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Monday, November 17, 2014

This being the first Day of the Third 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 18th day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen;

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

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

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

PROCLAMATION

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

GREETING

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

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective September 18, 2014, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Third Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Frank Bosscha,
Acting Deputy Attorney General

interested, on Monday, the 17th day of November, 2014, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

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

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL,
Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 18th day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the Sixty-third Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JONATHAN DENIS,
Provincial Secretary.

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

Introduction of New Members

The Speaker invited the longest-serving Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, to proceed to the main doors of the Chamber and escort Hon. Mr. Prentice into the Chamber.

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-Foothills containing the results of the by-election conducted on October 27, 2014, which states that a by-election was held in the constituency of Calgary-Foothills and that the Honourable Mr. Jim Prentice was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Foothills.

Hon. Mr. Prentice joined Ms Calahasen and was escorted to the Mace. Ms Calahasen presented Hon. Mr. Prentice to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker then invited Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, to proceed to the main doors of the Chamber to escort in the next newly elected Member.

The Speaker announced that he had also received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Edmonton-Whitemud containing the results of the by-election conducted on October 27, 2014, which states that a by-election was held in the constituency of Edmonton-Whitemud and that the Honourable Mr. Stephen Mandel was duly elected as the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

Hon. Mr. Mandel joined the Hon. Premier and was escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Prentice presented Hon. Mr. Mandel to the Speaker, and the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker announced that he had also received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-Elbow containing the results of the by-election conducted on October 27, 2014, which states that a by-election was held in the constituency of Calgary-Elbow and that the Honourable Mr. Gordon Dirks was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Elbow.

Hon. Mr. Dirks joined the Hon. Premier and was escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Prentice presented Hon. Mr. Dirks to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker then announced that he had also received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-West containing the results of the by-election conducted on October 27, 2014, which states that a by-election was held in the constituency of Calgary-West and that Mr. Mike Ellis was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-West.

Mr. Ellis joined the Hon. Premier and was escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Prentice presented Mr. Ellis to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Calgary-West took his seat in the Assembly.

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

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

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne.

Speech From the Throne

My fellow Albertans, welcome to the Third Session of the 28th Alberta Legislature. It is my honour to deliver the Speech From the Throne as Alberta's Lieutenant Governor.

Today we are in the midst of Metis Week. So I begin with a special greeting to Albertans of Metis descent. I invite all Albertans to learn about and celebrate the many contributions of Metis Albertans to our province.

We come here together to serve the people of Alberta, a province that has been blessed beyond all measure with the gifts of abundant natural resources, rich soil that sustains our agriculture and forestry sectors, and the beautiful forests and prairies, lakes and rivers, mountains and foothills that are our natural heritage.

But we value most what Albertans themselves bring to our province: an entrepreneurial spirit; hard work and innovation; a commitment to excellence; and the ethics of compassion and service to others. All these things make Alberta a place of promise and opportunity like no other.

As the elected representatives of the people of Alberta we – you – all share a great responsibility: to capture that promise and seize the opportunity so that future Albertans, whether they are born here or are among the tens of thousands of newcomers who join our province every year, will have the best quality of life possible.

Ladies and gentlemen, your Government will do exactly this.

Nine weeks ago we put Alberta under new management. Our new Government understands that we will be challenged like never before to balance strong fiscal stewardship and accountability with meeting the needs of a growing province. Today we are home to just over four million people. By 2040, in a little more than a generation, we will be home to more than six million. The decisions we make in the next five years must lay the foundation for our prosperity and success for today and for all those future Albertans.

This Government is focused on the clear priorities of Albertans, reflecting Albertans' values and ambitions for today while ensuring that a strong foundation is set for future generations. Five key principles underline our efforts: a focused commitment to sound, conservative fiscal principles; ending entitlements and restoring public trust; maximizing the value of our natural resources and respecting property rights; establishing our province as an environmental leader; and lastly, increasing Albertans' quality of life by being a leader in the areas of health, education, seniors' care, and skills training.

We will deliver good, prudent government characterized by accountability and transparency. We will work tirelessly to earn and keep Albertans' trust. We will serve Albertans with the honour and respect they deserve. We will keep our province on a firm fiscal foundation, characterized by balanced budgets, a small cabinet and a small government, low taxes and no sales tax, a responsible program of capital investment, and a disciplined savings plan.

And we will deliver excellence in all the things Albertans want and need: top quality health care; education and skills training; safe, respectful care for our seniors; modern, efficient roads and infrastructure; vibrant cities and inclusive communities; and a clean, healthy environment.

The Government's priorities will be those set by Albertans themselves, and the Government's actions will reflect Albertans' values. We will always remember that we are here to serve the people of this province.

A Focused Commitment to Sound, Conservative Fiscal Principles

Albertans rightly expect their Government to use taxpayer dollars wisely and to achieve the best possible outcomes for money spent. This Government will deliver in a manner that is both transparent and accountable to all Albertans.

Our province was built on solid conservative fiscal principles that have served Albertans well. However, a budget tied to volatile energy prices imperils our fiscal resilience over the long term. We must align spending with a realistic assessment of the financial capacity we can sustain responsibly, without risking the prosperity of our children and grandchildren. Your Government will be cautious in budgeting, prudent in spending, and diligent in saving.

At the same time, Alberta's tremendous population and economic growth have shown us the peril of failing to maintain what we have and the importance of investing in what we need. To ensure fiscal prudence and discipline, your Government will continue to use conservative revenue forecasts for budget purposes.

The results-based budgeting review will be completed with a focus on more efficient and effective program delivery. The rate of increase on spending for government operations will be kept below the rate of population growth and inflation.

At the same time, we will protect what is most important to Albertans. Government will maintain a contingency fund to protect priority programs from revenue volatility and to respond to emergencies like flood mitigation. New emphasis will be placed on better maintaining our assets and on investing to extend the life, use, and cost of what we have.

We will pursue opportunities for more innovative delivery of needed provincial capital infrastructure. We will only borrow for capital purposes, never for operations, and only with a clear debt repayment plan in place. We will introduce a straightforward budget presentation to ensure that Albertans have a clearer understanding of the province's finances and where and how their taxpayer dollars are being used. And we will issue a semi-annual update on Alberta's savings plan to report to the people of Alberta on the performance of their savings.

Ending Entitlements and Restoring the Public Trust

Public service is a privilege, and the actions of public servants must be guided by this fundamental principle. Your Government pledges to honour the trust Albertans have placed in their elected representatives and respect those it serves in everything we do.

A review has already begun of agencies, boards, and commissions, to ensure they are performing to the maximum benefit of Albertans. New accountability legislation and complementary Treasury Board directives will begin to reshape the legislative framework governing ethical standards and accountability measures for those who serve Albertans. Actions here will strengthen conflict of interest guidelines for political staff, extend cooling-off periods for political staff and senior civil servants, eliminate excessive severance packages for political staff, eliminate sole-sourced contracts in all but exceptional circumstances, and clarify the distinction between the role of registered lobbyists and government consultants.

Maximizing the Value of our Natural Resources and Respecting Property Rights

Our province's natural resources are the cornerstone of the strongest and best performing economy in Canada. In addition to conventional resources like oil, natural gas, and coal, Alberta is rich in renewable resources, including biomass, wind, hydro, and solar resources. And our natural conditions come together with human ingenuity to make our province a world leader in agricultural production and forestry.

Many people come to Alberta in search of opportunity. And they find it here, in an economy that runs on entrepreneurialism, innovation, and hard work. Albertans are truly global citizens with aspirations and abilities that extend far beyond our province's borders.

But limited access to global markets restricts Alberta's potential and costs Albertans and Canadians billions of dollars every year, limiting our prosperity and ability to control our economic destiny.

Your Government will focus on enhancing market access for all our exports so we can diversify our client base, capture global prices, and open Alberta to the widest range of emerging opportunities.

Alberta will focus its efforts on the Asia Pacific region, which holds the greatest potential for growth in exports. Much focused work has been done here, including through the Asia Advisory Council, which considered opportunities to expand economic, research, education, and cultural opportunities between Alberta and Asia.

There are also emerging opportunities in our traditional market, the United States, and in Europe, where the conclusion of negotiations on the Canada-EU free trade agreement, once ratified, will further open the world's largest market for Alberta's products and services.

Government will develop a focused regional strategy to expand Alberta's presence in key markets, ensure the right supports are in place for exporters, and build the relationships that will underpin long-term, mutually beneficial trade partnerships.

Our success in the 21st century will depend on how well we seize the opportunities that exist in the Asia Pacific region. That is why we will continue to work closely within the New West Partnership, a powerful partnership across British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, representing a market of nearly 10 million people and economies worth half a trillion dollars, to drive national focus toward the urgency of ensuring that Canada's market access challenges are addressed.

