerless Lake who recently turned 106 years old.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Calgary Christian School.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a proposal by the Canadian Centre for Unmanned Vehicle Systems to establish air space in Forty Mile County for piloting and testing unmanned aerial systems.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from six Albertans urging the Government to increase funding to Alberta Health Services for the specific purpose of providing a higher level of care than can be provided with the new funding model currently in place so that the elderly in our province can enjoy a reasonable quality of life and maintain dignity in their final days.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 21 Albertans urging the Government to reassess how funding for long-term care is allocated to better assist the seniors of Alberta who have the debilitating disease of dementia and associated care needs so that sufficient qualified staff can be provided to care for the changing needs of the senior while maintaining their dignity.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 30 Building Families and Communities Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Petition signed by 114 Albertans urging the Government to increase funding to Alberta Health Services for the specific purpose of providing a higher level of care than can be provided with the new funding model currently in place so that the elderly in our province can enjoy a reasonable quality of life and maintain dignity in their final days

Sessional Paper 1007/2012-13

Petition signed by 71 Albertans urging the Government to reassess how funding for long term care is allocated to better assist the seniors of Alberta who have the debilitating disease of dementia and associated care needs so that sufficient qualified staff can be provided to care for the changing needs of the senior while maintaining their dignity

Sessional Paper 1008/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copy of an online petition of 1,208 names requesting the Government reverse its funding cuts to post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 1009/2012-13

Edmonton Journal article dated October 30, 2013, entitled “Opinion: For-profit hospital labs simply don’t work”

Sessional Paper 1010/2012-13

Copy of a presentation dated September 18, 2013, entitled “The Future of Laboratory Service Delivery,” prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 1011/2012-13

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

Edmonton Journal obituary for Richard Arthur Miller, former Member of the Legislative Assembly, who passed away on October 26, 2013

Sessional Paper 1012/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated October 29, 2013, entitled “Tabling Report - Pension Sustainability Reforms,” prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 1013/2012-13

Email message dated July 14, 2013, from Frank Horvath of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Government's plans to privatize home care services

Sessional Paper 1014/2012-13

Email message dated September 30, 2013, from Kaitlyn Dziwenka to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need for the Government to adequately fund provincial school boards

Sessional Paper 1015/2012-13

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.

Email message dated September 25, 2013, from Dan Scratch to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need for the Government to provide stable, predictable, and adequate funding for education

Sessional Paper 1016/2012-13

Letter dated August 7, 2013, from Linda D. Cameron, Director, University of Alberta Press, expressing concern regarding the shifting of school textbooks to electronic formats

Sessional Paper 1017/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice R.P. Marceau dated October 1, 2013, in the matter between Pembina Institute, Fort McMurray Environmental Association (Applicants) and Director, Northern Region, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and Southern Pacific Resources Corp. (Respondents)

Sessional Paper 1018/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education:

2 email messages dated October 29, 2013, between Matthew McClure, Calgary Herald, and Scott Morrison, "Superintendent," regarding physical education facilities for students from Notre Dame and Holy Spirit schools, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Johnson during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 1019/2012-13

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Pages 2139 and 2140 of Alberta Hansard dated May 7, 2013, relating to comments made by Mr. Wilson during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 1020/2012-13

Report dated October 2013 entitled “Transforming the PDD Program,” prepared by Alberta Human Services, relating to comments made by Mr. Wilson during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 1021/2012-13

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

Brochure entitled “Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 28th Legislature, Fourth Sitting of the First Session, Fall 2013”

Sessional Paper 1022/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, 2012-2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1023/2012-13

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, and Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, on March 19 and 20, 2013, Department of Education, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 1024/2012-13

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

Response to Written Question WQ23 asked for by Dr. Swann on March 11, 2013:

What is the percentage of new graduates from registered nursing programs in Alberta post-secondary institutions who gained employment with Alberta Health Services in each of the fiscal years 2008-2009 to 2011-2012?

Sessional Paper 1025/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

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

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

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will severely undermine local autonomy and that further input is necessary from the public, municipal officials, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will severely undermine local autonomy and that further input is necessary from the public, municipal officials, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Donovan	Notley
Anglin	Hehr	Rowe
Barnes	Mason	Stier

Against the amendment: 35

Bhullar	Horner	Oberle
Brown	Jansen	Olesen
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Dallas	Khan	Sarich
Dorward	Klimchuk	Scott
Fawcett	Kubinec	Starke
Fenske	Lemke	Webber
Fritz	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Griffiths	McIver	Xiao
Hancock	McQueen	

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Anderson	Donovan	Rowe
Anglin	Mason	Stier
Barnes	Notley	

Against the amendment: 34

Bhullar	Horner	McQueen
Brown	Jansen	Oberle
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Olesen
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Dallas	Khan	Rodney
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Fawcett	Kubinec	Scott
Fenske	Lemke	Webber
Fritz	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Griffiths	McIver	Xiao
Hancock		

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Bhullar	Hancock	McIver
Brown	Horner	McQueen
Calahasen	Jansen	Oberle
Cao	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Dorward	Khan	Scott
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Webber
Fritz	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Griffiths	McDonald	Xiao

Against the motion: 6

Anderson
Anglin

Barnes
Donovan

Rowe
Stier

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:41 a.m. Thursday, October 31, 2013, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 31, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of St. Michael's Health Group Millennium Pavilion.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's announcement on October 31, 2013, to strike a task force to seek input regarding Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the introduction of several pieces of legislation supporting the Government's commitment to building Alberta.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a review of natural gas in Alberta currently being undertaken by the all-party Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Blueberry Bluegrass and Country Music Society Festival held in Stony Plain every August.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 615 Albertans urging the Government to immediately reverse harmful cuts to community access programs for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 1026/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 22, 2013, from Stephen Frank, Vice President, Policy Development and Health, Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, Inc., to Michele Evans, Executive Director, Pharmaceutical Funding and Guidance, Alberta Health, submitting questions regarding the proposed new pharmacare program for Alberta

Sessional Paper 1027/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated May 6, 2013, from Chris Ford of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding a worker's right to refuse unsafe work and the treatment of a guard at the Edmonton Remand Centre who reported unsafe working conditions

Sessional Paper 1028/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Letter, undated, from Miles Pavka to the "Editor" proposing changes to the electoral boundaries in the Taber area

Sessional Paper 1029/2012-13

Letter, undated, from Burnell Bennett of Taber to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, suggesting he should be able to vote in each of the two jurisdictions in which he owns land

Sessional Paper 1030/2012-13

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

Letter dated October 29, 2013, from Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting early Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 206, Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012

Sessional Paper 1031/2012-13

Privilege – Public Advertising of a Bill

Honourable Members, I wish to comment on the point of privilege that was raised two days ago. I have given this matter considerable review, and I am prepared to now rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills two days ago in this Assembly.

The purported question of privilege concerns information that was released about Bill 32, the Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act, prior to its introduction in this Assembly and the advertising that occurred with respect to that same Bill. In fact, the Bill was on notice and was printed in the early Order Paper that was published last Friday. That notice, is what I'm saying, was printed. It was subsequently introduced in this Assembly during the afternoon session of October 29.

At the outset I wish to note that the parliamentary requirements found in Standing Order 15(2) for bringing this purported question of privilege were met since notice was received in my office at 11:24 a.m. on October 29, 2013. In short, this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity, and I was advised at least two hours prior to the commencement of that day's sitting.

Several points were outlined by the Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills when he spoke on October 29 in this Assembly. Those points are in our recorded Hansard proceedings on page 2528, wherein he said, amongst many other things, the following:

We had seen a sign, obviously in the orange and blue colours, displayed publicly, outlining Bill 32. We've seen press releases and public statements outlining the details of Bill 32. We know, of course, that Bill 32 was on the Order Paper yesterday, Mr. Speaker, and it was not yet introduced until earlier today.

During the item called Tabling Returns and Reports in our Daily Routine, that same Member tabled three documents related to his purported question of privilege, and they are listed as Sessional Papers 1001/2012-13, 1002/2012-13, and 1003/2012-13. The first document is an article from the October 29, 2013, Sherwood Park News entitled "Bill for playground zones announced." The second document is a picture of a coloured sign on what appears to be a wire fence which contains the words "Building Alberta: Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads (Bill 32)." The third document, entitled "School and playground zones could soon be harmonized," appears to be an article of some sort, but no publication name and no source are immediately evident on the tabling. I have reviewed all of those documents very carefully.

In his notice of his purported question of privilege, which he read into the record two days ago in this Assembly and which is recorded at page 2528 of our Alberta Hansard, the Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills alleged that “the Government deliberately prevented the Members of the Legislative Assembly from fulfilling their duty and, as such, breached the rights of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and thereby committed a contempt.” The Chair interprets this statement to suggest that this Member’s ability to perform his duties was violated by the Government’s actions with respect to what occurred surrounding Bill 32 prior to its introduction in this House.

The Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills and the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona both indicated that this matter could be characterized as a form of contempt. In a ruling that I made on May 29, 2012, about which I will say more shortly, I cited the definition of “contempt,” as found on page 82 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition. That definition, just to remind you all, reads as follows,

It is important to distinguish between a “breach of privilege” and “contempt of Parliament.” Any disregard of or attack on the rights, powers and immunities of the House and its Members, either by an outside person or body, or by a Member of the House, is referred to as a “breach of privilege” and is punishable by the House. There are, however, other affronts against the dignity and authority of Parliament which may not fall within one of the specifically defined privileges. Thus, the House also claims the right to punish, as a contempt, any action which, though not a breach of a specific privilege, tends to obstruct or impede the House in the performance of its functions; obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of the House in the discharge of their duties; or is an offence against the authority or dignity of the House, such as disobedience of its legitimate commands or libels upon itself, its Members, or its officers

Much of the discussion two days ago focused on former Speaker Kowalski’s finding of March 5, 2003, wherein he did find a prima facie case of privilege when the Government held a technical briefing on a Bill that was on the Order Paper but had not yet been introduced. That ruling is found on pages 303, 304, and 305 of Alberta Hansard for that day. It was a ruling, I should add, that followed closely the ruling of Speaker Milliken in the Canadian House of Commons on March 19, 2001, concerning a detailed briefing on a Bill which was on notice but had not yet been introduced in Parliament in Ottawa. Speaker Milliken found that there was a prima facie question of privilege in that case. Both of these aforementioned rulings were raised and commented on extensively by Members in this Assembly two days ago. For everybody’s reference, Speaker Milliken’s ruling is discussed on page 85 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition.

As part of my review since Tuesday I also noted that no one mentioned a later ruling, made only 17 months ago in this Assembly, concerning the same subject. In fact, it was my first ruling on a question of privilege, and it was delivered here on May 29, 2012. It can be found on pages 58 and 59 of Alberta Hansard for that day. In that case the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona raised a similar purported question of privilege concerning Bill 1. She alleged that information about that Bill was provided to the media prior to the Bill's introduction in this Assembly, thereby constituting, in her opinion, a contempt of the Assembly. An added element in that application was that opposition staff were denied entry to the press conference at which the information was provided.

At that time and after a very thorough review of the facts and evidence available I concluded that there was not a prima facie question of privilege. However, I also stressed "the importance of ensuring that Members are the first to see proposed legislation in its final form before a Bill is disclosed to outside parties." That quote appears on page 58 of Alberta Hansard from May 29, 2012, and the key point there is "in its final form." At that time and also as with the case before us today there was no factual basis to actually conclude that explicit and verbatim details or provisions of the Bill were disclosed. Accordingly, it was held that the Member's ability to perform her functions in that instance had not been impeded.

I would like to point out that not every statement about a Bill that is on notice will automatically lead to and qualify for a prima facie case of privilege. In fact, Speaker Milliken came to this same conclusion in a November 5, 2009, ruling concerning comments made by a federal Minister at a press conference. In that particular case, it was held and noted that the Minister had not disclosed details of a Bill yet to be introduced since he had only discussed in broad terms the policy initiative proposed in the Bill. Similarly, Speaker Milliken found there was no impact on a Member's ability to perform his or her duty in a parliamentary ruling that he made on March 22, 2011, which can be found at page 9113 of House of Commons Debates for that day.

Turning to the case before us today, there is no allegation and indeed there is no proof that the actual Bill, Bill 32, in its final form was provided to the media or to any outside entity prior to its introduction in this Assembly two days ago, and neither was any evidence found in that respect.

With respect to the advertising aspect of this situation it is difficult to conclude on the basis of a picture of one sign that the Government had disregarded the Assembly's role in passing legislation. The fact that the sign refers to Bill 32 rather than the specific name of the act could be taken as a further indication that the Minister was not treating the proposals a *fait accompli*. The Minister of Transportation did note that the news release issued by the Government was prefaced with the words "if passed." However, that news release was not tabled.

Accordingly, the Chair does not find that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that the actions of the Minister constitute a contempt of this Assembly. In other words, the physical letter of the law has not been broken, but, I submit, the spirit of the law has been negatively affected. In the Chair's view, this matter should not have even arisen in the first place. The rulings of previous Speakers as well as my own ruling regarding similar matters clearly stand for the proposition that the Assembly is entitled to be the first to know the detailed contents of a Bill in its final form after it has been placed on notice.

Although the activities of the Government in this case did not amount to a *prima facie* question of privilege, I want to caution all Members to remember this. If there are future briefings when a Bill is on notice in this Assembly, it will likely not be long before a different result and a different ruling ensues. Furthermore, in my view, any prior advertising about the nature of a Bill must be undertaken very, very cautiously, if it is undertaken at all, so as to not create any impression that the contents of the Bill are already law when the Assembly has not even seen the Bill yet, much less debated it and passed it. In this respect, Members may wish to examine the decision of the Ontario Speaker in 1997 when the government of the day advertised a certain Bill as if it had already been passed. In this respect, please visit Ontario Hansard of January 22, 1997, at pages 6441 through 6443.

Finally, I would ask that Ministers, in particular, review the commitments made in previous years, notably in 2003 and last year on May 28, about not disclosing the final-form contents of Bills on notice, about embargoed briefings, and about ensuring that opposition caucuses are briefed.

