

JOURNALS

FIRST SESSION
FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH
LEGISLATURE

OF THE

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

2012



PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

HON. GENE ZWOZDESKY, SPEAKER

VOLUME CXX

JOURNALS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FROM MAY 23, 2012, TO DECEMBER 6, 2012
(BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

IN THE SIXTY-FIRST YEAR OF THE REIGN OF OUR MOST
SOVEREIGN LADY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS*

MAY 23, 2012, TO MAY 31, 2012
OCTOBER 23, 2012, TO DECEMBER 6, 2012

2012

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

HON. GENE ZWOZDESKY, SPEAKER

VOLUME CXX

* The First Session of the 28th Legislature continued into 2013 for the Third and Fourth Sitings.

FIRST SITTING

MAY 23, 2012, TO MAY 31, 2012

JOURNALS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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 <small>(Chair)</small>	Casey	Kubinec
Jablonski <small>(Deputy Chair)</small>	Dorward	Sandhu
Anderson	Eggen	Sherman

Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Xiao <small>(Chair)</small>	Brown	Quadri
McDonald <small>(Deputy Chair)</small>	DeLong	Rogers
Bikman	Eggen	Wilson
Blakeman	Leskiw	

Private Bills (21 Members)

Cao <small>(Chair)</small>	Fritz	Pastoor
Johnson <small>(Calgary-Glenmore)</small> <small>(Deputy Chair)</small>	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:
- 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;
 - 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:

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. 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:
- 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.

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:

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. 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:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

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

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

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. Lougheed

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. Lougheed

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'young, 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.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, November 21	Aft.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 7 Third Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 7 Third Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, November 22	Aft.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 5, 6, 9, 10 And as per the Order Paper</p>

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
Eggen

Kang
Saskiw

Stier
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. Home, 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

Sessional Paper 349/2012

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
Wednesday, December 5	Aft.	And as per the Order Paper - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 7
	Eve.	And as per the Order Paper - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 7
Thursday, December 6	Aft.	And as per the Order Paper - 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.

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.

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
--------	------	-------

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.