Yet we have a 20th-century export infrastructure preventing Alberta and Canada from realizing its full economic potential. There is a lack of pipeline infrastructure to move energy products to tidewater. There is a shortage of rail capacity to move agriculture, energy, and forest products to export terminals.

Despite sustained advocacy and multiple World Trade Organization rulings in our favour, mandatory country-of-origin labelling requirements in the United States continue to be a significant barrier to beef and pork exports into that country.

Your Government will continue to work in partnership with other Canadian provinces, territories, and the federal government. These efforts will include advocating for expanded export and transportation capacity, whether by truck, air, pipeline, or rail, to improve access to all markets, including Atlantic Canada, the west coast, the Gulf coast, and others. Alberta will also seek a fundamental renewal of the pan-Canadian agreement on internal trade in order to achieve a broad, comprehensive agreement that will eliminate trade barriers within our country and create an open, efficient, and stable domestic market.

Alberta is also taking steps to support innovation in the development of new products, including value-added opportunities in the resource sector.

Our province already produces high-quality food products while demonstrating leadership in environmental stewardship, animal welfare, plant health, and food safety.

We will make annual investments to enhance agricultural research and innovation and further develop the food processing industry.

Government has introduced the Rural Economic Development Action Plan and is continuing to implement the Rural Alberta Business Centre to support continued economic growth in rural Alberta.

We are also making investments to support economic growth all over Alberta, beginning with our transportation infrastructure. Every day Albertans rely on our provincial highway network to get them to school and work safely. As a province we also rely on this network to develop our natural resources and get products to market. With over 28,000 kilometres of paved highway and more than 4,000 bridges we know that proper maintenance and renewal is essential to ensuring that Albertans have safe, reliable travel.

In addition to completing major projects like Highway 63 and the ring roads, we must focus more on rehabilitation, intersection improvement, and bridge maintenance and repair, especially across rural Alberta. Investment now means improved safety for the travelling public and less spent replacing aging infrastructure later.

Work continues on the development of a long-term transportation strategy, reflecting public consultations last spring, including the importance of public transit, the need for more free-flow highway corridors, and the desire to reduce our environmental footprint.

Market access, product innovation, and investments in infrastructure are all key elements of a thriving free-market economy. But its foundation must be the recognition and protection of private property.

Private ownership of land is a fundamental and essential principle of our democracy and our economy. This Government respects the property rights of Albertans and has heard the strong recommendations provided through the Property Rights Task Force. The introduction of Bill 1 today will begin to foster a culture of respect by acting on what landowners have told us already. Bill 1 signals the beginning of Government's commitment to rebuild relationships with property owners in Alberta.

Other steps that will be taken to strengthen Alberta's economy include new supports for small businesses and exploring how government can continue to deliver public land titles services in new ways that provide enhanced access for Albertans.

Alberta will also work in partnership with employers, municipalities, and the Government of Canada to integrate labour force strategies that provide durable solutions to the challenges of people without jobs and jobs without people. These will include tackling the mismatch between some of the educational paths Albertans follow and where the jobs are, removing barriers to labour mobility, and recognizing that local, national, and international workers are crucial to the success of our province. We will also continue to provide supports for those who are looking for work or who are underrepresented in the workforce, including people with disabilities.

Establishing Alberta as an Environmental Leader

If we talk about being a leader in the energy, agriculture, or forestry business, then we are in the environment business. Our customers expect this, and Albertans themselves demand it. Clean air, fresh water, and thriving biodiversity are part of our identity as Albertans and Canadians, something which Alberta shares with visitors from around the world through our exceptional tourism industry.

But we cannot just spread the word on the steps we have already taken. Alberta must take meaningful, effective action to show we are as serious about the environment business as we are about the energy business. This includes ongoing work with stakeholders and industry on the development of a new tailings management framework and taking action to protect the Athabasca River and its neighbouring ecosystems.

Alberta must build on the leadership that made us the first jurisdiction in North America to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and among the first to put a price on carbon. We will bring all parties – industry, environmental groups, aboriginal groups, and all affected Albertans – to the table to find common ground on environmental, economic, and social priorities.

In the year ahead our work will expand through the development of a new climate change framework that will outline strategies to drive emissions reductions. This means moving increasingly towards lower emissions sources, including natural gas and renewables. It means ensuring Alberta communities are more resilient to the impacts of a changing climate. It includes advancing efforts to monitor, measure, and report on our progress. It means pursuing local and global partnerships and alliances to maximize our results. We will ensure that Alberta industry remains competitive, and we will meet the challenge of demonstrating real environmental leadership through meaningful action.

Enhancing Albertans' Quality of Life

Every effort of your Government is focused on the fundamental goal of ensuring Albertans have the best quality of life possible. Albertans want to know that there will be schools for their children, supportive care and services for aging parents, and access to high-quality health care for everyone. They want to know that even while we deliver on fiscal promises, we are focused on ensuring our health and education systems, our communities, and cities will be able to meet the needs of our province as it grows to become a home for six million Albertans. They want to see smart investment and system improvement, getting full value for the money we do invest, reflected in system improvement across all areas of government.

Nowhere is this need more urgent than in the delivery of their health care. Albertans want a system that is patient-focused and sustainable. They want to see outcomes improve. We know there is tremendous local knowledge in our communities and great expertise in our front-line health care workers. We want to empower health care providers to have more input into decision-making at the local level. This will take shape through refined relationships with health advisory councils and through a renewed focus on clinical standards, with input from medical professionals and key stakeholders.

Your Government is focused on improving flow into and through the health system through multiple, integrated initiatives. This includes the continuing care capacity plan that will open 464 existing continuing care spaces and create more than 1,500 new spaces. This is in addition to the 1,400 spaces already set to open between 2016 and 2018. New continuing care spaces will ensure that seniors and others with complex needs receive the care they need in safe, comfortable, and appropriate settings while freeing up beds in hospital wards and emergency departments. Your Government is committed to providing the right kind of care and housing options for seniors, at the right time, and as close to home as possible.

Additional work is also underway to address specific challenges within the health system, including patient access, waiting times, the need to speed up the transfer of patients from ambulances, the challenges of rural and remote communities, the availability of mental health supports for Alberta's children, and the need to develop a wellness strategy for Albertans.

A good education is the first step to a productive, fulfilling life. Albertans rightly expect excellence in education. Government must focus on providing students with the quality education they will need to thrive in the future. The recent announcement of 75 school projects brings the three-phase plan for Alberta's school infrastructure to 230 capital projects, creating more than 78,000 new spaces. This is the largest school construction project in Canadian history, and it is essential to keep pace with 10 years of record growth in Alberta's student population.

We are also committed to improving the way we teach and support our students and teachers. This Government will work to ensure that the basics of literacy and numeracy are the foundation for all student learning from kindergarten through Grade 12. We will also work to ensure students have opportunities to acquire 21st century competencies such as innovation, communication, and collaboration.

We are working with education partners to deliver innovative learning opportunities such as dual-credit programming, which allows high school students to develop high-demand skills and get a head start on post-secondary learning or workplace training through one of the many institutions under the Campus Alberta umbrella. Your Government will work with post-secondary institutions to meet our province's need for skilled entrepreneurs, professionals, researchers, and workers. We are exploring new ways to strengthen the system that will allow all learners to access and transfer within Campus Alberta. Innovation investments will be aligned to better support and encourage innovative thinking and revenue generation within the Campus Alberta system.

We will also target supports for apprentices, low-income, northern, and aboriginal learners, all of whom have a vital role to play in meeting the growing need for skilled workers across Alberta.

Excelling in health, education, seniors' care, and skills training means investing in the structures these systems need. Government is broadening the planning horizon for its capital plan with the development of a five-year intermediate plan and a 25-year long-term plan. These will ensure priority needs will be met in an orderly and cost-effective way.

We also recognize the need to take care of the infrastructure that is already in place and have begun to deal with the maintenance backlog using a planned and deliberate approach. To ensure transparency and accountability, your Government will introduce regular, twice-yearly report cards on the status of infrastructure projects across the province. The first will be tabled in the Legislature during this session.

Strong, modern, culturally vibrant cities and municipalities are at the heart of our province. Your Government will provide Alberta municipalities with a solid foundation for growth. We will continue to provide significant, predictable funding to support local infrastructure and services through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. We will review the Municipal Government Act, working in partnership with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, all of our other municipal partners, and other stakeholders. And we will build on the recent signing of the framework agreement with Edmonton and Calgary and work with both municipalities to achieve the key milestones in the framework by spring of 2016.

Your Government is also focused on being better partners to aboriginal communities, including those living in urban Alberta. Aboriginal people have important contributions to make to our cities, but sometimes the transition from rural or isolated communities to urban centres can be challenging. Your Government will work directly with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities along with urban aboriginal organizations and federal and municipal governments to develop and support initiatives to ease transitions to urban centres and into new opportunities. We will devote new energy to addressing the unacceptable gaps in education achievement between aboriginal and non-aboriginal students by building partnerships and support for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people to use their skills, knowledge, and perspectives in the workforce.