The Chair does not want to create an impression that the restriction on providing information about Bills on notice has been reduced. I merely wish to note that, whether by design or accident, the information provided by the Member raising the question of privilege did not meet the standard necessary for a finding of a *prima facie* question of privilege in the case before us today.

Your Speaker and this entire Assembly would no doubt be highly comforted if the Government House Leader or someone on the Government side was able to provide even greater assurance that the role and authorities of this Assembly will continue to be strictly respected and that the priority of Members to be first to learn of the final contents of any Bills when they are placed on notice will also be respected.

By following this expectation, Members will not be put in the awkward position of feeling that they were being denied information that has been provided to others. If one is wondering about which principles apply to a situation like this in the future, one can look to former Speaker Kowalski's March 5, 2003, ruling at page 304 of Alberta Hansard, where he quotes Speaker Milliken's 2001 ruling in relation to the federal context, which should not be too hard to translate into the Alberta context.

The convention of the confidentiality of Bills on notice is necessary, not only so that Members themselves may be well informed, but also because of the pre-eminent role which the House plays and must play in the legislative affairs of the nation.

The Chair sincerely hopes that we will not have to visit or revisit this issue again in the near future. This case is now closed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

A debate followed.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 31, Protecting Alberta's Environment Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the Bill fails to provide for unbiased, effective, and accountable independent monitoring in a comprehensive manner, which includes consultation with the full range of affected groups.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 4, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 4, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of Canada's first mosque, the Al Rashid Mosque, and the work of the Edmonton chapter of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding Betty Anne Gagnon, a developmentally disabled woman who tragically passed away on November 20, 2009, and the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Village of Chipman and the successful centennial celebration held this past summer.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing the community of Arbour Lake in Calgary as being named the best neighbourhood in the city in Avenue Magazine's July 2013 edition.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Alberta's ongoing advocacy efforts opposing the United States' Country of Origin Labelling rules.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding preserving universal access to public health care in Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 1,645 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 188 Albertans urging the Government to introduce a Bill which will preserve Albertans' 65-year investment in the pheasant rearing, release, and hunting of pheasants program such that it maintains and enhances our hunting culture and heritage through the program's support by the Departments of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development; Tourism, Parks and Recreation; Agriculture and Rural Development; and Culture and Community Spirit (for a fair share of province-wide lottery profits).

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 40 Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act — Mr. Quadri

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

Bill 40 Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act — Mr. Quadri

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, October 2013
Sessional Paper 1032/2012-13

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

4 recent news articles regarding the Fort McMurray airport being granted official status as a Port of Entry into Canada
Sessional Paper 1033/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated October 28, 2013, from Susan Fox, Freedom of Information and Privacy Manager, Infrastructure, Government of Alberta, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy request with respect to records relating to furnishings of the office of the Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on November 4, 2013
Sessional Paper 1034/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated November 4, 2013, entitled “Tabling Report – Proposed Changes to Land Titles Office,” prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre
Sessional Paper 1035/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Email message dated October 30, 2013, from Sharon Unger of Leavitt to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding AltaLink's plan for power lines near her family's property and their inability to sell their house due to this uncertainty

Sessional Paper 1036/2012-13

Email message dated October 25, 2013, from John Leahy to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding landowners being taxed for wind turbines or substations on their property and asking that all energy developments be treated like oil and gas facilities

Sessional Paper 1037/2012-13

Letter dated October 21, 2013, from Gail Matlock, Matlock Registries, Milk River, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding Service Alberta's proposed new portal for online registry services and expressing concern that registry agents may be excluded from the online registry services

Sessional Paper 1038/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 17, 2013, Department of Municipal Affairs, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 1039/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Motion to Concur in the Report from the Standing Committee on Families and Communities

Bill 204 Irlen Syndrome Testing Act — Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Motion to Concur in the Report from the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship

Bill 205 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012 — Ms Calahasen

A debate followed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

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 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012
— Ms Cusanelli

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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.

Subamendment to Bill 206 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1040/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 206 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1041/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Xiao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its commitment to the creation of a world-class Capital Region River Valley Park by working with the City of Edmonton to implement its Ribbon of Green Concept Plan, which would connect all of the river valley parks into a single, continuous, protected park.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

39. Moved by Hon Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Families and Communities be approved:
that Mr. Allen replace Hon. Mr. Fraser,
that Mr. Khan replace Mr. Goudreau,
that Ms Calahasen replace Hon. Ms Jansen;
- B. the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship be approved:
that Mr. Goudreau replace Mr. Allen;
- C. the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee be approved:
that Mr. Luan replace Mr. Allen as Chair,
that Mr. Dorward replace Mr. Luan as Deputy Chair,
that Ms Kubinec replace Mr. Allen.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on October 29, 2013, that the motion be amended as follows:

- A. Clause A is struck out and the following is substituted:
the Standing Committee on Families and Communities be approved:
that Mr. Khan replace Hon. Mr. Fraser,
that Mr. Xiao replace Hon. Ms Jansen.
- B. Clause B is struck out.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that Amendment A1 be amended by striking out clause (2) and substituting the following:

- B. the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship be approved:
that Mr. Allen fill the vacant position;

The question being put, the subamendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Debate continued on the motion introduced by Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on October 31, 2013, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 31, Protecting Alberta's Environment Act, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the Bill fails to provide for unbiased, effective, and accountable independent monitoring in a comprehensive manner, which includes consultation with the full range of affected groups.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment 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 29 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horne

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:15 p.m. until Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the Pacific North West Economic Region and Alberta hosting the annual economic leadership forum and leadership academy, to be held in Banff.

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding rural emergency ambulance services and the flex dispatch system.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing candidates and volunteers who took part in the municipal elections held on October 21, 2013.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding recent changes to the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and encouraging people to take part in stakeholder workshops and public information sessions being held from November 5 to 28, 2013.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the integrity and safety of pipelines and the Government's safety review report released this past summer.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 41 Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Bill 43 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1042/2012-13

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2012-2013 Charitable Gaming in Review

Sessional Paper 1043/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 1044/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Letter dated August 26, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Hon. Peter McKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding feedback on the concept of a victims' bill of rights

Sessional Paper 1045/2012-13

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4), Law Society of Alberta, 2011 Annual Accountability Report

Sessional Paper 1046/2012-13

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture:

Pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2), Alberta Foundation for the Arts, 2012-13 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1047/2012-13

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2012-13 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1048/2012-13

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3), Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2012-13

Sessional Paper 1049/2012-13

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

Document, undated, entitled “Capital City Recreation Park ‘Announcement’ ”

Sessional Paper 1050/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 40 Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act — Mr. Quadri

Mr. Quadri 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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

During consideration of Bill 27, Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act, Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(2) in the proposed clause (c.1)(i) by adding “which must be based on flood fringe and floodway area maps updated after the most recent flood event” after “reimbursement of costs”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Anderson	Mason	Stier
Anglin	Notley	Strankman
Bikman	Pedersen	Towle
Blakeman	Rowe	Wilson
Donovan	Saskiw	

Against the amendment: 38

Allen	Fraser	Oberle
Amery	Fritz	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Horne	Pastoor
Bhullar	Horner	Quadri
Brown	Jansen	Quest
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Rodney
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Cao	Klimchuk	Scott
Casey	Kubinec	Weadick
Cusanelli	Lemke	Webber
DeLong	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Denis	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Dorward	McQueen	

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

During consideration of Bill 31, Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$), Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the Bill be amended in the proposed section 21 by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) The board shall, by bylaw, establish a code of conduct, including conflict of interest guidelines, which must contain provisions concerning disclosure requirements, cooling-off periods and improper influence, to apply to directors, officers and employees of the Agency.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Anderson	Blakeman	Rowe
Anglin	Brown	Stier
Bikman	Eggen	Swann
Bilous	Hale	

Against the amendment: 34

Amery	Horner	Olson
Bhardwaj	Jansen	Pastoor
Campbell	Kennedy-Glans	Quadri
Cao	Klimchuk	Quest
Casey	Kubinec	Rodney
Cusanelli	Lemke	Sarich
DeLong	Leskiw	Scott
Denis	McIver	Weadick
Dorward	McQueen	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Oberle	Xiao
Fawcett	Olesen	Young
Horne		

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended by renumbering section 4 as section 4(1) and adding the following after subsection (1):

(2) The supporting data for an Agency report under subsection (1) shall be made to the public.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Anglin	Brown	Rowe
Bikman	Eggen	Stier
Bilous	Hale	Swann
Blakeman		

Against the amendment: 33

Amery	Horner	Olson
Bhardwaj	Jansen	Pastoor
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Quadri
Casey	Klimchuk	Quest
Cusanelli	Kubinec	Rodney
DeLong	Lemke	Sarich
Denis	Leskiw	Scott
Dorward	McIver	Weadick
Drysdale	McQueen	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Oberle	Xiao
Horne	Olesen	Young

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended in section 20(1) as follows:

- (a) by striking out “, criminal”;
- (b) by striking out “a criminal or” and substituting “an”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Anglin	Bilous	Rowe
Bikman	Eggen	Stier

Against the amendment: 32

Amery	Horne	Olesen
Anderson	Horner	Olson
Bhardwaj	Jansen	Quadri
Brown	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Cao	Klimchuk	Sarich
Casey	Kubinec	Scott
Cusanelli	Lemke	Swann
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Denis	McIver	Woo-Paw
Dorward	McQueen	Xiao
Drysdale	Oberle	

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4 by striking out “At a frequency determined by the Agency in consultation with the Minister,” and substituting “At a minimum of 6 month intervals, with consideration made to advancing public access,”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Anderson	Bilous	Stier
Anglin	Eggen	Swann
Bikman	Hale	

Against the amendment: 35

Amery	Fawcett	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Horne	Olson
Bhullar	Horner	Pastoor
Brown	Jansen	Quadri
Calahasen	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Cao	Klimchuk	Rodney
Casey	Kubinec	Sarich
Cusanelli	Lemke	Scott
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
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Dorward	McQueen	Xiao
Drysdale	Oberle	

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5 as follows:

- (a) in subsection (1) by adding “, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly” after “Lieutenant Governor in Council”;
- (b) in subsection (5) by striking out “The” and substituting “On the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, the”; and
- (c) by adding the following after subsection (10):
 - (11) The board of directors shall be comprised of a minimum of at least one representative from each of the following communities:
 - (i) the Aboriginal community,
 - (ii) the landowners community,
 - (iii) the scientific community,
 - (iv) the industrial community, and
 - (v) the non-profit environmental community.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Anderson	Bilous	Stier
Anglin	Eggen	Swann
Bikman	Hale	

Against the amendment: 34

Amery	Horne	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Horner	Olson
Bhullar	Jansen	Pastoor
Brown	Kennedy-Glans	Quadri
Cao	Klimchuk	Quest
Casey	Kubinec	Rodney
Cusanelli	Lemke	Sarich
DeLong	Leskiw	Scott
Denis	McIver	Weadick
Dorward	McQueen	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Oberle	Xiao
Fawcett		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Amery, 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 27 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1051/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1052/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A3) (Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1053/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1054/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A2) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1055/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1056/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A4) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1057/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A5) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1058/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A6) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1059/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A7) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1060/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A8) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1061/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A9) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1062/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A10) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1063/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A11) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1064/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A12) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1065/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A13) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1066/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A14) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1067/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A15) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1068/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A16) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1069/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A17) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1070/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 31 (A18) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1071/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 29 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horne

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:20 p.m. until Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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

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.

Members' Statements

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day and recognizing the 70th anniversary of the World War II Battle of Ortona and the efforts of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Government's public health care policies.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing November 2013 as National 4-H Month and commenting on the 100th anniversary of 4-H Canada and the importance of 4-H community volunteers.

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding an information session organized by the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Affairs and the St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce that was held in St. Albert in September 2013 to promote international market access.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing the South East Community Leagues Association and its many achievements.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the importance of discussing and treating attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Enhancing Consumer Protection in Auto Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report, undated, entitled "From Bad to Worse, Residential Elder Care in Alberta," prepared by the Parkland Institute, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on November 6, 2013

Sessional Paper 1072/2012-13

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

Report dated 2010 entitled "Making Flood Insurable for Canadian Homeowners," prepared by Swiss Re in collaboration with the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction

Sessional Paper 1073/2012-13

Report dated October 2003 entitled "Flood Insurance," prepared by Nina Paklina

Sessional Paper 1074/2012-13

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report 2012-13

Sessional Paper 1075/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Scott, Associate Minister of Accountability, Transparency and Transformation:

The Province article dated August 18, 2013, entitled "Michael Smythe: B.C.'s politicians should climb aboard the public disclosure bandwagon"

Sessional Paper 1076/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter, undated, from Michelle Paterok to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 1077/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Report, undated, entitled "From Bad to Worse, Residential Elder Care in Alberta," prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 1078/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities:

Document, undated, entitled “WCB 10-year highlights,” prepared by the Workers’ Compensation Board, Alberta

Sessional Paper 1079/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Child and Youth Advocate (Alberta), Annual Report 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1080/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4, Member of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 1081/2012-13

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, 2012

Sessional Paper 1082 /2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Premier’s Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

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

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

Bill 43 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Hon. Mr. Campbell 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 30 Building Families and Communities Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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)

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

During consideration of Bill 27, Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act, Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Bhardwaj, 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 27 (A4) (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 1083/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1084/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf
of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1085/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A7) (Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1086/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A8) (Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1087/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 27 (A9) (Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1088/2012-13

Third Reading

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf
of Hon. Mrs. McQueen

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 9:47 p.m. until Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 7, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement
recognizing November 11, 2013, as Remembrance Day.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's use of deficit and P3 financing methods to fulfil the Progressive Conservative Party's 2012 election platform commitment to construct and modernize schools.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Calgary Reads, an early literacy initiative for young children experiencing literacy difficulties.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Aleena Sadownyk, who has a rare enzyme deficiency disease, and the recent approval by Alberta Health Services to fund treatment for the disease.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Fort McMurray Airport being granted official status as a port of entry into Canada.