In addition, a new Bill will be introduced to improve protection for condo owners and buyers, improve transparency and accountability of condo boards, and create a faster, more affordable dispute resolution system.

Your Government will work with the Premier's Council on Culture to develop a culture plan to promote sustainability and long-term growth across Alberta's vibrant arts and culture sector.

And work on a new volunteerism strategy will commence to ensure that our province's non-profit and voluntary sector, comprising almost 25,000 charities and organizations, remains strong in its exceptional contributions to Albertans' quality of life.

Your Government is also working to ensure children, low-income Albertans, and others who are vulnerable are protected. Changes in the justice system will put the needs of children and families first through reforms focusing on early and final resolution of disputes and by improving the efficiency of the Maintenance Enforcement Program. Legal aid funding is being increased to allow more low-income Albertans, including AISH recipients, to access the justice system.

From prenatal to young adult, plans are underway to support young Albertans by tackling youth homelessness under the 10-year plan to end homelessness and through the early years strategy. They will provide important supports for Alberta's children and youth, helping them transition between community systems and support services to healthy adulthood.

Finally, for the many Alberta communities that are still recovering from the 2013 flooding, Government is taking immediate action to resolve outstanding Disaster Recovery Program appeals before the end of this year. A comprehensive flood mitigation plan will include the construction of a south diversion of the Highwood River and a dry reservoir near Springbank. These are components of a program that ensures Alberta communities are better protected from future flooding through solutions that are affordable, environmentally defensible, and quickly actionable.

Conclusion

Ladies and gentlemen, this is your Government's plan for Alberta. It begins with the understanding that Government's role is to serve Albertans honourably, respectfully, and ethically. Government's priorities must be those set by Albertans themselves.

It follows that our province must remain on a firm fiscal foundation, characterized by the sound, conservative fiscal principles that have served Alberta well. We must make the most of the many natural gifts bestowed on Alberta and through wise management and hard work turn the blessings we have been given into long-lasting security and prosperity. We must act now and act together to conserve our greatest gift of all, the natural splendour, majesty, and beauty of Alberta.

And we must work together thoughtfully and deliberately to preserve and enhance the tremendous quality of life enjoyed by Albertans. This is a precious legacy handed down to us from those who built our province. And it is our most solemn duty, in turn, to bestow what we received on our own children and grandchildren and everyone who will one day call this great province home.

This is your Government's commitment to this Assembly and to all Albertans.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

May God bless you all. God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

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 1/2014

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Ordered, that the Hon. Mr. Prentice have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Respecting Property Rights Act." Hon. Mr. Prentice accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Mr. Prentice:

Be it resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Intersessional Deposits

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

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2):

Farmers' Advocate Office, Annual Report 2012-2013 and Farm Implement Compensation Fund Financial Statements, March 31, 2013, deposited on May 23, 2014

Sessional Paper 253/2014

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Dr. Swann on April 14, 2014, deposited on May 23, 2014:

Which *municipalities in Alberta* had the highest leukemia, lymphoma, and lung cancer incidence rates *for the period from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2005, and for the period from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2011?*

Sessional Paper 254/2014

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Alberta Health Services, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on May 23, 2014

Sessional Paper 255/2014

Mr. Amery, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

The Feasibility of Establishing a High-Speed Rail Transit System in Alberta, dated May 2014, deposited on May 23, 2014

Sessional Paper 256/2014

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on May 26, 2014

Sessional Paper 257/2014

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Dr. Swann on April 14, 2014, deposited on May 27, 2014:

What progress has been made on the First Nations-Alberta-Canada February 2010 Memorandum of Understanding *for First Nations Education in Alberta?*

Sessional Paper 258/2014

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on May 27, 2014:

How many full-time, part-time, and substitute teachers *were there in the public and separate school systems in Alberta for 2012-13?*

Sessional Paper 259/2014

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on May 27, 2014:

What is the average school bus transportation cost per student in both the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 *school year?*

Sessional Paper 260/2014

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on May 27, 2014:

In Alberta, how many English as a Second Language students were registered in each of the school years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 inclusive, and of those, how many will continue beyond the five years that are totally funded by the school board?

Sessional Paper 261/2014

Return to Order of the Assembly MR7, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on May 27, 2014:

Copies of documents outlining the criteria and process that Leger, The Research Intelligence Group, used to select participants for the 14 public consultations related to the Task Force for Teaching Excellence that commenced on October 1, 2013.

Sessional Paper 262/2014

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5):

Workers' Compensation Board – Alberta, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on May 29, 2014

Sessional Paper 263/2014

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Property Rights Advocate Act, cP-26.5, s5(3):

Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on June 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 264/2014

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, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on June 3, 2014

Sessional Paper 265/2014

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

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on June 12, 2014

Sessional Paper 266/2014

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, Annual Report 2013, deposited on June 12, 2014

Sessional Paper 267/2014

Alberta College of Social Workers, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on June 12, 2014

Sessional Paper 268/2014

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Capital Region Board Regulation, AR 38/2012, s9(2):

Capital Region Board, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on June 17, 2014

Sessional Paper 269/2014

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Agriculture and Rural Development, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 270/2014

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Culture, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 271/2014

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Education, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 272/2014

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Energy, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 273/2014

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2013-2014,
deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 274/2014

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2013-14, deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 275/2014

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Health, Annual Report 2013-14, deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 276/2014

Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Human Services, Annual Report (Volume 1) 2013-14, deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 277/2014

Human Services, Annual Report (Volume 2) 2013-14, deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 278/2014

Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Infrastructure, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 279/2014

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Innovation and Advanced Education, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on
June 30, 2014
Sessional Paper 280/2014

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 281/2014

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Justice and Solicitor General, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 282/2014

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 283/2014

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Service Alberta, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 284/2014

Hon. Dr. Starke, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 285/2014

Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Transportation, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 286/2014

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Treasury Board and Finance, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 287/2014

Hon. Mr. Dallas, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 288/2014

Hon. Mr. Scott, Associate Minister – Accountability, Transparency and Transformation, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2011-12, deposited on July 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 289/2014

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2012-13, deposited on July 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 290/2014

Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Human Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise, Annual Report of 2013, deposited on July 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 291/2014

Mr. Casey, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s16(2), and Standing Order 55:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on July 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 292/2014

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s13:

Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2013-2014, deposited on July 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 293/2014

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 2013-2014 Annual Report, deposited on July 8, 2014

Sessional Paper 294/2014

Mr. Jeneroux, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, July 2014, deposited on July 8, 2014
Sessional Paper 295/2014

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

Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2013-2014 Annual Report, deposited on July 15, 2014

Sessional Paper 296/2014

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on July 15, 2014

Sessional Paper 297/2014

College of Dietitians of Alberta, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on July 15, 2014
Sessional Paper 298/2014

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2013, deposited on July 15, 2014

Sessional Paper 299/2014

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on July 15, 2014

Sessional Paper 300/2014

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, 2014 Annual Report, deposited on July 15, 2014

Sessional Paper 301/2014

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014, deposited on July 17, 2014:

How many oil and gas pipeline spills, leaks, or ruptures have occurred in Alberta per year from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2013?

Sessional Paper 302/2014

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

Draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan 2014-2024, deposited on July 18, 2014
Sessional Paper 303/2014

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

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on July 23, 2014

Sessional Paper 304/2014

College of Opticians of Alberta, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on July 23, 2014

Sessional Paper 305/2014

College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, Annual Report 2013, deposited on July 23, 2014

Sessional Paper 306/2014

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on July 28, 2014

Sessional Paper 307/2014

Mr. Khan, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, pursuant to Standing Order 74.2(1):

Report entitled "Review of Bill 201, Agricultural Pests (Fusarium Head Blight) Amendment Act, 2014, prepared by the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, deposited on August 5, 2014

Sessional Paper 308/2014

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s17(4):

August 2014 Special Duty Report on the Expenses of the Office of Premier Redford and Alberta's Air Transportation Services Program, deposited on August 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 309/2014

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2013-14 Annual Report, deposited on August 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 310/2014

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

Pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28, Alberta Ombudsman, 2013-14 Annual Report, deposited on August 20, 2014

Sessional Paper 311/2014

Pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s33, Alberta's Public Interest Commissioner, 2013-14 Annual Report, deposited on August 20, 2014

Sessional Paper 312/2014

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2):

Alberta Securities Commission, 2014 Annual Report, deposited on August 20, 2014

Sessional Paper 313/2014

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 2013, deposited on September 4, 2014

Sessional Paper 314/2014

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

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2013, deposited on September 4, 2014

Sessional Paper 315/2014

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, 2013/2014 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement dated March 31, 2014, deposited on September 4, 2014

Sessional Paper 316/2014

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour:

Response to Written Question WQ25, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on September 8, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, how many of the 30 new Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) officers, announced by the Government on March 4, 2011, have been hired and what is the total number of OHS officers?