Privilege – Funding Information Not Provided

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding his belief that as a result of the as yet unprovided information on \$50 million apparently allocated by Cabinet to post-secondary institutions that was shared with select media but still has not been shared with the general public or this House, the Government deliberately prevented the Members of the Legislative Assembly from fulfilling their duty and as such breached the rights of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and thereby committed a contempt.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Rodney

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

Bill 38 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

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

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report
2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1089/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physicians and Surgeons, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1090/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Results-based Budgeting Act, cR-17, s3(2):

Results-based Budgeting, Report to Albertans, November 2013

Sessional Paper 1091/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Alberta Emergency Management Agency webpage entitled "Alberta Emergency Plan"

Sessional 1092/2012-13

Hon. Dr. Starke, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3), Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 2012-13

Sessional Paper 1093/2012-13

Travel Alberta Report, Our Year in Review 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1094/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copy of a promotional poster entitled "The Ghost Bus Tour"

Sessional Paper 1095/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Photocopy of an image posted on Twitter by Vassy Kapelos of a Government news release dated November 6, 2013, entitled “Additional \$50 million will ensure more students succeed”

Sessional Paper 1096/2012-13

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Document, undated, entitled “The Battle of Ortona: December 20 to 28, 1943”

Sessional Paper 1097/2012-13

6 recent email messages to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding winter road conditions on local highways in the Lacombe area

Sessional Paper 1098/2012-13

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

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2), Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, 2012-13 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1099/2012-13

Letter dated November 5, 2013, from Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 206, the Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012, be given early consideration to proceed directly to Third Reading when it passes Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 1100/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 5, 2013, from Carolyn Campbell, Conservation Specialist, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Scott Fenwick, Research Analyst, Alberta Liberal Opposition, providing comments on Bill 31, Protecting Alberta’s Environment Act

Sessional Paper 1101/2012-13

Report dated November 4, 2013, entitled “Tabling Report – Not One More – Alberta Universities Support Everything,” prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 1102/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Responses to Written Questions WQ14, WQ15, WQ26, and WQ27, asked for by Dr. Swann on March 18, 2013:

WQ14. *As of March 31, 2012*, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?

WQ15. How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between *January 1, 2010, and March 31, 2012*?

WQ26. For each of the fiscal years *2009-2010* to *2011-2012*, what was the average *health care funding per resident per day for long-term care*, and what was the average *health care funding per resident per day for designated supportive living for 2011-2012*?

WQ27. *As of March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011, and March 31, 2012*, what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?

Sessional Paper 1103/2012-13

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 18, 2013:

Copies of all communications between Alberta school boards and the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding complaints concerning P3 school design.

Sessional Paper 1104/2012-13

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

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year ended August 31, 2012, Section 1

Sessional Paper 1105/2012-13

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year ended August 31, 2012, Section 2

Sessional Paper 1106/2012-13

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year ended August 31, 2012, Section 3

Sessional Paper 1107/2012-13

Privilege – Funding Information Not Provided

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding his belief that as a result of the as yet unprovided information on \$50 million apparently allocated by Cabinet to post-secondary institutions that was shared with select media but still has not been shared with the general public or this House, the Government deliberately prevented the Members of the Legislative Assembly from fulfilling their duty and as such breached the rights of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and thereby committed a contempt.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Saskiw, Ms Blakeman, Mr. Eggen, and Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk.

The Speaker ruled that no prima facie breach of privilege was found.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes

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

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

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis

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

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

Bill 39 Enhancing Consumer Protection in Auto Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved:
that Mr. Quadri replace Mrs. Fritz.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Third Reading

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(5) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 18, 2013

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 Dr. Charles Robert Elliot, Member for Grande Prairie, 1982 to 1993, who passed away on October 14, 2013.

Members' Statements

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the devastation to the people of the Philippines caused by Typhoon Haiyan on November 7, 2013, and the Government's commitment to provide assistance to the relief and recovery efforts by matching Albertans' donations to the Canadian Red Cross up to \$500,000.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a report concerning the infrastructure priorities of Albertans entitled "A Better Way to Build Alberta."

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement recognizing November 17 to 23, 2013, as National Bullying Awareness Week.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing the needs of communities and the important role of the men and women who serve in municipal government.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a meeting of the Pacific North West Economic Region recently held in Banff.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing November 20, 2013, as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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

Hon. Dr. Starke, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, and Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, on March 20, 2013, Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 1108/2012-13

Mr. Cao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

2012 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the 2012 Calendar Year

Sessional Paper 1109/2012-13

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

Report entitled "Pathways, Syncrude Canada Ltd. Aboriginal Review 2013"

Sessional Paper 1110/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Environment Canada website facility disposal details for Coal Valley Resources Inc./Obed Mine for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012

Sessional Paper 1111/2012-13

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

Report dated May 2011 entitled “Every Class in Every School, Egale’s Final Report on Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia in Canadian Schools,” prepared by Egale Canada

Sessional Paper 1112/2012-13

Copies of two issues of Trans PULSE E-Bulletin dated November 12, 2010, and May 30, 2011

Sessional Paper 1113/2012-13

Email message dated April 25, 2013, from Kristen Read of Calgary suggesting the Government reverse its decision to cut \$42 million in funding to supports for people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 1114/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

100 handwritten postcards and notes, several from the Coalition for Action on Post-Secondary Education, expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 1115/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, Annual Report 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1116/2012-13

Speaker’s Ruling – Early Consideration of Private Members’ Public Bills

Honourable Members, during Tabling Returns and Reports on our last sitting day, which I believe was around November 7, if memory serves me correctly, right before the constituency week break, I tabled in the House a letter from the Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, in which she requested that her Bill 206 proceed directly to Third Reading today, once it has completed consideration in Committee of the Whole. As I noted on that day, this request is actually hypothetical at this point since there are still 68 minutes remaining for consideration of Bill 206 at the committee stage.

I also noted that in my view as your Chair I have a concern about this matter. I indicated that “in order for this Bill to proceed to Third Reading today, I would suggest that unanimous consent of the House be required so as to not unduly prejudice other Members in the progress of their Private Members’ Bills.” Your Chair fully acknowledges that there have been a number of occasions when Private Members’ Bills have proceeded from Committee of the Whole to Third Reading on the same day. In some instances there were requests from the Bill’s sponsor for early consideration. In other cases unanimous consent of the House was requested, and in fact it was received.

Honourable Members, I have taken some considerable time to review the precedents of this Assembly as well as rulings of previous Speakers on this topic. Suffice it to say that the matter of requesting early consideration has been an issue that both I as your current Speaker and my immediate predecessor have repeatedly requested House Leaders’ attention to and review of with respect to procedural policy. The specific question to the House Leaders would be for them to please review whether or not they can put in place a procedural policy that is equitable for all matters should the issue of early consideration for a Private Member’s Bill arise again.

I would refer Members to Speaker’s rulings from November 26, 2012, at page 1003 of Hansard; November 23, 2009, at page 1940 of Hansard; and December 1, 2003, at page 1968 of Hansard. I would like to cite from a November 27, 2001, ruling from Speaker Kowalski, at page 1285 of Hansard, where he commented on a similar situation where a request for early consideration of a Bill at Third Reading was submitted before the Bill had actually reached that stage:

Taken to the extreme, this practice could jeopardize the legitimacy of the draw by considering one Member’s Bill early by virtue of one request, thereby prejudicing other Members.

Your Chair is concerned that these requests may unfairly delay the ability of other Members to bring forward their Bills for consideration by the Assembly, and, in this case, this would have the result of Bill 206 taking precedence over other Bills for two consecutive weeks. In the absence of any House Leaders’ agreement or understanding on this subject, it is my view that requests for early consideration of a Private Member’s Bill should not be submitted until the Bill has actually reached the stage for which early consideration is being sought.

This has not been referenced before, so I am referencing it for you from my point of view for the first time. For instance, a request for early consideration at the committee stage should not be made until the Bill in question has actually passed Second Reading because we cannot foretell what the House may do at any given stage of any particular Bill, much less whether there would be amendments and the like to be considered. If we were to follow something more rigid, shall we say, this would avoid scenarios such as what we have before us today with the request for Bill 206.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that my ruling on this today does not mean that Bill 206 is prohibited from proceeding to Third Reading this afternoon. That will be up to you to decide. Rather, it simply means that consent of the House is required for this to occur. That is what I mean by it being up to you.

In the Chair's view, this process will be much more fair for all Private Members and will leave any decision about early consideration for Third Reading up to the Assembly itself. That being said, I would anticipate that the Member for Calgary-Currie may wish to exercise her right to ask for early consideration when the appropriate time comes up - that would be after the Committee of the Whole stage - assuming there is success at that stage, of course, or someone else on her behalf, but, thereafter, perhaps we could ask the House Leaders to do as I have requested earlier in my comment. Thank you very much for your attention to that.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012
— Ms Cusanelli

The question was put on the remaining clauses of the Bill, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Jablonski at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Horne	Olson
Bhullar	Horner	Pastoor
Bilous	Hughes	Quadri
Brown	Jeneroux	Quest
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Rowe
Casey	Khan	Sarich
Cusanelli	Klimchuk	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Starke
Dorward	Lemke	Stier
Eggen	Leskiw	Swann
Fenske	Luan	Towle
Forsyth	McDonald	VanderBurg
Fraser	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Hancock	Olesen	Xiao

Against the motion: 2

Saskiw Strankman

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2013
— Ms Cusanelli

Mr. Amery, 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.

Subamendment to Bill 206 (A1-SA2) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1117/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 206 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on November 4, 2013) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1041/2012-13

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 206, Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2013.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Seniors' Advocate Act — Mrs. Towle

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Eggen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Mr. Anglin (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *establish a working group to review whether decisions made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and the Out-of-Country Health Services Committee are ensuring that there is adequate coverage for Albertans for their legitimate out of province health care.*

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 5

Anglin	Rowe	Towle
Hale	Strankman	

Against the motion: 31

Amery	Jeneroux	Olson
Bhullar	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Pastoor
Brown	Khan	Quadri
Cao	Klimchuk	Quest
Casey	Kubinec	Rodney
Dorward	Lemke	Sarich
Fenske	Leskiw	Scott
Fraser	Luan	VanderBurg
Horne	McIver	Woo-Paw
Horner	Olesen	Xiao
Hughes		

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:12 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Rodney

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

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

Bill 38 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

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 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 32 Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon.
Mr. Lukaszuk

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis 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 41 Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:36 p.m. until Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Government's small business strategy and the engagement sessions being held with small business owners across the province.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the cost to taxpayers of Government billboards advertising current and completed projects.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding Farm Fair International, held in Edmonton from November 3 to 10, 2013, and the work of the Government to ensure ongoing agriculture market access.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Iron Horse Trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail, and the efforts to rehabilitate the fire-damaged Beaver River trestle.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing Patrick Thomas Kennedy, who, 30 years ago, founded Agritrade, now western Canada's largest farm implement exposition.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding unreasonable expectations faced by junior gas producers with regard to the Alberta Energy Regulator and regulation of the licensee liability rating program.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Luan, Chair, Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, presented the following report, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s48:

Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, Review of the Conflicts of Interest Act, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session, dated November 2013

Sessional Paper 1118/2012-13

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

Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2012 Activities, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session, dated November 2013

Sessional Paper 1119/2012-13

Notices of Motions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly receive the final report of the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee as tabled.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Petition signed by 185 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity, and stability

Sessional Paper 1120/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 recent email messages from Kyle Nuttall and Anand Pye to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding budget cuts to post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 1121/2012-13

Email message dated July 18, 2013, from Don Ryane of Lethbridge, unaddressed, expressing concern with the Government's process on water management consultation

Sessional Paper 1122/2012-13

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

Report dated November 12, 2013, entitled “Edmonton Zone Lab RFP - Report to Stakeholders,” prepared by Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Mr. Mason during Oral Question Period on November 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1123/2012-13

Copy of an Alberta Health Services presentation regarding the integrated lab model decision process and timelines, relating to comments made by Mr. Mason during Oral Question Period on November 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1124/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 100 handwritten postcards and notes expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 1125/2012-13

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated November 8, 2013, from Cody Palmer to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding Bill 33, Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013, as it relates to the use of electronic cigarettes

Sessional Paper 1126/2012-13

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Notley, Hon Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly receive the final report of the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee as tabled.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hughes

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion for Second Reading be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 34, Building New Petroleum Markets Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 35 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Allen speaking.

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

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 43 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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)

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 30 Building Families and Communities Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2 by adding the following after subsection (3):

- (3.1) The membership of a Council must include at least one member who has involvement and experience with
- (a) developmental disabilities, and
 - (b) child, youth and family services.

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

For the amendment: 5

Anglin	Notley	Wilson
Bilous	Swann	

Against the amendment: 33

Allen	Fraser	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Oberle
Brown	Goudreau	Olesen
Calahasen	Hancock	Pastoor
Cao	Horner	Rowe
Casey	Jansen	Sarich
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	Starke
DeLong	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Denis	Leskiw	Weadick
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Webber
Fawcett	McAllister	Xiao

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the Bill be amended in section 8(5) as follows:

- (a) by renumbering the proposed section 1.2 as section 1.2(1);
- (b) by adding to the proposed section 1.2(1) “as described in the regulations,” after “has a developmental disability,”;
- (c) by adding the following after the proposed section 1.2(1):
 - (2) The director must develop a plan in consultation with the adult, the adult’s family or guardian, or existing service provider.;

- (d) by adding the following after the proposed section 1.2:

Duty of care to adults with developmental disabilities

1.3(1) If the director receives information in the form of a report or any other allegation or evidence that an adult with a developmental disability may be endangered or neglected and is in need of care, the director must investigate the adult's need for care unless the director is satisfied that the information was provided maliciously or is unfounded or that the report or allegation was made without reasonable and probable grounds.