Sessional Paper 317/2014

Response to Written Question WQ26, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on September 8, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, how many of the six new Employment Standards (ES) officers, announced by the Government on August 10, 2011, have been hired, what is the total number of ES officers, and what was the total number on August 10, 2011?

Sessional Paper 318/2014

Mr. Jeneroux, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, September 2014, Health – Chronic Disease Management, deposited on September 9, 2014

Sessional Paper 319/2014

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:14 p.m. until Tuesday, November 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

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. Ron Stevens, Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 1997 to 2009, who passed away on May 13, 2014; Mr. Drew Hutton, Member for Edmonton-Glenora, 2001 to 2004, who passed away on August 18, 2014; Mr. Bill Diachuk, Member for Edmonton-Beverly, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on October 17, 2014; and Mr. Keith Alexander, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, 1982 to 1985, who passed away on November 12, 2014.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations, Legislative Secretaries

Honourable Members, before we proceed with the Daily Routine and the first question period of this session, I would like to make a brief statement about changes in the rotation for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements and the role of Legislative Secretaries in the Assembly.

This statement is further to my November 10, 2014, memo to all Members which included the Projected Sitting Days Calendar and the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations for the Third Session of the 28th Legislature. I note that my office has not received a House Leaders' Agreement varying the rotation outlined in the attachments to that memo, so we will proceed on the basis of those rotations.

The change to the rotations since last session is made necessary by the changes in caucus membership. The only difference from the standings when the House Leaders' Agreement was reached on rotations in May 2012 is that there is one independent Member, who was formerly a Member of the Wildrose caucus.

In keeping with the practice of an independent Member being entitled to ask one question per sitting week, the Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre will be able to ask the sixth question on day four of the rotation, which will be Monday, November 24, as today is day one in the rotation.

The Official Opposition is entitled to the first three questions each day, the Liberal caucus is entitled to the fourth question and the ND caucus is entitled to the fifth question. The Official Opposition may ask the sixth question each day except for day four in the rotation, when it will be the turn of the Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre. The Official Opposition will be entitled to ask the eighth, 12th, 14th, and 16th questions each day. Members of the Government caucus will be entitled to ask the ninth, 13th, 15th, and 17th questions each day. The Liberal caucus may ask the 10th question each day and the ND caucus the 11th. The 18th question will rotate, with the Official Opposition entitled to ask it on days one and three of the rotation – that would be today and Thursday – with the Government caucus asking it on day two and the Liberal caucus being entitled to the 18th question on day four of the rotation.

With respect to the rotation for Members' Statements, this has also been modified to provide for one statement for the independent Member every three weeks. This is reflected on the Projected Sitting Days Calendar that I sent you under cover of my November 10, 2014, memo.

I should also point out that there is a motion on the Order Paper for the sitting to be extended past December 4, 2014. If this motion passes, there will be a new Projected Sitting Days Calendar issued and sent to everyone.

Another difference from the last time the Assembly met is that there are now four Legislative Secretaries and one Special Advisor, who have been appointed by the Government.

I want to reaffirm past Speakers' rulings that have been made on the role of Legislative Secretaries and similar positions. Essentially, as the occupants of these offices are not members of Executive Council, they are not entitled to respond to questions during Oral Question Period on matters of government policy. As Speaker Kowalski said on April 16, 2008, at page 13 of Alberta Hansard for that day, "Without detracting from the work they perform, for the purposes of the Assembly, Members occupying these positions are considered private Members as opposed to the Government."

The point of Oral Question Period is to hold the Government to account. Legislative Secretaries are not members of Executive Council and therefore cannot respond to questions on behalf of the Government. Speaker Schumacher made the same point, found at page 2854 of Alberta Hansard for November 7, 1994.

If Members have any questions about the rotations or other matters in this statement, I encourage you to contact my office.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing November 19 to 25, 2014, as National Addictions Awareness Week.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the Wildrose since 2012 in their role as the Official Opposition.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding Shell Place, a new stadium in Fort McMurray, and the 2015 Northern Kickoff between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Saskatchewan Roughriders, to be held at Shell Place on June 13, 2015, as part of the grand opening.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Alberta Health School Community Wellness Fund, a joint initiative of the Ministries of Health and Education with the University of Alberta, and the leadership of the Black Gold regional schools in promoting youth health and wellness.

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

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the benefits of a joint-use agreement for schools between the public and Catholic school boards to address the need for new school spaces.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Olesen, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Standing Committee on Families and Communities, Review of the draft Publication Ban (Court Applications and Orders) Regulation, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, Third Session, dated November 2014

Sessional Paper 2/2014

Privilege – Statements by Members Regarding Travel to Grande Prairie

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Member for Grande-Prairie Wapiti, the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and the Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert stating that a trip to Grande Prairie on October 25, 2012, was for Government business.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

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

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5), Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated October 2014

Sessional Paper 3/2014

Pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2), 2013 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 4/2014

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

Calgary Board of Education report to board trustees dated October 14, 2014, regarding the 2015/16 modular classroom plan

Sessional Paper 5/2014

PC Alberta website article dated October 22, 2014, entitled “An Open Letter from Gordon Dirks to the Parents of Elbow Park, William Reid and Earl Grey Schools”

Sessional Paper 6/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Don Randal regarding the unsatisfactory treatment that his son, who suffers from severe autism, received at the Stollery Children’s Hospital

Sessional Paper 7/2014

Letter dated August 4, 2014, from Delphine Buhr to Hon. Laurie Hawn, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre, expressing concern regarding the need to increase the amount of benefits for diabetic supplies provided by the Alberta Monitoring for Health Program

Sessional Paper 8/2014

Advertisement and report entitled “Pay Equity for the Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly” prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees Pay and Social Equity Committee

Sessional Paper 9/2014

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

CBC News website article dated October 16, 2014, entitled “New rapid transfer units aim to free up ER space,” relating to comments made by Mrs. Forsyth during Oral Question Period on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 10/2014

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Metro News website article dated September 7, 2014, entitled “Promises, promises: Five things Jim Prentice said he would do as Alberta premier,” relating to comments made by Mr. McAllister during Oral Question Period on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 11/2014

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Property Rights Advocate Act, cP-26.5, s5(3):

Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 264/2014

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 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 12/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services:

Responses to Written Questions WQ42 and WQ43, asked for by Mr. Wilson on December 2, 2013:

WQ42. From May 1, 2009, to May 1, 2013, how many individuals were trained to complete Supports Intensity Scale interviews, and what specific training is required in order to qualify them to administer the interview?

WQ43. From May 1, 2012, to May 1, 2013, how many clients did the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program serve, and how many completed the Supports Intensity Scale interview process?

Sessional Paper 13/2014

Privilege – Statements by Members Regarding Travel to Grande Prairie

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Member for Grande-Prairie Wapiti, the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and the Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert stating that a trip to Grande Prairie on October 25, 2012, was for Government business.

The Speaker heard from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Mr. Denis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Eggen, Mr. Horner, Mr. Horne, and Hon. Mr. Drysdale.

The Speaker stated he would rule on the matter at a later date.

During debate on the question of privilege, Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, tabled the following:

Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune article dated August 13, 2014, entitled
“Drysdale flight justified; Brake comments unfortunate”

Sessional Paper 14/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions****2.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

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.

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing the week of November 24, 2014, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2014 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.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2014 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall be extended

- (a) up to and including December 18, 2014, or
- (b) until the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded,

whichever occurs earlier, at which time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective March 4, 2014, be amended as follows:

Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended

- (a) **in clause (a)**
 - (i) **by striking out** “Culture” **and substituting** “Culture and Tourism”;
 - (ii) **by adding** “Seniors,” **after** “Education,”;
- (b) **in clause (b) by striking out** “Tourism, Parks and Recreation,”.

B. And be it further resolved that this motion takes effect upon passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly’s committees be replaced as follows:

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund
(9 Members)

Casey (Chair)	Barnes	Lukaszuk
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Ellis	Mason
Amery	Horner	Sherman

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Jeneroux (Chair)	Brown	Quadri
Starke (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Wilson
Bikman	Eggen	Young
Blakeman	Leskiw	

Standing Committee on Private Bills (15 Members)

Leskiw (Chair)	DeLong	Rowe
Cusanelli (Deputy Chair)	Fenske	Stier
Allen	Fritz	Strankman
Bilous	Jablonski	Swann
Brown	Olesen	Xiao

Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (15 Members)

Luan (Chair)	Casey	Pedersen
Rogers (Deputy Chair)	Ellis	Rodney
Bilous	Kang	Saskiw
Calahasen	Olesen	Starke
Cao	Pastoor	Wilson

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (15 Members)

Anderson (Chair)	Bilous	Jeneroux
Young (Deputy Chair)	Donovan	Luan
Allen	Hehr	Pastoor
Amery	Horne	Sandhu
Barnes	Jansen	Sarich

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Griffiths	McDonald
VanderBurg (Deputy Chair)	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sherman
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Towle
Fritz	Mason	

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (15 Members)

Amery (Chair)	Horne	Quadri
FOX (Deputy Chair)	Kennedy-Glans	Rogers
Dallas	Lemke	Rowe
Eggen	Luan	Sarich
Hehr	McDonald	Stier

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (15 Members)

Olesen (Chair)	Fox	Quest
Pedersen (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Rodney
Cusanelli	Jablonski	Sandhu
Eggen	Leskiw	Swann
Fenske	McAllister	Weadick

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (15 Members)

Goudreau (Chair)	Blakeman	Fraser
Hale (Deputy Chair)	Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)
Allen	Calahasen	Mason
Anglin	Cao	Xiao
Bikman	Casey	Young

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that Standing Order 3(6), which provides for one constituency week for every three sitting weeks, not apply to the 2014 Fall Sitting.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Respecting Property Rights Act — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Prentice

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Bikman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's tax policies and the Wildrose spending plan.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to rethink its policy of exporting unprocessed bitumen and the need to improve Alberta's access to energy product markets.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement recognizing November 9, 2014, as the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall (remarks made in German).

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Alberta's Industrial Heartland.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing the University of Lethbridge for achieving several top rankings and recognizing the 125th anniversary of the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the recent Canadian election observation mission to Ukraine.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, pursuant to Standing Order 52.09(1):

Document, undated, entitled "Response to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future on the Feasibility of Establishing a High-Speed Rail Transit System in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 15/2014

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

Report dated September 10, 2014, entitled "Flavoured Tobacco Use Among Canadian Youth: Evidence From Canada's 2012/2013 Youth Smoking Survey," prepared by the Propel Centre for Population Health Impact

Sessional Paper 16/2014

Report dated November 15, 2012, entitled "Strategic Brief, A Comprehensive Tobacco Flavour Additive Ban is Needed to Prevent and Reduce Youth Tobacco Use," prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 17/2014

Alberta Medical Association President's Letter dated November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 18/2014

Canadian Medical Association policy document entitled "Tobacco Control (Update 2008)"

Sessional Paper 19/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Partial Guidelines for Implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control"

Sessional Paper 20/2014

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 15, 2014, entitled "Simons: Health Minister's menthol retreat underlines hypocrisy of Alberta's smoking laws"

Sessional Paper 21/2014

Edmonton Sun website article dated November 8, 2013, entitled "Alberta touts legislation to ban flavoured smokes and puffing in vehicles with kids"

Sessional Paper 22/2014

Campaign for Smoke-Free Alberta web page, undated, entitled "Banning Flavoured Tobacco Products"

Sessional Paper 23/2014

News release dated October 20, 2014, entitled "Health Groups Respond to Minister's Comments on Menthol Flavoured Tobacco," prepared by Campaign for Smoke-Free Alberta

Sessional Paper 24/2014

Document dated March 2014 entitled “Alberta Registered Lobbyists – Tobacco/Smoking”

Sessional Paper 25/2014

Hon. Mr. Dirks, Minister of Education:

Letter dated October 6, 2014, from Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, to Hon. Mr. Dirks, Minister of Education, requesting information and action to address the need for school portables to deal with the problem of overcrowding in Alberta classrooms, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Dirks during Oral Question Period on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 26/2014

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Petition signed by 11,506 Albertans urging action to prevent the closure of the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory, relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Oral Question Period on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 27/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Alberta Government Aircraft Passenger Manifest dated October 1, 2012, to October 31, 2012, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during debate on the question of privilege raised on November 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 28/2014

Email message dated June 12, 2014, from Larry Anderson to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, suggesting that vaccinations for Hepatitis A and B be made available without cost to all who are infected with Hepatitis C

Sessional Paper 29/2014

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

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 30/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor’s Speech

(Day 1)

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of Dickinsfield Amity House.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement requesting support for Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the priorities of fiscal management and seniors' care that were outlined in the November 17, 2014, Speech From the Throne and echoed concerns from constituents of Edmonton-McClung.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce working with commercial leaders, post-secondary institutions, and all levels of government to create commercially sustainable opportunities in the Capital Region.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding issues concerning rural ambulance dispatch and emergency wait times.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement recognizing November 16 to 22, 2014, as National Bullying Awareness Week.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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 dealt with: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ7, WQ8, WQ14, WQ23, WQ30

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR4, MR5, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR13, MR14

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Anglin

Bill 202 Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Blakeman

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dorward, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2013-2014
Sessional Paper 31/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

In relation to the June 2013 flood, how many hours' notice did the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development give to each of the affected municipalities that flooding was either possible or imminent?

Sessional Paper 32/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dirks, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Management Act, F-14.5, s13:

Education, Annual Report Update 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 33/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services:

Responses to Written Questions WQ4, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ27, and WQ28, asked for by Dr. Swann on April 14, 2014:

WQ4. As of January 1, 2014, how many licensed child care program spaces and approved family day home spaces are there in each of Edmonton, Calgary, and the rest of Alberta?

WQ19. What criteria does the Government use to classify children as living in poverty?

WQ20. What is the Government's estimate of how many Alberta children are living in poverty as of January 1, 2014?

WQ21. What criteria does the Government use to determine whether a child has escaped poverty?

WQ22. What is the Government's projection of how much money it will need to invest to eliminate child poverty in five years, in connection with Together We Raise Tomorrow, Alberta's Poverty Reduction Strategy, announced in June 2013, and to which programs, services, and community resources will this funding be allocated?

WQ27. What is the projected net financial result of dissolving the Child and Family Services Authorities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, establishing family and community engagement councils, and transferring responsibility for service delivery to the Ministry of Human Services?

WQ28. How much have caseloads for Alberta Works decreased or increased from April 1, 2008, to April 1, 2013?

Sessional Paper 34/2014

Privilege – Statements by Members Regarding Travel to Grande Prairie

Honourable Members, I am prepared to make the ruling on the purported question of privilege that was raised by the Member for Edmonton-Centre on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. The debate on this matter can be found at pages 23 to 28 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

With respect to the formalities, my office received notice from the Member for Edmonton-Centre on November 12, 2014, at 2:53 p.m., regarding her intention to raise a question of privilege under Standing Order 15 when the House reconvened this session. The Member has satisfied the requirement in Standing Order 15(2) for notice to be given to the Speaker at least two hours before the opening of the sitting. The notice to the Speaker also indicated that those persons whose conduct might be called into question would be copied on the notice as is also required, if practicable, under Standing Order 15(2).

As indicated, the Member for Edmonton-Centre raised her purported question of privilege on Tuesday, November 18, in the Assembly, which was the first day of ordinary business for this session. The Member indicated that her purported question of privilege is based on matters contained in the Auditor General's report dated August 2014 and titled Special Duty Report on the Expenses of the Office of Premier Redford and Alberta's Air Transportation Services Program. This report was released on August 7, 2014, and was filed at that time as an intersessional deposit, known as Sessional Paper 309/2014, while the Assembly was adjourned. The Assembly did not sit from the time the report was released until the commencement of the Third Session of the 28th Legislature on Monday, November 17, 2014. Accordingly, I find that the application under Standing Order 15 was raised at the earliest opportunity.

I will have more to say about a previous purported question on the same subject decided back in March of this year in a moment. That was during the Second Session of this Legislature.

Before continuing with the substance of my ruling, I would like to draw Members' attention to the notice provided by the Member for Edmonton-Centre during Notices of Motions in Tuesday's Daily Routine. The notice referenced four Members of this Assembly: the Members for Calgary-Acadia, Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Edmonton-Rutherford, and Spruce Grove-St. Albert, but Calgary-Acadia was struck out. I have confirmed with the Member for Edmonton-Centre that she has raised this question of privilege with respect to only three of those four Members and that the striking out of Calgary-Acadia in her written notice was intentional and that she herself had stricken it out.

The purported question of privilege before us today resurrected the question of privilege raised by the Member for Calgary-Shaw last session. Members can certainly read his arguments in the March 12, 2014, Alberta Hansard at pages 212 and 213. His purported question of privilege was similar to the one raised by the Member for Edmonton-Centre on Tuesday this week; namely, that there were statements made in this Assembly that allegedly interfered with the ability of Members to perform their duties. Another way of articulating this point is to suggest that a Member made a statement in this Assembly that was deliberately misleading and accordingly constituted a contempt of this Assembly.