(2) For the purposes of this section, an adult with developmental disabilities is endangered or neglected and in need of care if

- (a) the adult has been or there is substantial risk that the adult will be physically or emotionally injured or sexually abused,
- (b) the guardian of the adult has subjected the adult to or is unable or unwilling to protect the adult from cruel and unusual treatment or punishment, or
- (c) the guardian of the adult is unable or unwilling to provide the adult with the necessities of life.

(3) If, after an investigation referred to in subsection (1), the director is of the opinion that the adult is endangered or neglected and in need of care, the director must take whatever action that the director considers appropriate, including the provision of services and supports, to ensure the safety and personal dignity of the adult.

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

For the amendment: 5

Bilous
Notley

Rowe
Swann

Wilson

Against the amendment: 35

Allen	Fawcett	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Fraser	Oberle
Brown	Fritz	Olesen
Calahasen	Goudreau	Pastoor
Cao	Hancock	Quest
Casey	Horner	Sarich
Cusanelli	Jansen	Starke
DeLong	Jeneroux	VanderBurg
Denis	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Weadick
Donovan	Kubinec	Webber
Dorward	Leskiw	Xiao
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 30 Building Families and Communities Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Bhardwaj, 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 30 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1127/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1128/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View)
— Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1129/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1130/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1131/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 1132/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1133/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 30 (A8) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1134/2012-13

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Bill 38 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:55 p.m. until Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the role of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the role of the opposition to scrutinize and hold the Government accountable.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the delay by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development in issuing an environmental protection order relating to a containment pond spill into the Athabasca River.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the launch of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations' publication entitled "Aboriginal Peoples of Alberta: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Right From the Start project in the Bow Valley, part of the Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools Initiative led by Alberta Health Services in collaboration with Alberta Education.

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.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding new Government initiatives to open markets and attract international investment in Alberta.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the recent signing of an agreement between Alberta Health Services and the Wheatland and Adjacent Districts Emergency Medical Services Association to continue local ambulance service.

Speaker's Statement – Comments by the Hon. Member for Airdrie

Honourable Members, as all of you are likely aware, a unique if not somewhat unprecedented occurrence took place in this Assembly yesterday at approximately 2:41 p.m. The Member for Airdrie made very direct, and, in my view, offensive comments that constitute very inappropriate comments and language about officers who serve Assemblies such as ours. He also, in my view, made inappropriate and very offensive comments that constitute challenging the Chair of this Assembly.

At the conclusion of his statements I indicated that his comments were indeed very serious, possibly hinging on contempt, and that I was going to have a closer look at his words, obviously, by reviewing Hansard to get it verbatim and also watching the televised replay of his statements.

Here is what happened. At approximately 2:41 p.m. the Hon. Member for Airdrie rose yesterday to seek a point of clarification from your Speaker. Among other things, he read from some prepared notes and stated the following:

What precedent in what country of the Commonwealth does not allow Her Majesty's opposition to be able to question decisions of government-appointed officers, which can be and often are corrupt?

For the benefit of all let me first note that Airdrie's comments were stated in relation to the Ethics Commissioner and to questions which arose from the Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills about an Ethics Commissioner ruling of recent past.

The Ethics Commissioner is an Officer of this Legislative Assembly. Let me also clarify that as with any Officer of this Assembly, the Ethics Commissioner is not a government-appointed officer, nor is the Auditor General, the Chief Electoral Officer, the Child and Youth Advocate, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Ombudsman. They are all chosen by committees of this Assembly, typically all-party committees.

Second, I want to state in the most definitive and emphatic terms that none of our chosen officers are corrupt, nor do I believe that others are who work and serve in other Commonwealth countries. That reference by Airdrie I find totally inappropriate.

Now, the Member for Airdrie then went on to say the following:

What precedent is there for a Speaker, frankly, dominating and wasting time of this Assembly with constant lectures and, frankly, self-righteous interruptions that are costing us question after question in this Assembly?

He then basically accused your Speaker of “showing gross favouritism” and concluded his remarks by stating that your Speaker is “interfering with this House.” Those comments by the Hon. Member for Airdrie can be found at page 2909 of yesterday’s Hansard and are a direct affront to this Speaker. They are also inaccurate and inappropriate.

Using such language in this Assembly is, obviously, personally insulting, but it also shows a lack of respect for this institution, for its heritage, for its traditions, all of which you took an oath to uphold. Authorities across the Commonwealth in this respect are quite clear. Erskine May, 24th edition, for example, states on page 61:

Reflections upon the character or actions of the Speaker may be punished as breaches of privilege . . . His action cannot be criticised incidentally in debate or upon any form of proceeding except a substantive motion.

The rationale for this rule is found in Beauchesne’s, sixth edition, at paragraph 167 on pages 48 and 49, which reads as follows:

The essential ingredient of the speakership is found in the status of the Speaker as a servant of the House. The Presiding Officer, while but a servant of the House, is entitled on all occasions to be treated with the greatest attention and respect by the individual Members because the office embodies the power, dignity, and honour of the House itself.

It is clear, Honourable Members, that language of the type used by this particular Member for Airdrie yesterday could be a contempt of the Assembly and could indeed give rise to a question of privilege. The language itself and the manner in which the words were delivered were certainly unparliamentary.

The Chair wonders what would occur if such language was used in another one of our institutions such as the courts, for example. As a lawyer the Member for Airdrie is undoubtedly well aware of the consequences of such language in the courts, which could easily be interpreted as contempt of the court. The Assembly in which we all serve, in which all of you serve, is deserving of equal respect and dignity, I would hope, and part of my job is to do my level best to ensure it is so.

That having been said, I want to extend to the Hon. Member for Airdrie an opportunity to apologize for the comments he made yesterday and to withdraw those comments.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, withdrew his comments and apologized.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Rogers, Chair, Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, Report of the Committee, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, First Session, dated November 19, 2013
Sessional Paper 1135/2012-13

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Glen Resler be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta, effective December 9, 2013.

Be it resolved that:

1. Honourable David Alward, Premier of the Province of New Brunswick, be invited to the floor of this Chamber on Thursday, November 28, 2013, immediately following Prayers to address the Legislative Assembly;
2. This address be called for immediately after the Hon. Mr. Alward is introduced under Introduction of Visitors; and
3. The ordinary business of the Assembly resume upon the conclusion of the address;

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 44 Notaries and Commissioners Act — Ms Olesen

Bill 209 Severance and Bonus Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Mr. Anderson

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

Bill 44 Notaries and Commissioners Act — Ms Olesen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Copy of Supreme Court of Canada Decision, *Baron v. Canada*, [1993] 1 SCR 416, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. McIver during debate on Bill 32, Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act

Sessional Paper 1136/2012-13

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

Report entitled “Tobacco Use in Canada: Patterns and Trends, 2013 Edition,” prepared by the Propel Centre for Population Health Impact, University of Waterloo

Sessional Paper 1137/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 100 letters to Dr. John Cowell, Official Administrator, Alberta Health Services, and Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the centralization and privatization of medical laboratory services

Sessional Paper 1138/2012-13

Postcard prepared by Alberta’s NDP opposition, unaddressed, regarding the inclusion of the Alberta Human Rights Code or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the Education Act

Sessional Paper 1139/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Email message dated February 22, 2013, from Chris Wiese of Bentley to whom it may concern seeking funding for surgery she received in the United States that she was unable to obtain in Alberta or elsewhere in Canada

Sessional Paper 1140/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Email message dated October 25, 2013, from Kathleen Skjersven to Alberta Education requesting that no new government regulations be established for home schooling

Sessional Paper 1141/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Education, Annual Report Update, 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1142/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Rodney

Bill 39 Enhancing Consumer Protection in Auto Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 40 Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act — Mr. Quadri

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 35 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Bill 38 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Amery, 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 37 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1143/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 37 (A2) (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1144/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 — 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 some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 43 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 34 (A1) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1145/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 34 (A2) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1146/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 34 (A3) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1147/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 43 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1148/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 43 (A2) (Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1149/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 43 (A3) (Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1150/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 43 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1151/2012-13

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 21, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement recognizing November 22, 2013, as National Housing Day.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding emergency medical services issues and first responders' concerns.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Habitat for Humanity apartment complex in Cold Lake that opened on October 23, 2013, and recognizing the efforts of the Government and the City of Cold Lake to provide affordable housing.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing Yvonne Johnson, who passed away in Red Deer on October 23, 2013.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement recognizing 17 junior high school students from the Town of Veteran, who convinced Veterans Affairs Canada to replace war medals belonging to WWII veteran Dave Pennington and who represented Alberta at this year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Registered Apprenticeship Program for high school students and its recent scholarship awards.

Apology by Member

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement withdrawing and apologizing for statements made with respect to the Speaker both inside and outside of the Assembly on November 19 and 20, 2013.

Speaker's Statement – Practices of the Assembly and Challenging the Speaker

Honourable Members, as the Member (for Airdrie) referenced, a lot of unfortunate things have occurred over these past few days, and many inappropriate comments have been made, both inside and outside this Chamber. You just heard evidence of that point.

I, too, want to take a few minutes to remind all of us that once you are elected to serve in this House and you take the oath to Her Majesty, you step into a whole new world, a world full of traditions, customs, and practices. You step into an institution that has been founded on practices, procedures, and principles that, in fact, go back centuries. Those traditions, those institutions and practices are rock solid. Honourable Members, they are extremely serious.

They and the entire parliamentary system are in turn fortified by rules, rules which we often refer to as citations, and more specifically in our own case we have our own Standing Orders. We should all know at least the very basic rules and Standing Orders, but if we don't, we should learn them as they are cited by our House Leaders, such as the one who just spoke, for example, when they are raising or defending a point of order, or when your Speaker or your Deputy Speaker or your Chair of Committees is making a ruling or interjects to remind you of a particular rule. These rules are not rules that any single one of us may have made, but they are rules that must guide us to help preserve the institutions that I just spoke about and of which we are all part.

These rules can of course be changed. They can be amended. New ones can be brought in. If you have an issue with one or more of our rules, there is a process in place that you can use to effect change. Similarly, if you have an issue with an Act or a Bill that is about to become an Act, a law as it were, there is a process in place to deal with that as well. Finally, if you have an issue with the Speaker or whoever is chairing, there is a process in place to accommodate that as well. I want to comment very briefly on that as I wrap up.

As occurred yesterday when the Chair accepted yesterday's apology from the Member for Airdrie, the issue of criticizing the Speaker is really one of respect or disrespect for the institution. The role of the Speaker is something that is fundamental to our parliamentary system and our entire system of responsible government.

As Members may be aware, 2015 will mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, which helped lay the foundation for our form of parliamentary government. As Philip Laundy says at page 11 in his 1984 book *The Office of Speaker in the Parliaments of the Commonwealth*, "The office of Speaker is almost as old as Parliament itself," as the first Speaker was designated in 1377. So there is history, Honourable Members. There is tradition for the respect that should be accorded to the Office of the Speaker. This is not about me. This is about the position.

The Chair addressed the subject of criticizing the Speaker yesterday at pages 2965 to 2966 of *Hansard*, which is worth repeating briefly. The quotation from Beauchesne's, sixth edition, at paragraph 167, at pages 48 and 49 states as follows:

The essential ingredient of the speakership is found in the status of the Speaker as a servant of the House. The Presiding Officer, while but a servant of the House, is entitled on all occasions to be treated with the greatest attention and respect by the individual Members because the office embodies the power, dignity, and honour of the House itself.

If someone wants to challenge the Chair, the appropriate mechanism is to bring a substantive motion forward that can be debated in the Assembly. Your Chair, as with any Chair in our parliamentary system, will not put up with, nor should Members of the Assembly put up with, collateral attacks that bring the Assembly and the institution into disrepute and demonstrate a profound disrespect for the office of the Speaker and the institution. As *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, second edition, states at page 313, "The actions of the Speaker may not be criticized in debate or by any means except by way of a substantive motion."

For those wondering about the impact of social media on proceedings in the Assembly, the Chair is pleased to confirm that traditions that go back as far as the 14th century can adapt and be applied to our circumstances involving social media today, social media such as Twitter, for example. The Hon. Member for Airdrie referred to his tweets as being disrespectful or words to that effect.

I want to remind not only that Member but all of us, all of you, that a similar situation to what we just are speaking about occurred in the Assembly of the Northwest Territories as recently as last month. There a Member had apologized in the Assembly and then made comments in social media that conflicted with that apology. Speaker Jackie Jacobson from the Northwest Territories said this at page 3261 of the Northwest Territories Hansard on October 31, 2013:

However, I do need to strongly caution Members that statements made outside the House, whether on Facebook or in other media, can amount to a breach of privilege or even contempt of the House.

This is especially so when a Member's comments could be read as challenging a ruling of the Speaker. It's thin ice and I urge Members to stay off of it.

This is not to protect me personally. It is to keep dignity and order in the House, so that we can get our work done.

Speakers across Canada, all of whom I have met with and done an informal survey with, do their level best to be as impartial as we possibly can. We do not go to caucus meetings when Session is on unless we are specifically invited to address an item such as might come up under Members' Services or such as might come up in the House, and caucus is looking for some guidance or a dialogue with the Speaker. We do not go to political events when the House is in Session. We do our best to invite Members to come to our offices as opposed to us going to their offices, especially Government. There are exceptions that occasionally occur, obviously, but those are some of the premises.

Similarly, with respect to a website that I have, mypcmla, during Session I have asked for it to be withdrawn so that I can continue the role of being as absolutely impartial as I can, Lord help me. Thank you.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 15,744 Albertans urging the Government to keep Michener Centre in Red Deer open for the vulnerable Albertans with severe developmental disabilities who have called Michener home for decades, which would allow them to live out their lives with peace, dignity, and stability.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. McIver, 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: WQ44

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, containing emergency medical services statistics for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13, relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on November 21, 2013

Sessional Paper 1152/2012-13

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, on behalf of Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Document, undated, entitled "Monthly Emergency Medical Services Activity Summary," prepared by Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Mr. Pedersen during Oral Question Period on November 21, 2013

Sessional Paper 1153/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions**

46. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. Honourable David Alward, Premier of the Province of New Brunswick, be invited to the floor of this Chamber on Thursday, November 28, 2013, immediately following Prayers to address the Legislative Assembly;
2. This address be called for immediately after the Hon. Mr. Alward is introduced under Introduction of Visitors; and
3. The ordinary business of the Assembly resume upon the conclusion of the address;

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

45. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Glen Resler be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta, effective December 9, 2013.

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 44 Notaries and Commissioners Act — Ms Olesen

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

Third Reading

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

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 35 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, November 25, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 25, 2013

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

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.

Members' Statements

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the achievements of brothers Ben and Grant Kurtz, who both live with severe autism.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding deaths of children while in Government care and asking for a public inquiry.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the white ribbon campaign in recognition of the importance of eliminating violence against women.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Retail Market Review Committee and its implementation team comprised of Members of the Legislative Assembly, created to ensure Albertans are paying fair electricity prices.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing faculty and students at Kings University College whose work contributed to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which was recently honoured with the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the concealment of deaths of children in Government care and public trust in the Government.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, 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, the need to immediately identify the actual number of deaths of children in care that have occurred since 1999, the implementation status of recommendations that have been made to prevent deaths in that time, the reasons for the secrecy surrounding this issue, and the steps that can be taken immediately to improve the protection of children currently in the care of the Government.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities:

Series of email messages from Chris Henderson and Catrin Owen of Calder Bateman Communications to Brenda Lee Doyle regarding a set of principles for the transition of Michener Centre residents to long term-care or supported living

Sessional Paper 1154/2012-13

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Petition signed by 117 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the Pheasant Release Program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years

Sessional Paper 1155/2012-13

Petition signed by 615 Albertans urging the Government to introduce a Bill which will preserve Albertans' 65-year investment in the pheasant rearing, release, and hunting of pheasants program such that it maintains and enhances our hunting culture and heritage through the program's support by the Departments of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development; Tourism, Parks and Recreation; Agriculture and Rural Development; and Culture and Community Spirit (for a fair share of province-wide lottery profits)

Sessional Paper 1156/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

100 handwritten postcards and notes, several sent from the Coalition for Action on Post-Secondary Education, expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 1157/2012-13

Series of email messages from Chris Henderson and Catrin Owen of Calder Bateman Communications to Brenda Lee Doyle regarding a set of principles for the transition of Michener Centre residents to long term care or supported living

Sessional Paper 1158/2012-13

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Jeannine Goodrich of Wetaskiwin regarding the closing of Michener Centre and the effects it will have on her developmentally disabled son

Sessional Paper 1159/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Report, undated, entitled "The Way Forward, Alberta's Multiple Sclerosis Partnership," prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 1160/2012-13

Reprint of a Brooks and County Chronicle article, undated, entitled "No basis here for Wildrose ambulance response complaints"

Sessional Paper 1161/2012-13

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

RedDeerAdvocate.com website article dated July 11, 2013, entitled “Long-term care policy worries caregiver”

Sessional Paper 1162/2012-13

RedDeerAdvocate.com website article dated October 2, 2013, entitled “Where are the beds for seniors?”

Sessional Paper 1163/2012-13

Speaker’s Statement – Members’ Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the election of four Members of the Legislative Assembly, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on June 15, 1993. Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, and Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, each received a 20-year Mace pin.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, 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 need to immediately identify the actual number of deaths of children in care that have occurred since 1999, the implementation status of recommendations that have been made to prevent deaths in that time, the reasons for the secrecy surrounding this issue, and the steps that can be taken immediately to improve the protection of children currently in the care of the Government.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

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Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ44. Asked for by Mr. Pedersen:

What is the amount of revenue collected by Alberta Film Classification for the fiscal years April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012; and April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013?

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2013
— Ms Cusanelli

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 43

Allen	Forsyth	McQueen
Amery	Goudreau	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Hancock	Olesen
Bilous	Horne	Pastoor
Brown	Horner	Quadri
Campbell	Hughes	Quest
Cao	Jeneroux	Rodney
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sarich
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Starke
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Stier
DeLong	Khan	Swann
Dorward	Kubinec	Towle
Drysdale	Luan	VanderBurg
Fawcett	McDonald	Xiao
Fenske		

Against the motion: 3

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The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2013
— Ms Cusanelli

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Seniors' Advocate Act — Mrs. Towle

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Forsyth speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

516. Moved by Mr. Jeneroux:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of providing funding for preliminary work on school playgrounds, such as drainage, and for basic playground equipment, such as a swing or a slide, as part of the capital funding for any new school facilities that include grade levels from kindergarten to Grade 6.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 1164/2012-13

Government Motions**43.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

44. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for three hours on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

The question being put, the motion 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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 32 Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Rodney

Mr. McDonald, 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 33 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1165/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 33 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf
of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1166/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 32 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1167/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 32 (A2) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1168/2012-13

Third Reading

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

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Weadick on behalf of
Hon. Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Bill 38 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Bill 43 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon.
Mr. Lukaszuk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

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. Lou Hyndman, Member for Edmonton-West and Edmonton-Glenora, 1967 to 1986, who passed away on November 25, 2013.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the fifth anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act being passed in the Assembly, and recognizing November 23, 2013, as Holodomor Memorial Day.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Government concealing deaths of children in Government care.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta's annual general meeting and convention held in Red Deer on November 22 and 23, 2013, which affirmed support of the Premier, and regarding Government achievements.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding children in Government care and the Government's commitment to end child poverty.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the role of the Legislative Officers and the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement recognizing November 23, 2013, as Holodomor Memorial Day.

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 42 Securities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 77(2), Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, may be advanced two or more stages in one day and that if Bill 45 has not yet been introduced, then immediately following the passage of this motion, the Assembly shall revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act.

Be it resolved that:

- A. On Thursday, November 28, 2013, the Assembly continue sitting beyond its normal adjournment hour of 4:30 p.m. for consideration of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act and any related motions; and
- B. Upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly no later than the time of adjournment on Thursday, November 28, 2013, the Assembly reconvene on Friday, November 29, 2013, at 10 a.m. for a special sitting and the only business to be considered by the Assembly that day shall be Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, and any related motions.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Fraser Forum article dated November/December 2013 entitled "Pensions and governments both hurting from Canada's inability to ship oil to market"
Sessional Paper 1169/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities:

Document, undated, entitled "Accepted claims – paramedical occupations" for the years 2012 and 2013 regarding paramedical claims reported by the Workers' Compensation Board for the Province of Alberta and for Calgary
Sessional Paper 1170/2012-13

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

Report, undated, entitled "Stress and Well-Being among AUPE Local 006 Members: 2012 Summary Report," prepared by John Graham, Micheal Shier, David Nicholas, Andrea Newberry, and Julianna Ramirez
Sessional Paper 1171/2012-13

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

100 handwritten postcards and notes, several sent from the Coalition for Action on Post-Secondary Education, expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 1172/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2012/2013

Sessional Paper 1173/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2013-14 First Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement dated August 2013

Sessional Paper 1174/2012-13

2013-14 Second Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement dated November 2013

Sessional Paper 1175/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (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. Khan reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates, 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, 2014, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Relations

Operational	\$50,000,000
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Agriculture and Rural Development

Operational	\$19,115,000
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Education

Operational	\$9,050,000
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Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Operational	\$2,000,000
Capital	\$101,000,000

Human Services

Operational	\$66,000,000
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Infrastructure

Operational	\$100,000,000
Capital	\$5,000,000

Municipal Affairs

Operational	\$378,572,000
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Transportation

Capital	\$33,560,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Griffiths on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 32 Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013 — 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 some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 39 Enhancing Consumer Protection in Auto Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 40 Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act — Mr. Quadri

Bill 41 Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Mr. Bhardwaj, 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 41 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1176/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 41 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1177/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Building Families and Communities Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:45 p.m. until Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the deaths of children while in Government care and requesting a public inquiry.

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.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding Government policies.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program at the University of Alberta Faculty of Education and recognizing the recent convocation of 48 undergraduate students.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the challenges faced by junior and mid-capacity energy companies in Alberta's energy sector.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the need for improvements to Highway 28 because of increasing oil sands development in northeast Alberta.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding five-year-old Brooke Aubuchon, who suffers from Batten disease, and the costs for out-of-country treatment that are not eligible for reimbursement by Alberta Health Services.

Privilege — Independence of the Members' Services Committee, a Government-issued Brochure, and a Media Briefing on Bills

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 raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding Mr. Mason's ability to participate as a Member of the independent Members' Services Committee and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 42 Securities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta, 2012-2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1178/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 2012-13, for April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 1179/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Report dated October 2013 entitled "Filling the Gaps, Why providing health care to refugees makes sense for Alberta," prepared by the Alberta Refugee Care Coalition

Sessional Paper 1180/2012-13

Brochure, undated, entitled "The Building Alberta Plan, 2013 Edition," prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1181/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, 2012/2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1182/2012-13

Privilege — Independence of the Members' Services Committee, a Government-issued Brochure, and a Media Briefing on Bills

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding Mr. Mason's ability to participate as a Member of the independent Members' Services Committee and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Mr. Anderson, Ms Blakeman, and Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk.

The Speaker stated that he would rule on the matter at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Fawcett on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

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

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horne on behalf of Hon. Mr. Rodney

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Anglin speaking.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Rodney

Bill 39 Enhancing Consumer Protection in Auto Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 40 Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act — Mr. Quadri

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Notaries and Commissioners Act — Ms Olesen

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 41 Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:21 p.m. until Thursday, November 28, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 28, 2013

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

Speaker's Statement — Hon. Mr. Alward, Premier of New Brunswick

The Speaker invited Hon. Mr. Alward, Premier of New Brunswick, into the Chamber pursuant to Government Motion 46 approved by the Assembly on November 21, 2013.

Premier's Statement

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, made a brief statement introducing Hon. Mr. Alward, Premier of New Brunswick, and invited him to address the Assembly. Hon. Ms Redford also introduced Dallas McCready, Deputy Minister of Executive Council, and Yvon Long, Deputy Chief of Staff, Government of New Brunswick.

Address by Hon. David Alward, Premier of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Premier, Honourable Members of Alberta's Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Premier Redford, for the warm welcome and the kind introduction. It's an honour for me to be the first New Brunswick Premier to address the people of Alberta in their House. En tant que Premier ministre de la seule province officiellement bilingue au Canada, je dis bonjour aux Franco-Albertains de la part des Acadiens et des Brayons du Nouveau-Brunswick.

As you know, New Brunswickers were honoured to welcome Premier Redford in June and to have the opportunity to hear her vision for building a strong national economy that can support jobs in our communities, progressive provinces, and a more prosperous Canada. As a fellow Premier and as a Canadian, I am energized by Premier Redford's leadership. She's a nation-builder, and it's truly an honour to work with her to move Canada forward.

I was one of the many Canadians across our incredible country that was moved on election night when Premier Redford stated her vision of a strong Alberta within a strong Canada. When we speak about strengthening Canada through smart and responsible resource development, we must never lose track of what we're really speaking about: jobs in our communities all over our country. Projects like the Energy East Pipeline will translate into thousands of jobs in communities across Canada.

New Brunswick and Alberta are provinces built on natural resource development, and we believe our future growth and prosperity depends on our ability to responsibly develop our resources and access new markets. In order to achieve this vision together, governments across our country must work together to forge a Canadian energy strategy. Again, I applaud the leadership of Premier Redford and what she has shown across our country in advocating a truly national strategy that can drive Canada's future growth and prosperity.

Last month the Canadian Chamber of Commerce released a report that shows how our lack of energy infrastructure at a national level is hindering our success in energy markets at a rate of \$50 million per day. This translates, very literally, into reduced investment, fewer jobs, and lost revenues for governments at all levels to invest in the priorities of our citizens. This is the stark reality that drives our belief that projects like the Energy East Pipeline will be as important to Canada's future growth and prosperity as the national railways construction was in our past. Tidewater is key to accessing these new and, in some cases, emerging markets from Europe and Asia. New Brunswick offers the most direct, reliable, and proven access to these world-wide markets through the Port of St. John, the deepest ice-free port on the east coast of North America.

Let me be clear as well, New Brunswick favours a one-project, one-review approach to the Energy East Pipeline Project. We recognize that the regulation of an inter-provincial energy pipeline falls under the jurisdiction of the National Energy Board.

To date TransCanada has completed seven open houses in various New Brunswick communities and will hold two more in December. As a government we will continue to work in co-operation with the provinces of Alberta and Quebec as well as Canada's oil and gas producers. I'm convinced that together we will achieve our common goal to safely and efficiently move crude oil and natural gas from western Canada to the east coast for refining, value-added upgrading, and shipment to international markets in the Atlantic basin and beyond.

Some of you may not realize this but New Brunswick is Canada's most export-driven province. Energy exports include refined petroleum products, electricity, and significant amounts of natural gas from both domestic and international sources, including output from Canaport LNG, Canada's first and only LNG terminal. Our province's annual energy exports currently exceed \$10 billion, a significant economic and trade threshold for a province of just under 750,000 people. New Brunswick provides key export advantages, including the Port of St. John, which has safely and efficiently handled the largest crude oil and LNG carriers in the world for decades.

We also are home to the Irving Oil refinery, Canada's largest and most modern refinery, located in St. John. Again, in case you didn't know, this refinery supplies three out of five cars in Boston with gasoline, and we're not Boston Bruins fans, by the way. Some are, but we won't get into that debate. The Irving Oil refinery currently operates at a capacity in excess of 300,000 barrels a day. Its output accounts for 42 per cent of all of Canada's finished petroleum product exports to the U.S. New Brunswick is ready to step forward to help Canada rise to meet the opportunities ahead.