For the benefit of the new Members in particular but also for those who may not recall the proceedings on this point last March, Erskine May's *Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament*, 24th edition, at page 254, states with respect to the United Kingdom: "The Commons may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as a contempt." As well, and as I pointed out in my rulings on November 29 and December 3, 2012, at pages 1190 and 1206 of Alberta Hansard respectively, it is understood that a form of contempt that is treated as a question of privilege is just that, as enunciated earlier.

The Member for Edmonton-Centre is raising essentially the same purported question of privilege but distinguishes her argument on the basis of the information contained in the aforementioned Auditor General's special duty report of August 2014. As everyone knows, that report dealt solely with the expenses incurred by the Premier's Office. Let me be clear. We are talking about the former Premier. To clarify the scope of the report, it states at page 2: "This was an audit of the expenses of Premier Redford and her office. It would be wrong for anyone to extrapolate our findings and conclusions to the public service of Alberta as a whole."

The Auditor General states at page 27 of the report:

"We found that, on October 25, 2012, Premier Redford flew on a Government aircraft to Grande Prairie to attend the Northern Alberta Leader's Dinner. We reviewed Premier Redford's schedule for that day and did not identify any Government business scheduled in Grande Prairie." Clearly, the Auditor General's reference states that there was nothing in Premier Redford's schedule to suggest that she had any Government business printed in the schedule he reviewed.

The Chair would also note that two days ago, on November 18, 2014, the Minister of Transportation tabled an August 13, 2014, newspaper article from the Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune, known as Sessional Paper 14/2014, wherein the editor of that newspaper confirms that a funding announcement was made about the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital on October 25, 2012, was made at the TEC Centre in Grande Prairie. In other words, some Government business obviously did occur during this trip in question *by one or more members of Cabinet*.*

Now, it is important to note that the test for deliberately misleading the Assembly or the House is found in House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, at page 86, where the three-part test articulated by the former Clerk of the New Zealand House of Assembly, David McGee, in the third edition of his book *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand* at pages 653 and 654 is cited. As indicated several times in this Assembly, the three parts of the test are:

One, it must be proven that the statement was misleading; two, it must be established that the Member making the statement knew at the time that the statement was incorrect; and three, that in making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.

The specifics of the flights and the activities of members of the Government caucus were extensively covered in March of this year, both in question period and during discussion of the Member for Calgary-Shaw's purported question of privilege at that time. Also, at that time the Members in question explained the circumstances surrounding their travel on the day in question, including how travel plans were affected by the tragic accident that occurred in St. Paul.

*Statement clarified by the Speaker on November 20, 2014.

The ruling that there was no prima facie question of privilege can be found at page 215 of Alberta Hansard for March 12, 2014. Additional information regarding the flights was provided by the Member for Edmonton-Centre when yesterday she tabled the passenger manifest for the flights to and from Grande Prairie on October 25, 2012, as Sessional Paper 28/2014.

It is not in keeping with parliamentary tradition to raise a matter that has already been decided. If this was a court, it is my understanding that to raise the same issues that have already been adjudicated would be an abuse of process or subject to the Latin term *res judicata*, which means already subject to judicial determination. In other words, the matter has already been decided.

However, two days ago, the Member for Edmonton-Centre argued that the determinations in the Auditor General's special duty report offered some proof, some new information perhaps, that in her opinion, deliberately misleading statements were made by some Members in this Assembly. The three Members referred to in the purported question of privilege all denied that they had any intention to mislead the Assembly, and as already mentioned, the Minister of Transportation tabled a newspaper article substantiating his argument that in fact a Government announcement was made in Grande Prairie during the time in question. The report by the Auditor General clearly focused on the activities of the former Premier, not every member of the Government.

With respect to the esteemed Officer of the Legislature, there is nothing in his report that directly contradicts the statements made by the three Members in the Assembly on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at page 28 of Alberta Hansard. While the statements were short, they did not move away from their earlier statements in the Assembly which they made last March.

I indicated that I would look at other jurisdictions in formulating this ruling. A 2002 ruling by former Ontario Speaker Carr nicely summarized the issue surrounding allegations of meeting the test of deliberately misleading the Assembly and also the role of the Speaker in adjudicating such purported questions of privilege.

On June 17, 2002, at page 996 of Ontario Hansard for that day, Speaker Carr said the following:

The threshold for finding a prima facie case of contempt against a member of the Legislature on the basis of deliberately misleading the House is therefore set quite high and is very uncommon. It must involve a proved finding of an overt attempt to intentionally mislead the Legislature. In the absence of an admission from the member accused of the conduct, or of tangible confirmation of conduct independently proved, a Speaker must assume that no honourable member would engage in such behaviour or that, at most, inconsistent statements were the result of inadvertence or honest mistake.

In light of the comments made by the Members, I would find this to be more a case of disagreement among Members over facts, as stated in Beauchesne's, paragraph 494. Speaker Scheer of the Canadian House of Commons had occasion to rule on an allegation of deliberately misleading the House on April 30, 2014. At page 4753 of Commons Debates for that day he quoted former House of Commons Speaker Jerome, who said on June 4, 1975, that "a dispute as to facts, a dispute as to opinions and a dispute as to conclusions to be drawn from an allegation of fact is a matter of debate and not a question of privilege."

Accordingly, and as was the case on March 12, 2014, I find that a prima facie case of privilege has not been made out. Accordingly, there will be no more proceedings on this particular matter because it is now concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

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

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

Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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

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

Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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

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

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until Monday, November 24, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 2014

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed; Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill; Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View; Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont; Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East; and Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Energy (Hon. Member for Peace River), who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on November 22, 2004. Each Member was presented with a 10-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing the Canadian Armed Forces and those who are serving now and have served in the past for freedom and democracy in Canada.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding several property owners' issues with the Disaster Recovery Program following the 2013 floods in southern Alberta.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding workplace sexual harassment and bullying.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding two recent memorial events in Calgary in recognition of Remembrance Day.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Kananaskis Country being a successful example of managing uses of public lands that both protect the environment and meet the needs of recreationalists and industry.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding child poverty in Alberta and the Alberta Liberals' belief that a progressive tax system would help establish a basic child benefit program.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that:

1. The 2013 Annual Report of the Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship for the purpose of conducting a review of the recommendations outlined in the Report;
2. The Committee also review the 2012 Annual Report of the Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office;
3. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
4. In accordance with section 5(5) of the Property Rights Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days of the Report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Seniors, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 2013-2014 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 35/2014

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

Press release dated November 13, 2014, entitled "Landowners Call For Expanded Role For Property Rights Advocate; Say Landowners Will Be Watching Next Week For The Premier's Promised Fixing of Property Rights," prepared by Grassroots Alberta

Sessional Paper 36/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Fixing Property Rights in Alberta – An Alberta Property Rights Protection Act"

Sessional Paper 37/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated November 19, 2014, from Maurice Shank to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, congratulating Ms Blakeman for her support of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community

Sessional Paper 38/2014

Email message dated November 19, 2014, from Christie Traff to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, thanking Ms Blakeman for her work on Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 39/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 40/2014

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 41/2014

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, 2012-2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 42/2014

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Alberta Health Services, 2013-2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 43/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What were the estimated costs to the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as a result of court delays associated with self-represented litigants?

- WQ2.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
What was the median income of legal aid recipients for the 2013-2014 fiscal year?
- WQ3.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
How many letters, emails, and phone calls did the Government receive between March 1, 2012, and October 31, 2014, from individuals denied legal aid due to receipt of income from Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits?
- WQ4.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
How many letters, emails, and phone calls did the Government receive between March 1, 2012, and October 31, 2014, from individuals denied legal aid because they receive income from full-time minimum wage employment?
- WQ7.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
In each of the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 fiscal years, what percentage of legal aid clients reported being “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the service they received?
- WQ8.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
What was the total cost to the Province of transporting inmates from the new Edmonton Remand Centre to Alberta courthouses between March 19, 2012, and March 31, 2014?
- WQ14.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:
What is the average amount of total federal and provincial loans provided to a medical student enrolled in an Alberta university who began repayment in 2013-2014?
- WQ23.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:
For each of the fiscal years 2010-2011 to 2013-2014, what was the average amount of net debt for a post-secondary graduate following the six-month grace period?
- WQ30.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
How many applications for legal aid funding have been granted by the Alberta Courts between January 1, 2014, and October 31, 2014?

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any studies or briefing notes prepared for the Government between January 1, 2012, and October 31, 2014, regarding legal aid or self-represented litigants in Alberta.

MR2. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of records of any spills omitted from the Field Surveillance Incident Inspection List used by the Alberta Energy Regulator.

MR4. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of lists of all wildlife found dead and in rehabilitation as of October 31, 2014, due to the continuing bitumen emulsion at the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range.

MR5. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of lists of all wildlife found dead and in rehabilitation as of October 31, 2014, due to the October 31, 2013, rupture of Sherritt International's Obed Coal Mine containment pond.

MR9. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of photographs of all soil and vegetation disturbances as of October 31, 2014, due to the October 31, 2013, rupture of Sherritt International's Obed Coal Mine containment pond.

MR10. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of photographs of soil and vegetation disturbances as of October 31, 2014, due to the continuing bitumen emulsion at the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range.

MR11. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of photographs of all wildlife found dead and in rehabilitation as of October 31, 2014, due to the October 31, 2013, rupture of Sherritt International's Obed Coal Mine containment pond.

MR13. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of aerial photographs taken between October 31, 2013, and October 31, 2014, showing the effects of the October 31, 2013, rupture of Sherritt International's Obed Coal Mine containment pond.

MR14. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of aerial photographs taken between June 1, 2013, and October 31, 2014, showing the effects of the ongoing bitumen emulsion at the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Anglin

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Mason speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Fox:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly authorize His Excellency the Governor General to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada amending the Constitution of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below.

SCHEDULE
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

1. The Constitution Act, 1982 is amended by adding the following after section 7:
 - 7.1(1) Everyone has the right not to be deprived of the title, use or enjoyment of real property or any improvement made to such property, or any right connected with such property, except in accordance with the law and for full, just and timely financial compensation.
 - (2) Subsection (1) applies only to the legislature and government of Alberta in respect of all matters within the authority of the legislature of Alberta.
2. This Amendment may be cited as the Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation] (No Expropriation in Alberta without Compensation).

[VERSION FRANÇAISE]

L'Assemblée législative a résolu d'autoriser qu'une modification soit apportée à la Constitution du Canada par une proclamation de Son Excellence le Gouverneur général sous le grand sceau du Canada, conforme à l'annexe ci-après:

ANNEXE
MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

1. La Loi constitutionnelle de 1982 est modifiée par adjonction, après l'article 7, de ce qui suit:
 - 7.1 (1) Chacun a le droit de ne pas être privé du titre de propriété ou de l'utilisation ou de la jouissance d'un bien immeuble, ni des droits se rattachant à un tel bien ou des améliorations qui y sont apportées, sauf conformément à la loi et moyennant une indemnisation financière intégrale, équitable et en temps opportun.
 - (2) Le paragraphe (1) s'applique uniquement à la législature et au gouvernement de l'Alberta, pour tous les domaines qui relèvent de la compétence de la législature de l'Alberta.
2. Titre de la présente modification : Modification constitutionnelle de [année de la proclamation] (expropriation interdite en Alberta sans indemnisation).

A debate followed.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 9

Anderson	Fox	Smith
Barnes	Hale	Stier
Bikman	Rowe	Strankman

Against the motion: 40

Allen	Fenske	Luan
Bhardwaj	Fraser	Lukaszuk
Bhullar	Fritz	Mandel
Brown	Griffiths	Oberle
Cao	Horne	Quadri
Casey	Horner	Quest
Cusanelli	Jablonski	Rodney
Dallas	Jansen	Sarich
DeLong	Jeneroux	Starke
Dirks	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
Dorward	Kennedy-Glans	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Khan	Xiao
Ellis	Klimchuk	Young
Fawcett		

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:05 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 3)

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Respecting Property Rights Act — Hon. Mr. Prentice

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:54 p.m. until Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

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 sixth anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act being passed in the Assembly and recognizing November 22, 2014, as Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Alberta Health Services' deferred maintenance of the Misericordia Community Hospital.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Government's announcement of the Alberta launch of the Moosehide Campaign and a \$75,000 grant to expand Ontario's I Am a Kind Man program.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Sonshine Centre in Calgary, a facility for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement recognizing November 2014 as Lung Awareness Month.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the achievements and the role of the Wildrose in influencing Government policy.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Chartered Professional Accountants Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kennedy-Glans

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kennedy-Glans

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter, undated, from Darlene Dunlop, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, unaddressed, attaching the text of a Calgary Herald article dated November 13, 2014, entitled "Let's Protect Farm Workers"

Sessional Paper 44/2014

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

Report dated August 15, 2014, entitled "Alberta Health Services Q1 Monitoring Measurement Report 2014-15," prepared by Data Integration, Measurement and Reporting

Sessional Paper 45/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Alberta Health Services – Deferred Maintenance Project List"

Sessional Paper 46/2014

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

Report, undated, entitled "Housing First, An Investment With a Return in Prosperity," prepared by the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on November 25, 2014

Sessional Paper 47/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, 2013/2014 Annual Report to Government

Sessional Paper 48/2014

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2014

Sessional Paper 49/2014

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 50/2014

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2014

Sessional Paper 51/2014

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 52/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Kubinec, Minister of Culture and Tourism:

Pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2), Alberta Foundation for the Arts, 2013-14 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 53/2014

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2013-14 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 54/2014

Pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3), Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 2013-14

Sessional Paper 55/2014

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cH-9, s47, Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2013-14

Sessional Paper 56/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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

Government Motions

9. Oral notice having been given November 24, 2014, moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that:

1. The 2013 Annual Report of the Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship for the purpose of conducting a review of the recommendations outlined in the Report;

2. The Committee also review the 2012 Annual Report of the Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office;
3. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
4. In accordance with section 5(5) of the Property Rights Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days of the Report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Conflict of Interest

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 4, Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014, and advised that she would not be present in the Assembly for any debate of or vote on the Bill.

Second Reading

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

- Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri
 Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell
 Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 1 Respecting Property Rights Act — Hon. Mr. Prentice
 Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri
 Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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 1 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 57/2014

Amendment to Bill 1 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 58/2014

Amendment to Bill 1 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 59/2014

Amendment to Bill 4 (A1) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 60/2014

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Scott, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014 — 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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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 4 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 61/2014

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 7:56 p.m. until Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding provincial debt.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's dependence on oil and gas royalty revenues to fund public programs and the benefits of a progressive income tax.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the many rights and privileges Canadians enjoy and recent acts of patriotism in Alberta, including those of Chris Robertson of Fort Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the War Measures Act and the unveiling of 100 memorial plaques across Canada by the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation on August 22, 2014.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the recently opened Strathcona Community Hospital.

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding homelessness in Medicine Hat and recognizing the success of the Medicine Hat Community Housing Society.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. VanderBurg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Casey, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Standing Committee, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s15(2), and Standing Order 55:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter 2014-2015
Sessional Paper 62/2014

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter 2014-2015
Sessional Paper 63/2014

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified Management Accountants of Alberta, 2014 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 64/2014

Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta, 2014 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 65/2014

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

Copy of a text message dated November 26, 2014, from a student to the NDP help line regarding students seeking gay straight alliances
Sessional Paper 66/2014

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

Copy of Bill 38, An Act to Amend the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on November 18, 2014
Sessional Paper 67/2014

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document entitled "AHS Preservation IMP 5-year Project Needs List, June 25, 2014"
Sessional Paper 68/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Mary Mumert to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding difficulties she is facing with rent increases
Sessional Paper 69/2014

Email message dated August 3, 2014, from Dawn Lindboe of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need for more regulations for property owners and management companies with respect to pest (bedbug and cockroach) control

Sessional Paper 70/2014

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

7 recent letters from residents of Dalum to Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, and one letter dated October 2, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, to Dennis Francis, Newalta Drumheller Service Centre, all regarding concerns with local road conditions, attaching 15 images of roads, relating to recent comments made by Mr. Hale during Oral Question Period
Sessional Paper 71/2014

Calgary Herald article dated September 15, 2014, entitled “Morton: Upgrading bitumen is risky gamble for government,” by Ted Morton, with attached readers’ comments, relating to comments made by Mr. Hale during Oral Question Period on November 26, 2014

Sessional Paper 72/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Fawcett, 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, 2013 – March 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 73/2014

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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

Ms Calahasen, 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 Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 74/2014

Amendment to Bill 6 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain-View) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 75/2014

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Respecting Property Rights Act — Mr. Donovan on behalf of Hon.
Mr. Prentice

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until Thursday, November 27, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding
mental health and brain health and an upcoming town hall meeting in the Calgary-
Varsity constituency to discuss mental health in that community.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding
Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014, and the actions of
the Government that have delayed progress of the Bill.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement
recognizing the recipients of the Alberta Century Farm and Ranch Award.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement
recognizing November 2014 as National 4-H Month and Charlie Gould, 2014 4-H Hall
of Fame inductee.

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement advocating for changes to legislation to protect homeowners from dishonest home renovation contractors.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the growth of Alberta's senior population and the Government's recent four-year funding commitment to expand, upgrade, and replace seniors' lodges in rural Alberta.