In addition to the thousands of jobs associated with construction, refining, and shipping, the Energy East Pipeline has the capacity to create new jobs and opportunities through expanded supply chains. In New Brunswick we see the potential for brand new industries such as petrochemicals and plastics. We believe that an expanded natural gas industry in New Brunswick will have the potential to create just as many opportunities, such as global LNG exports, a re-energized manufacturing sector, and the potential to add value to New Brunswick's abundant potash reserves through the construction of fertilizer plants. These opportunities, in addition to the jobs and investments that will be generated with the development of each well, provide a very bright economic future for New Brunswick communities.

Our government firmly believes that environmental stewardship and economic growth are both vital pillars of a strong society and a healthy future. To echo the words spoken by Premier Redford in New Brunswick last June, “the false premise that we must choose between the environment and the economy is indeed removed from reality.”

Canada boasts some of the strongest environmental protections in the world. The confidence we place in our laws to protect our environment has been well earned. As Canadians we value the environment as the natural infrastructure of our communities. As we continue to develop our natural resources responsibly we will gain more opportunities to invest revenues and to research in innovation that will power our economy and protect our environment for future generations. I began this by saying that we must never forget why we are doing the work we are doing, to allow for the smart and responsible development of our natural resources. This is about jobs for Canadian men and women.

We stand here at a critical moment in our history. We are at a crossroads at home in New Brunswick and indeed across our country. Canada is at risk of standing still while our competitors around the world are moving forward and making plans to move past us. As Canadians we need to think about what that will mean for our grandchildren and their children. Prosperity and opportunity are not inherited rights. We cannot take for granted that future generations will inherit the same opportunities that we’ve been blessed with.

There are some 15,000 New Brunswickers working outside New Brunswick today in natural resource sectors, and we’re not isolated with this story. In fact, when I took two flights today to get to Edmonton, I met several workers who are plying their trade here in Alberta right now. What they said to me is that they are blessed to be able to gain that opportunity but they are looking for the opportunity in a year and a half or so to ply their trade back home.

In fact, as well, my youngest son, Ben, is 23. He’s a red seal plumber and a last block pipefitter who works in Kerr Lake. As I was flying here today, Ben was flying home for a week.

Canadians want to work and need to work. Canadians want to build prosperity and economic opportunity no matter what region they live in. By working together and by building on the foundation of respect and friendship that we have built between provinces, I am convinced that we can move Canada forward.

Thank you so much for the chance to address the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. C’est un honneur pour moi d’avoir l’opportunité. Merci. Thank you.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to continue the Daily Routine until 3:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the opening of the Michael Strembitsky School playground on September 11, 2013, funded in part by the Community Facility Enhancement Program, and recognizing the work of the Summerside Community League and the Summerside Playground Committee.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Sikh community's generosity and commitment to humanitarian causes.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Chris Gibbons of Calgary who passed away on November 23, 2013.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement congratulating the Grande Prairie Regional College on its high rankings in three categories for Canada's top research colleges in 2013, achieved in part because of its work in establishing the National Bee Diagnostic Centre.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the announcement on November 28, 2013, that the Be Brave Ranch for victims of childhood sexual abuse will open in the summer of 2014 and operate for a two-year trial period, and recognizing the Little Warriors organization which raised the funds necessary to open the ranch.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the opening of Brintnell Park in the summer of 2013 and the difficulties faced by communities raising funds to build parks.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. McIver, 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: WQ42, WQ43

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter 2013-2014
Sessional Paper 1183/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Journal article dated May 1, 2013, entitled “Union calls off illegal walkout”

Sessional Paper 1184/2012-13

Photocopy of a CTV News web page entitled “Province Responds to Safety Concerns” noting a comment by Dan Laville, Justice and Solicitor General Ministry spokesperson

Sessional Paper 1185/2012-13

Report dated November 27, 2013, entitled “Tabling Report - Pension Sustainability Reforms,” prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 1186/2012-13

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

Report dated November 2013 entitled “From Words to Action, Alberta Can Afford a Real Poverty Reduction Strategy,” prepared by John Kolkman and Bill Moore-Kilgannon

Sessional Paper 1187/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 27, 2013, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, requesting a full and independent public inquiry into the state of Alberta’s First Nations, Metis, and Inuit children in care

Sessional Paper 1188/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 21 recent letters and postcards, several from the Coalition for Action on Post-Secondary Education, expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 1189/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Copy of page 38 of the Alberta Health Services Performance Report - Q4 2012/13, regarding the breast cancer screening participation rate

Sessional Paper 1190/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Copies of three Twitter postings dated November 27, 2013, from Kim Trynacity, Matt Dykstra, and Thomasean Vernon relating to Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act

Sessional Paper 1191/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ28, asked for by Mr. Barnes on April 15, 2013:

As of November 1, 2012, what costs have been incurred on the Edmonton Federal Building and Centennial Plaza project?

Sessional Paper 1192/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ29, asked for by Mr. Barnes on April 15, 2013:

As of November 1, 2012, what is the status of all infrastructure projects in Phase One and Phase Two of the Health Capital Plan (2010-2013)?

Sessional Paper 1193/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ33, asked for by Mr. Barnes on April 15, 2013:

What was the cost to build each school under the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement I and Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement II initiatives and the ABC Schools Partnership, and what is the ongoing annual cost of the maintenance agreements for each school?

Sessional Paper 1194/2012-13

Privilege – Independence of the Members' Services Committee, a Government-issued Brochure, and a Media Briefing on Bills

The Speaker requested clarification in connection with the purported question of privilege raised on November 27, 2013, by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, regarding the following issues:

1. If and when a brochure containing the material referred to yesterday by the Member for Edmonton–Strathcona and the Deputy Premier was produced and distributed, and by whom.
2. The nature of the news conference held yesterday in connection with Bills 45 and 46. Was it a technical briefing? What time did the session start and what time did it finish? Was there more than one media session or technical briefing? Was the session or sessions subject to an embargo?

The Speaker requested written responses to these questions no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2013, and will table the responses in the Assembly on Monday, December 2, 2013. The Speaker stated that he would rule on the purported question of privilege at a later date.

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 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Khan, 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 28 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 1195/2012-13

Second Reading

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

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, December 2, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 2, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2013, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the inadequate medical attention senior Violet McDonald received while in the McKenzie Towne Care Centre and the poor state of seniors' care in Alberta.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta's medical school, the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy, the Kaye Edmonton Clinic, and the value of training and retaining medical students.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the work of the Education Act Regulatory Review Committee and the feedback the committee received.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the importance of making alternate transportation arrangements to avoid drinking and driving.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding recent actions of the Government that may eliminate collective bargaining and the right to strike for Alberta's public servants.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 1,148 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 52 Albertans urging the Government to introduce a Bill which will preserve Albertans' 65-year investment in the pheasant rearing, release, and hunting of pheasants program such that it maintains and enhances our hunting culture and heritage through the program's support by the Departments of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development; Tourism, Parks and Recreation; Agriculture and Rural Development; and Culture and Community Spirit (for a fair share of province-wide lottery profits).

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Education (International Language Programs) Amendment Act, 2013 —
Mr. Luan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Optometrists, 2012 Annual Report to Government
Sessional Paper 1196/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

9 recent letters and email messages and an excerpt from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association newsletter dated November 28, 2013, all expressing support for the proposed Government amendments to Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act

Sessional Paper 1197/2012-13

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Petition from 61 Albertans urging the Government to take the necessary measures, including the introduction of proposed amendments to existing legislation, to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the pheasant release program, which has been an important part of Alberta's hunting tradition, heritage, and culture for over 65 years

Sessional Paper 1198/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated November 21, 2013, from Donette Kingyens of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the proposed changes to the Public Service Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 1199/2012-13

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.

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

News release dated February 25, 2010, entitled "Enforcement order issued to composting operator," prepared by the Government of Alberta, relating to comments made by Mr. Donovan during Oral Question Period on December 2, 2013

Sessional Paper 1200/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 85 handwritten postcards and notes expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 1201/2012-13

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

Memorandum dated November 29, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, responding to the Speaker's November 28, 2013, request for additional information concerning the purported question of privilege raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 27, 2013

Sessional Paper 1202/2012-13

Privilege – Independence of the Members’ Services Committee, a Government-issued Brochure, and a Media Briefing on Bills

Honourable Members, I have a somewhat lengthy ruling, and I hope I could have your attention as I go through it. Your Chair has given very serious and careful consideration, and I am now prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege that was raised by the Leader of the New Democrat Opposition on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, which was subsequently argued by the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona that day and can be found on pages 3166 and 3167 of Alberta Hansard. The Members for Airdrie, Edmonton-Centre, and the Deputy Premier also participated in that discussion, and their comments can also be found in Hansard on pages 3167 through 3170 for last Wednesday.

The central issue of the purported point of privilege is this. Did the Government’s brochure, titled “The Building Alberta Plan,” prejudice the actions of a committee of this Assembly, and was this Assembly also, perhaps, prejudged with respect to presuming passage of certain Bills and whether a news conference on Bills 45 and 46 was also somehow disadvantaged by not all Members having seen them before they were offered to others outside the Assembly? The brochure that I referred to was tabled on November 27 by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview and is now Sessional Paper 1181/2012-13.

With respect to the formalities, the Speaker’s office did receive notice of the purported question of privilege on Wednesday, November 27, at 11:20 a.m., so the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) were met. The November 27 notice of the question of privilege from the Leader of the ND opposition referred to that his ability to perform as a member of the Members’ Services Committee had been breached “by actions which have predetermined a decision yet to be made by the committee.”

The Member for Edmonton-Strathcona clarified and expanded upon the alleged breaches of privilege during her November 27 comments, that I referenced a moment ago. Essentially, there are actually three purported questions of privilege, which the Chair outlined last Thursday, November 28, at page 3208 of Alberta Hansard.

The first is that the brochure prejudged a decision of the Special Standing Committee on Members’ Services by referring to the multi-year wage freeze taken by MLAs as that decision had not yet been made and was, in fact, not made until the committee met last Friday, November 29.

The second point is that the brochure prejudged a decision by the Assembly as it referred to public-sector employees taking multi-year wage freezes when that was the subject of at least one Bill before the Assembly. The Member for Edmonton-Strathcona was at a disadvantage on that point as Bill 46, the Public Service Salary Restraint Act, had been introduced in the Assembly literally minutes before she rose to speak to the question of privilege. In fact, the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona did not have the Bill when she was speaking.

The third purported question of privilege concerns a news conference about Bills 45 and 46 prior to their introduction in the Assembly.

The Chair finds that it appears that the Member raised the question of privilege concerning the Members' Services Committee at the earliest opportunity since that Leader received the brochure in question on Tuesday. The notice did not refer to the news conference on the Bills, which is the subject of another related question of privilege, but given the circumstance the Chair is satisfied that it was raised when the event occurred and does meet the requirements of Standing Order 15(5). Likewise, the issue about the brochure assuming that Bill 46 had passed was raised at the earliest opportunity and was done so under Standing Order 15(5) as well.

The following day your Chair asked the Government some questions concerning the purported question of privilege, which can be found at pages 3208 and 3209 of Alberta Hansard for November 28. The Chair asked when the brochure was produced, who produced it, when and how and to whom it was distributed, and whatever other information might be useful for your Chair to know under the circumstances.

With respect to the news conference on Bills 45 and 46 the Chair asked whether it was a news conference. Was it a technical briefing? Exactly what was it? What time did it start? When did it finish? Was there more than one media session or technical briefing, and where was it held?

Earlier today your Chair tabled the November 29, 2013, memo from the Deputy Premier to me, in which was provided answers to these questions. The Chair had asked that any response be received before 4:00 p.m. last Friday, and the Deputy Premier's memo was, in fact, received in my office at 3:27 p.m. on that day.

With respect to the allegation concerning premature disclosure at news conferences, I have this to say. The response from the Deputy Premier clears up the purported question of privilege alleging that there was a news conference concerning Bills 45 and 46 prior to their introduction in the Assembly on November 27. To release details of a Bill or the Bill itself to persons who are not Members once the Bill is on notice on the Order Paper but before it is introduced in the Assembly could be a contempt of the Assembly, as you all likely know. This ground has been covered recently in the Assembly in the context of a purported question of privilege involving the Minister of Transportation and Bill 32. On October 31, 2013, it was found that there was no prima facie case of privilege. Members can find the applicable citations to the relevant authorities at pages 2655 through 2657 of Alberta Hansard for that day. There were some comments in that ruling that will be referred to later.

In his November 29, 2013, memo on the purported questions of privilege, the Deputy Premier indicated that there was to be a technical briefing followed by a news conference on the two Bills in question. He states:

The Bills were introduced at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. A news release was issued after each Bill was introduced. The Bill 45 news release was issued at 3:09 p.m. and the Bill 46 news release was issued at 3:10 p.m. The technical briefing with the media did not begin until after the Bills were introduced and the Ministers both arrived in the media room.

The Deputy Premier attached the news releases to his memo, which I referred to moments ago.

In fairness, the Deputy Premier provided similar information in his remarks on the purported question of privilege at page 3170 of Alberta Hansard for November 27, 2013. Accordingly, there was no release of the Bill or any technical briefing provided to persons who were not Members prior to the introduction of those Bills in this Assembly. For the record, Hansard advises that Bill 45 was read a first time at 3:03 p.m. and Bill 46 at 3:04 p.m. on the day in question. As there was no early release of information, there is no prima facie question of privilege on that point.

With respect to presuming decisions of the Assembly and its committees, I have the following comments to make. The next two purported questions of privilege are not as easily dealt with. The document that precipitated these questions of privilege was the aforementioned brochure called "The Building Alberta Plan." On page 6 of this document the following statement appears: "Public sector employees, including teachers, doctors and government managers – as well as MLAs – are leading by example with multi-year wage freezes because it's the responsible thing to do for our province." It actually goes on, also, to talk about MLA pay being frozen for one year.

With respect to the timing of the brochure in question, the Deputy Premier was very forthcoming in his November 29, 2013, memo. He indicates that “printing of The Building Alberta Plan started the week of October 7, 2013.” Enough copies were printed for every Alberta home. Delivery of that brochure to the public, according to the Deputy Premier, began on November 21, 2013.

On the issue of a multi-year pay freeze for Members, there was a motion for consideration by the Members’ Services Committee provided to the Speaker’s office by the Member for Calgary-Varsity on Monday, November 25, 2013, which was then very quickly sent out to all members of the committee that day by my office along with another notice as requested by the Leader of the ND Opposition.

Last Friday, November 29, 2013, the Members’ Services Committee agreed to a freeze in salary, or, more accurately, not to apply the mechanism for providing increases to Members’ salaries until March 31, 2017. Prior to that meeting the committee had voted at its February 7, 2013, meeting to suspend the increase in MLA salaries for one year. That is until March 31, 2014. No motion was passed to suspend the increase over a number of years. There has not been such a motion since the new remuneration rates for Members were put into place following the 2012 general election.

As discussed, Bill 46, which imposes a settlement on public service employees should an agreement not be reached, was not introduced in this Assembly until Wednesday, November 27. In his memo the Deputy Premier indicates that the text of the brochure was written in October and that distribution commenced on November 21. Clearly, this was well before there was any motion proposed to the Members’ Services Committee for a multi-year freeze and certainly before any was approved. It may go without saying, but this was also well before there was indication to the Assembly that Bill 46 was forthcoming.

In terms of what aspect of the doctrine of parliamentary privilege might apply, the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona provided the definition of contempt from the standard Commonwealth text, Erskine May, 24th edition, at page 251:

Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results, may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent for the offence.

In the October 31, 2013, ruling, which was referenced earlier, your Chair used the definition of contempt found at page 82 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition. That reference can be found at page 2656 of Alberta Hansard. The point is that a contempt of the Assembly differs from a breach of privilege since contempts may be affronts to the dignity or authority of the Assembly, which may not fall into a category or specifically defined privileges.

In 1989, for example, Speaker Fraser of the Canadian House of Commons commented on this distinction when he was faced with a similar question to what is now before this Assembly. In the House of Commons case the government of the day advertised on August 26, 1989, that “Canada’s Federal Sales Tax System will change. Please save this notice. It explains the changes and the reasons for them.” The tax of the day was to be replaced by the Goods and Services Tax, the GST. The legislation to put the GST in place had not, however, yet been passed, which led to a serious question of privilege in the House of Commons.

In his October 10, 1989, ruling on this subject, found at pages 4457 through 4461 of House of Commons Debates, Speaker Fraser stated at page 4459:

In summary, all breaches of privilege are contempts of the House, but not all contempts are necessarily breaches of privilege. A contempt may be an act or an omission. It does not have to actually obstruct or impede the House or a Member. It merely has to have the tendency to produce such results.

In the case before us today it is argued that the ND Opposition Leader was obstructed in performing his duties. I reject that argument, largely for the same reasons Speaker Fraser did in 1989. He stated once again at page 4459 of House of Commons Debates:

In order for an obstruction to take place, there would have had to be some action which prevented the House or Members from attending to their duties or which casts such serious reflections on a Member that he or she was not able to fulfill his or her responsibilities. I would submit this is not the case in the present situation.

However, this finding alone does not end the matter. The actions by the Government of our day could constitute a contempt if it is found that they offend the dignity and authority of this Assembly. Members may recall that in the October 31, 2013, ruling in the Alberta Legislative Assembly your Speaker gave the following warning at page 2656 and 2657 of Alberta Hansard.

Furthermore, in my view, any prior advertising about the nature of a Bill must be undertaken very, very cautiously, if it is undertaken at all, so as to not create any impression that the contents of the Bill are already law when the Assembly has not even seen the Bill yet, much less debated it and passed it. In this respect, Members may wish to examine the decision of the Ontario Speaker in 1997 when the government of the day advertised a certain Bill as if it had already been passed. In this respect, please visit Ontario Hansard of January 22, 1997, at pages 6441 through 6443.

In that Ontario case of January 22, 1997, a prima facie case of contempt was found, and in his ruling then Speaker of the Ontario House, Speaker Stockwell, states, with respect to the House of Commons case, at page 6442 of Ontario Hansard for January 22, 1997, as follows:

In ruling that there was no case for contempt, Speaker Fraser appears to have accepted the submissions of government ministers that the government had never intended the advertisements in question to be anything more than “informational” and that it had never been the government’s intention to suggest that legislation would not be submitted to Parliament for debate.

For your information, I listened very intently to the submissions made by the Deputy Premier on November 27, and I did not hear the sort of assurances that guided Speaker Fraser in 1989. In finding a prima facie case of contempt in Ontario, Speaker Stockwell said at pages 6442 and 6443 of Ontario Hansard,

It is not enough for yet another Speaker to issue yet another warning or caution in circumstances where the wording and circulation of the pamphlet appear on their face to cross the line. I say in all candour that a reader of that document could be left with an incorrect impression about how parliamentary democracy works in Ontario, an impression that undermines respect for our parliamentary institutions.

Obviously, your Speaker has very serious concerns about the advertising that was undertaken in the Alberta brochure, which is central to the point of privilege before us today. As indicated in my earlier comments, the Alberta Government was warned to not try and presume that the Assembly would pass legislation through some form of their own advertising. As your Speaker I was representing the interests and role of the Assembly in our parliamentary form of democracy.

In Alberta and throughout Canada we have a form of responsible government. As Speaker Kowalski, my predecessor, commented on May 1, 1997, at page 319 of Alberta Hansard for that day:

the principle of the executive being responsible to the Assembly is the cornerstone of responsible government in this country.

In his text *Constitutional Law of Canada*, third edition, by author Peter Hogg, Mr. Hogg goes so far as to say: “Responsible government is probably the most important non-federal characteristic of the Canadian Constitution.” In the Province of Alberta the executive is composed of the members of the Executive Council, all of whom have taken and subscribed to the oath for cabinet ministers.

In his 1989 ruling at page 4461 of House of Commons Debates, Speaker Fraser requested that departments study his ruling carefully, pointing out that “we are a parliamentary democracy, not a so-called executive democracy, nor a so-called administrative democracy.”

In your Chair’s view, the situation is more similar to what occurred in Ontario in 1997 rather than to what occurred in the House of Commons in 1989, as I referenced earlier in these comments, because this Government of Alberta was warned recently, as recently as October 31 of this year, in a previous ruling that I made and within which I advised the Government that it should not advertise in a way that presumes a decision of the Assembly or, by extension, a decision not yet made by one of the Assembly’s committees.

It is clear to your Chair that the advertising in the brochure I referenced earlier did presume that a decision had been made by the Members’ Services Committee, to which the Assembly has delegated the ability to make decisions about Members’ pay and benefits. That decision had not been made, in fact. That decision had not been made until the following Friday. Let me make sure I said that correctly. I am of the opinion that the advertising in the brochure presumed a decision that had not yet been made by the Members’ Services Committee.

The Chair also finds that the brochure created the impression that legislation was in effect concerning public service salaries when, in fact, the Bills had not been introduced. The advertising does show some disrespect for our legislative process and by extension, perhaps, for the Assembly itself. It should be very clear that in our form of democratic government the Assembly is owed total respect by Executive Council, by all members of Government, by all Members of the House regardless of the capacity in which they serve.

The continued absence of adherence to some of the proprieties of this institution causes your Chair a great deal of grief and anguish, and it also caused us again an enormous number of hours of research dealing with case precedent, dealing with former rulings, looking at other Assemblies and so on and so on. I would estimate that collectively we spent almost 200 hours over the weekend, a number of us, looking into this and asking Speakers in other jurisdictions and other Parliamentary Counsels and so on for their examples. I would hope that the dignity and authority of this Assembly and of its delegated committees would be given greater respect from this day forward.

Accordingly, your Chair finds that the advertising undertaken by the Government on page 6 of the aforementioned brochure, The Building Alberta Plan, does constitute a prima facie case of privilege. It is a breach of that privilege under Standing Order 15(6) as it is a form of contempt of this Assembly and of one of its committees.

That concludes my ruling on that matter. I would invite anyone from the Government side should they wish to rise and issue a statement of whatever kind, and I will deal with it from there.

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, apologized to the Assembly and the Speaker declared the matter closed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ42. Asked for by Mr. Wilson:

From May 1, 2009, to May 1, 2013, how many individuals were trained to complete Supports Intensity Scale interviews, and what specific training is required in order to qualify them to administer the interview?

WQ43. Asked for by Mr. Wilson:

From May 1, 2012, to May 1, 2013, how many clients did the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program serve, and how many completed the Supports Intensity Scale interview process?

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 208 Seniors' Advocate Act — Mrs. Towle

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Lemke speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

518. Moved by Ms Calahasen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop and implement a program encouraging Albertans to invest in and make use of renewable and alternative energy technologies in the province in order to strengthen Alberta's leadership in energy innovation and greenhouse gas reductions.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 39

Amery	Fraser	McIver
Bhullar	Goudreau	Olesen
Bilous	Hale	Olson
Brown	Horne	Quadri
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Rodney
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Scott
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Swann
DeLong	Khan	Towle
Denis	Klimchuk	VanderBurg
Donovan	Lemke	Weadick
Drysdale	Leskiw	Webber
Fawcett	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Lukaszuk	Xiao

Against the motion: 0

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:02 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions**49.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Mr. Anderson commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 35

Amery	Goudreau	Luan
Bhullar	Hancock	Lukaszuk
Brown	Horne	Olesen
Casey	Horner	Olson
Dallas	Hughes	Quadri
DeLong	Jeneroux	Rodney
Denis	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Drysdale	Khan	Webber
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Lemke	Xiao
Fraser	Leskiw	

Against the motion: 12

Anderson	Bilous	Rowe
Anglin	Hehr	Sherman
Barnes	Mason	Swann
Bikman	Notley	Towle

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Amery	Goudreau	Luan
Bhullar	Hancock	Lukaszuk
Brown	Horne	Olesen
Casey	Horner	Olson
Dallas	Hughes	Quadri
DeLong	Jeneroux	Rodney
Denis	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Drysdale	Khan	Webber
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Lemke	Xiao
Fraser	Leskiw	

Against the motion: 12

Anderson	Eggen	Rowe
Anglin	Hehr	Sherman
Barnes	Mason	Swann
Bilous	Notley	Towle

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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

Bill 42 Securities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Government Motions

52. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Mr. Anderson commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 35

Amery	Hancock	Lukaszuk
Bhullar	Horne	Olesen
Brown	Horner	Olson
Casey	Hughes	Quadri
Dallas	Jeneroux	Rodney
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Denis	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Drysdale	Khan	Webber
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Lemke	Xiao
Fraser	Leskiw	Young
Goudreau	Luan	

Against the motion: 12

Anderson	Eggen	Rowe
Anglin	Hehr	Sherman
Barnes	Mason	Swann
Bilous	Notley	Towle

Privilege – Time Allocation Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the use of time allocation motions for Second Reading consideration of two Bills before the Assembly.

The Acting Speaker heard from Mr. Mason, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hehr, and Hon. Mr. Hancock.

The Acting Speaker ruled that there was no prima facie question of privilege.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 49 agreed to on December 2, 2013, and pursuant to Standing Order 21(1), at 11:10 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Fenske	Leskiw
Barnes	Fraser	Luan
Bhullar	Goudreau	Lukaszuk
Brown	Hancock	Olesen
Casey	Horne	Olson
Dallas	Jablonski	Quadri
DeLong	Jeneroux	Rodney
Denis	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Donovan	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Dorward	Khan	Webber
Drysdale	Klimchuk	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Lemke	Xiao

Against the motion: 8

Anglin	Hehr	Sherman
Bilous	Mason	Towle
Eggen	Notley	

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

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 52 agreed to on December 2, 2013, and pursuant to Standing Order 21(1), at 1:24 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Amery	Fraser	Luan
Bhullar	Goudreau	Lukaszuk
Brown	Hancock	Olson
Casey	Horne	Quadri
Dallas	Jeneroux	Rodney
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Denis	Kennedy-Glans	Weadick
Dorward	Khan	Webber
Drysdale	Klimchuk	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Leskiw	Xiao

Against the motion: 9

Anderson	Bilous	Notley
Anglin	Eggen	Sherman
Barnes	Hehr	Towle

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

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:37 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2013, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 488 and the Alberta Pipe Trades College.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the seniors' long-term care centre promised for Fort McMurray that has been delayed for almost six years.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Centre for Applied Technologies currently being built in Edmonton.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding recently passed legislation that will protect youth from the harmful effects of smoking.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the work of the all-party Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, the need to recognize the impartiality and independence of all Legislative Officers, and thanking Karen Sawchuk, Committee Clerk, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and the Legislative Officers and their staff for the work they do.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the value and importance of the selfless work of foster parents.

Speaker's Statement – Distribution of Documents in the House

Honourable Members, I want to take this opportunity to summon your attention to remind you of something that is very important for all of you to be reminded about, and that is regarding the protocol for distributing or making available certain documents and other items to Members, to your colleagues in this House. Should you as a Member want to distribute to Members in the Assembly let us call it extraneous materials, materials that are not the property of the House, in other words, or part of the deliberations in debates, such as amendments and that type of thing, those kind of materials require the prior approval of your Speaker.

This a long-standing tradition, and I realize some have not been here that long, but you should all be reminded that it is a long-standing tradition for you to observe. It is simply not appropriate for any Member to request a Page to distribute materials without prior approval of the Speaker. This protocol was confirmed in a ruling by my predecessor, Honourable Ken Kowalski, in this Assembly on February 23, 2010, which is available at Alberta Hansard at pages 247 and 250, mostly the latter.

Some documents to which your Speaker will have given approval for distribution are normally placed on Members' desks, while other items such as ribbons, pins, brochures, leaflets, and so on can be placed in baskets at either of our two entrance doors to my left and to my right, and then it is up to individual Members to decide whether they want to pick up the pin and wear it or pick up the brochure and read it or pick up the ribbon and put it on. Members have that choice.

We have many good causes that are supported by these kinds of symbols and materials, everything from cancer to MS to education to children to seniors. The list is endless. We have been very accommodating and very lenient in allowing that to take place, and I don't think any of us would want to lose that leniency. Let us remember that this practice of using the baskets will continue. If you have anything else that you want distributed to all other Members, you might want to use the mailroom. It gets there just as quickly to all other Members.

Similarly, it would not be appropriate for any one of you to walk from desk to desk and put material there. This was tried a few years back, and that was curtailed as well. I only mention that as a friendly reminder.

Please, let us not lose this privilege that we have to share things that we find are important to us or to advertise important events to our colleagues. Let's be mindful of that rule. Thank you very, very much.

Privilege – Refer Speaker's Finding to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 15, that the Legislative Assembly refer to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing the deliberation and consideration of the Speaker's finding on December 2, 2013, of a prima facie case of breach of privilege and the determination of an appropriate remedy.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister of Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2012-2013 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1203/2012-13

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

155 letters, undated, from members of the Campus Saint-Jean community to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, regarding a federal funding agreement on official languages in the area of education that is supported by the Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 1204/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, 2012 Annual Accountability Report
Sessional Paper 1205/2012-13

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of a petition signed by over 1,000 Albertans regarding the Budget 2013 \$42 million funding cut from Community Access Programs for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 1206/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier:

Email message dated September 4, 2013, from Darren Cunningham to several addressees regarding the Government posting signage at flood-affected infrastructure projects, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Redford during Oral Question Period on December 3, 2013

Sessional Paper 1207/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Excerpt from the Government of Alberta Corporate Identity Manual dated October 2013 regarding signage

Sessional Paper 1208/2012-13

Privilege – Refer Speaker's Finding to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Honourable Members, the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona has provided notice of a motion that she proposed to move, pursuant to Standing Order 15(6), concerning the ruling that your Speaker made yesterday wherein a prima facie question of privilege was found. This motion, at the outset, is out of order under Standing Order 48 for the reasons outlined by the Chair yesterday and reasons that you can find at page 3234 of Alberta Hansard. My comments came in response to requests for clarification from the Official Opposition House Leader and also from the Member for Edmonton-Calder. Your Chair was very clear, abundantly clear, in ruling that the apology by the Deputy Premier concluded the matter and that any forthcoming motion to pursue this particular point of privilege, such as the one we have before us today, would not be in order. That was made very clear yesterday, and that ended the matter. The Chair does not want to engage in any debate on this point.

However, if Members are interested in references and authorities, they can refer to a 1993 incident in this Assembly where Speaker Schumacher ruled on the effect of an apology at pages 463 and 464 of Alberta Hansard for September 23, 1993. The Chair would also like to update a quotation from Joseph Maingot. His book *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* was relied upon by Speaker Schumacher and found in his ruling at page 464 of Alberta Hansard for that day. That statement is now found on page 267 of the second edition of that book by Maingot, and it states, “An apology by the offending Member will invariably close the matter without the necessity of putting the motion to a vote.”

It has been a long-standing tradition that when there is an offence or an impropriety or a point of order or some such thing and the Member is asked about it and then chooses to apologize, the House accepts the apology or, in some cases, an apology and a withdrawal, depending on the nature of the point, and that concludes the matter if it is accepted, and that was accepted yesterday.

I will conclude simply with this. The Member for Edmonton-Strathcona’s motion is out of order for the reasons that I have outlined, and the matter concerning the contempt of the Assembly related to the brochure that was the subject of that *prima facie* question and was produced by the Government of Alberta was also concluded in totality yesterday. To repeat myself, what I said at the end of the ruling yesterday you can look up and find on page 3234 of Alberta Hansard, where I said, “That concludes this matter.” That ends it.

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Government Motions

50. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Mr. Anderson commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 37

Bhardwaj	Horner	Olson
Bhullar	Hughes	Pastoor
Brown	Jansen	Quadri
Calahasen	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Cao	Klimchuk	Sarich
Casey	Kubinec	Scott
Cusanelli	Lemke	Starke
Dallas	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Denis	McDonald	Webber
Dorward	McQueen	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Oberle	Xiao
Fritz	Olesen	Young
Hancock		

Against the motion: 10

Anderson	Fox	Pedersen
Bikman	Hehr	Strankman
Bilous	Mason	Wilson
Blakeman		

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Privilege – Time Allocation Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the use of time allocation motions for Committee of the Whole consideration of two Bills before the Assembly.

The Deputy Speaker heard from Mr. Mason, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hehr, and Hon. Mr. Hancock.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that there was no prima facie question of privilege.

Government Motions**53. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock**

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Wilson commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 33

Bhardwaj	Hancock	Oberle
Brown	Horner	Olesen
Calahasen	Hughes	Pastoor
Cao	Jansen	Quadri
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Cusanelli	Klimchuk	Sarich
Dallas	Kubinec	Scott
Denis	Lemke	Starke
Dorward	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fenske	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Fritz	McQueen	Xiao

Against the motion: 11

Bikman	Hehr	Saskiw
Bilous	Mason	Strankman
Blakeman	Pedersen	Wilson
Fox	Rowe	

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)

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

During debate on amendment A1 to Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

After some time spent therein, the question was put that Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Rogers at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Bhardwaj	Hancock	Oberle
Brown	Horner	Olesen
Calahasen	Hughes	Pastoor
Cao	Jansen	Rodney
Casey	Jeneroux	Sarich
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Scott
Dallas	Klimchuk	Starke
DeLong	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Denis	Lemke	Webber
Dorward	Leskiw	Woo-Paw
Fenske	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Fritz	McDonald	Young

Against the motion: 8

Eggen	Kang	Stier
Fox	Notley	Swann
Hale	Rowe	

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 28 Enabling Regional Growth Boards Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Bhardwaj, 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 45 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1209/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 28 (A1A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of
Municipal Affairs on November 28, 2013) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1210/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 28 (A1B) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of
Municipal Affairs on November 28, 2013) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1211/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 28 (A1C) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of
Municipal Affairs on November 28, 2013) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1212/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 28 (A1D) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of
Municipal Affairs on November 28, 2013) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1213/2012-13

Government Motions

41. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2013 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

55. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Rogers (Chair)	Eggen	Leskiw
Quadri (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	McDonald
Blakeman	Lemke	Saskiw

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ethics Commissioner and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.

4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued and may continue performing its work in a subsequent session of the Assembly.
5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting but during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion 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 42 Securities Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 44 Notaries and Commissioners Act — Ms Olesen

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:54 p.m. until Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding perceived direct political interference regarding a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request for information concerning the awarding of a contract.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding how illegal strikes have been responsible for social progress and the impact of two Bills before the Assembly that threaten to take away freedom of speech and freedom of association rights from public servants.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Travel Alberta hosting approximately 600 travel agents from Germany and neighbouring countries with the DERTOUR Academy, being held across Alberta until December 9, 2013.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing December 5, 2013, as International Volunteer Day.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Canadian Parks and Recreation Everybody Gets to Play initiative to facilitate access to recreational opportunities for children in low income families.

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the upcoming review of the Service Dogs Act in the spring of 2014, the value of service dogs, and the need to raise awareness that clients are currently underserved.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, presented a petition from 473 Edmonton residents urging the Legislative Assembly to recognize there is an impact on the quality of education where student enrolment pressures in growing communities, like southwest Edmonton, outpace the resources for infrastructure such as modulars, portable classrooms, and new schools, and urging the Government to consider additional education infrastructure support throughout the province.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Letter dated December 4, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, to Mr. Quest, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, requesting, pursuant to Standing Order 52.07, that the committee provide observations and recommendations for changes regarding phase two changes that are currently under review in the automobile insurance system

Sessional Paper 1214/2012-13

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture:

Response to Written Question WQ44, asked for by Mr. Pedersen on November 25, 2013:

What is the amount of revenue collected by Alberta Film Classification for the fiscal years April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012; and April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013?

Sessional Paper 1215/2012-13

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

Letter, undated, from Dawn Koslowsky to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding regulated nurses being replaced by non-professional and unregulated health care aides

Sessional Paper 1216/2012-13

Letter dated December 2, 2013, from Sherri White Vernon to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act

Sessional Paper 1217/2012-13

Letter dated November 21, 2013, from Jennifer Allen to Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, expressing opposition to the pension sustainability reforms proposed by the Government

Sessional Paper 1218/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Calgary Herald website article dated December 4, 2013, entitled "Braid: Tory laws to ban the very mention of union strikes delivers a blow to free speech"

Sessional Paper 1219/2012-13

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education:

Copy of a blank Christmas card with a photo of Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and her family on the front and the Wildrose emblem on the back

Sessional Paper 1220/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Associate Minister for Recovery and Reconstruction of High River:

Email message dated December 4, 2013, from Craig Snodgrass, Mayor, Town of High River, to Hon. Mr. Fraser, Associate Minister for Recovery and Reconstruction of High River, regarding the helpfulness of posted Building Alberta signs

Sessional Paper 1221/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

2 email messages dated September 4, 2012, between Mathew Steppan and Sharon Jackson, Manager, Access and Privacy (FOIP) Program, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, regarding the request for and planned release of records concerning the tobacco recovery lawyer initiative

Sessional Paper 1222/2012-13

Letter dated November 6, 2013, from Jill Clayton, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, regarding the inability of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to hear inquiries relating to Jensen Shawa Solomon Duguid Hawkes LLP because the law firm regularly represents the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Sessional Paper 1223/2012-13

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

Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s(2), Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by Neil Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving the Honourable Alison Redford, Q.C., Premier, dated December 4, 2013

Sessional Paper 1224/2012-13

Pursuant to Standing Order 114, Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2012 and the 2012 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch and Interparliamentary Relations

Sessional Paper 1225/2012-13

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 08/13, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 10)

Sessional Paper 1226/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 09/13, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 28)

Sessional Paper 1227/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 10/13, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 12)

Sessional Paper 1228/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 11/13, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 27)

Sessional Paper 1229/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5), and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2010, Revised Member Statement for Honourable R.B. Danyluk

Sessional Paper 1230/2012-13

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 1231/2012-13

Deputy Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Rogers, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented them with a Christmas gift.

Speaker's Statement – Interjections

The Speaker made a statement regarding interjections by Members in the Assembly and his fundamental responsibility to preserve order and decorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Amery	Griffiths	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Hancock	McIver
Brown	Horne	Quadri
Cao	Horner	Quest
Casey	Jansen	Sarich
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	VanderBurg
DeLong	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Weadick
Drysdale	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Webber
Fawcett	Khan	Woo-Paw
Fraser	Kubinec	Xiao
Fritz	Luan	Young
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	

Against the motion: 16

Barnes	Kang	Sherman
Bikman	McAllister	Stier
Blakeman	Notley	Strankman
Eggen	Rowe	Swann
Forsyth	Saskiw	Wilson
Hehr		

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

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

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

51. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Mr. Anderson commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 32

Amery	Fritz	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Goudreau	McIver
Brown	Griffiths	Olson
Cao	Hancock	Pastoor
Casey	Horner	Quadri
Cusanelli	Jansen	Quest
DeLong	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Sarich
Dorward	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Weadick
Drysdale	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Lemke	Xiao
Fraser	Luan	

Against the motion: 9

Anderson	Bilous	Strankman
Anglin	Mason	Swann
Bikman	Pedersen	Towle

54. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mrs. Towle commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 33

Amery	Goudreau	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McIver
Brown	Hancock	Olson
Cao	Horner	Pastoor
Casey	Jansen	Quadri
Cusanelli	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
Dorward	Khan	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Kubinec	Weadick
Fawcett	Lemke	Woo-Paw
Fraser	Luan	Xiao

Against the motion: 7

Anglin	Pedersen	Swann
Bilous	Strankman	Towle
Mason		

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 51 agreed to on December 4, 2013, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:57 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Rogers in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Amery	Goudreau	Lukaszuk
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McDonald
Brown	Hancock	McIver
Cao	Horner	Olson
Casey	Jansen	Quadri
Cusanelli	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sarich
Donovan	Khan	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kubinec	Weadick
Drysdale	Lemke	Xiao
Fawcett	Luan	Young

Against the motion: 8

Anderson	Mason	Strankman
Anglin	Pedersen	Swann
Bilous	Rowe	

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

Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 54 agreed to on December 4, 2013, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:02 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment introduced by Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 54 agreed to on December 4, 2013, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:02 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Amery	Hancock	McDonald
Bhardwaj	Horne	McIver
Brown	Horner	Olson
Cao	Jansen	Pastoor
Casey	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Cusanelli	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
DeLong	Khan	Redford
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Lemke	Weadick
Goudreau	Luan	Xiao
Griffiths	Lukaszuk	

Against the motion: 8

Anderson	Blakeman	Strankman
Anglin	Mason	Swann
Bilous	Pedersen	

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

Bill 28 Enabling Regional Growth Boards Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 39

Amery	Goudreau	Lukaszuk
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	McDonald
Bilous	Hancock	McIver
Brown	Horne	Olson
Cao	Horner	Pastoor
Casey	Jansen	Pedersen
Cusanelli	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
DeLong	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Donovan	Khan	Redford
Dorward	Klimchuk	Sarich
Drysdale	Kubinec	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Lemke	Weadick
Fraser	Luan	Xiao

Against the motion: 4

Anderson	Blakeman	Strankman
Anglin		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Enabling Regional Growth Boards Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths
 Bill 44 Notaries and Commissioners Act — Ms Olesen
 Bill 45 Public Sector Services Continuation Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock
 Bill 46 Public Service Salary Restraint Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 41 agreed to on December 3, 2013, the Assembly adjourned at 1:17 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2013.

PROROGATION

MARCH 1, 2014

Prorogation

[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 First Session of the Twenty-eighth
Legislature of Alberta:

Kim Armstrong,
Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective March 1,
2014, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of
Alberta for the Second Session of the
Twenty-eighth Legislature, WE DO WILL that
you and each of you, and all others in this behalf
interested, on Monday, the 3rd day of March,
2014, 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, this 26th day of February in the Year
of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the Sixty-third Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JONATHAN DENIS,
Provincial Secretary.