Notices of Motions

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

- Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children — Ms Jansen
- Bill 11 Savings Management Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved: that Mr. Hale replace Mrs. Towle;
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved: that Mr. McAllister replace Mr. Amery;
- C. the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be approved: that Mrs. Towle replace Mr. Lemke.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated November 26, 2014, from Eric Musekamp, President, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, requesting support for changes to occupational health and safety legislation and mandatory workers' compensation coverage for agricultural workers

Sessional Paper 76/2014

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

Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 28th Legislature, Third Session, Fall 2014

Sessional Paper 77/2014

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Photograph taken by Toni Stacey of her mother's infected hand, relating to comments made by Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, during Oral Question Period on November 27, 2014

Sessional Paper 78/2014

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:48 p.m. until Monday, December 1, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 1, 2014

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

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

Honourable Members, before we begin Oral Question Period today, I want to advise you of adjustments that will be made to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statement rotations resulting from the recent changes in caucus memberships. The House Leaders for the Government and Official Opposition caucuses provided my office today with a memo dated November 27, 2014, that enclosed a revised Oral Question Period rotation, affecting only positions held by those two caucuses in the rotation.

On days two and four in the Oral Question Period rotation, question 16 will now be asked by a Private Member from the Government caucus in the positions formerly held by the Official Opposition. Members should note that this change will affect the questions for today, which is day four in the rotation.

The House Leaders' Agreement provided to me earlier today is silent with regard to the Members' Statement rotation. Accordingly, I have tried to preserve the intent of the May 2012 House Leaders' Agreement but have made an adjustment that takes into account the change in caucus composition. It is, of course, open to House Leaders to propose an alternative, if they wish, by way of an agreement concerning Members' Statements.

In the Members' Statement rotation for week four on Wednesday, the final Members' Statement position will be held by the Government caucus, and the Official Opposition will now have only one statement on that day. The current week is week three in the Members' Statement rotation, and as a result, this change will not affect the schedule of Members' Statements outlined in the Projected Sitting Days Calendar until Wednesday, December 10, assuming I do not hear from House Leaders before that date.

These changes to the rotations are in addition to the changes I announced on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at page 11 of Hansard, changes that were made to accommodate the independent Member.

Members' Statements

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the instruction and education offered to Alberta youth by Calgary Sexual Health and their assistance in founding Camp fYrefly in Calgary.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's infrastructure planning for health facilities and schools.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Michener Centre and the Premier's recent announcement that Michener Centre will remain open.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding several world-class sporting events that have taken place in Alberta in 2014, future Alberta sporting events, and sport tourism.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the agreement signed on November 27, 2013, between the Government and the Tsuu T'ina Nation allowing for the completion of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2014, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, regarding the barriers faced by people with disabilities, and recognizing the Momo Dance Theatre Group, Champions Career Centre, and Nabel Ramji, who are working to eliminate those barriers.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, 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 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children — Ms Jansen

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

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

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

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children — Ms Jansen

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

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Woo-Paw, Associate Minister of Asia Pacific Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Asia Advisory Council Act, c44.5, s8(2):

Asia Advisory Council, Annual Report 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 79/2014

Hon. Mr. Dorward, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

3 letters dated October 7, 2014, from Rebecca Braun, Chair, Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta, Derrek R. Wong, Board Chair, Certified Management Accountants, and Barth Bradley, President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, all to Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, expressing support for legislation unifying Alberta's three accounting designations into the Chartered Professional Accountant designation

Sessional Paper 80/2014

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

Pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2), Office of the
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, 2013-14 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 81/2014

Memorandum dated November 27, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Government
House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
attaching a House Leader Agreement for the 2014 Fall Sitting signed by Hon.
Mr. Denis and Mr. Anderson, Official Opposition House Leader
Sessional Paper 82/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Anglin

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 49

Amery	Fraser	McAllister
Anderson	Fritz	McDonald
Anglin	Hale	Notley
Barnes	Hehr	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Horne	Olesen
Bhullar	Jansen	Olson
Bilous	Jeneroux	Quadri
Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Cao	Kang	Sandhu
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
DeLong	Khan	Starke
Dirks	Klimchuk	Strankman
Dorward	Lemke	Swann
Eggen	Leskiw	Wilson
Ellis	Luan	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	Mandel	Xiao
Fenske		

Against the motion: 0

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

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Anglin

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mrs. Leskiw:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce mandatory inspections and cleaning of boats entering Alberta in order to protect our lakes from harmful and invasive organisms.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

10. Oral notice having been given November 27, 2014, moved by Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:
that Mr. Hale replace Mrs. Towle;
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:
that Mr. McAllister replace Mr. Amery;
- C. the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be approved:
that Mrs. Towle replace Mr. Lemke.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Third time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the Bill does not reflect the spirit and advice of the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision in order to render the Personal Information Protection Act constitutionally compliant.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Bilous	Hehr	Notley
Eggen	Mason	

Against the amendment: 43

Amery	Fritz	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Horne	Olson
Bhullar	Jansen	Quadri
Brown	Jeneroux	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rowe
Cusanelli	Kennedy-Glans	Sandhu
DeLong	Khan	Sarich
Dirks	Klimchuk	Stier
Donovan	Leskiw	Swann
Dorward	Luan	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Wilson
Ellis	Mandel	Woo-Paw
Fawcett	McIver	Xiao
Fenske	Oberle	Young
Fox		

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

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 3, Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Quadri

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Chartered Professional Accountants Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

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

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kennedy-Glans

Ms Kennedy-Glans moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Respecting Property Rights Act — Hon. Mr. Prentice

Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

Mr. Ellis, 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 6 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on November 26, 2014) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 75/2014

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:35 p.m. until Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

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

The Speaker offered a prayer, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Henry Woo, Member for Edmonton-Sherwood Park, 1979 to 1986, who passed away on November 24, 2014.

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Aboriginal children in care and the Government's recent changes to the publication ban concerning children who die while they are receiving child intervention services.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Wildrose energy policy and environmental progress in the energy industry.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the Aging in Place: A Family Affair event held in the Calgary-Hawkwood constituency on October 4, 2014.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the importance to youth of voluntary gay-straight alliances in all schools and the difficulties students are facing to form these alliances.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement congratulating the Calgary Stampeders on winning the 102nd Grey Cup held in Vancouver, B.C., on November 30, 2014.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the progress of Aleena Sadownyk of St. Albert, who suffers from a rare enzyme deficiency disease, and the need for the Government to fund a new treatment for the disease that was recently approved by Health Canada.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Public Accounts: Report on 2013 Activities,
Twenty-Eighth Legislature, Third Session, dated November 2014
Sessional Paper 83/2014

Presenting Petitions

The two petitions put forth by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, were not in order to be presented.

Privilege – Media Briefing on Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government's decision to provide a media briefing on Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, without providing a similar briefing to Members of the opposition.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Sun website article dated November 6, 2014, entitled "New Education Minister wants Alberta students to feel safe"

Sessional Paper 84/2014

Alberta Diary website article dated December 1, 2014, entitled "Balancing rights? Just what rights are being balanced here? The Prentice Government's Bill 10 is a disgrace"

Sessional Paper 85/2014

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 29, 2014, entitled "Thomson: Muddling the middle ground?"

Sessional Paper 86/2014

daveberta.ca website article dated November 29, 2014, entitled "What if politicians could stop school kids from starting clubs?"

Sessional Paper 87/2014

Edmonton Journal website article dated December 2, 2014, entitled "Thomson: Tories weaken stronger effort from Liberals on gay-straight alliances"

Sessional Paper 88/2014

Calgary Herald website article dated December 2, 2014, entitled “Editorial: Liberals’ bill on gay-straight alliances was better”

Sessional Paper 89/2014

Calgary Herald website article dated December 2, 2014, entitled “Breakenridge: Prentice has made debate over gay-straight clubs even more divisive”

Sessional Paper 90/2014

Email message dated November 24, 2014, from Kimberley Bewick of Edmonton to Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, regarding her difficult experiences during her years in school and requesting Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk’s support for gay-straight alliances and for Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 91/2014

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

Letter dated November 24, 2014, from Tracy McKinnon, Chairperson, Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education, to Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, stating the board’s position on Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 92/2014

Report dated November 2013 entitled “Creating Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environments, Gay-Straight Alliances in Schools,” prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 93/2014

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

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document entitled “Applicant Copy, Emergency Facility Summary,” relating to comments made by Ms Notley during Oral Question Period on December 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 94/2014

Email message dated December 1, 2014, from Faron Smordin of Edmonton to Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, encouraging Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk to support Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 95/2014

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated October 23, 2014, from Emma Clowes to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, suggesting that adult school crossing guards be used at elementary schools in high traffic areas

Sessional Paper 96/2014

Email message dated May 23, 2014, from Deb Hutton of Airdrie to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing the need for clear and concise legislation to protect condominium owners

Sessional Paper 97/2014

Letter dated April 21, 2014, from Tanya Fix, Quality Control Manager, Green Seal Certified Safety Courses, to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, regarding an abuse of dominance complaint filed against Enform

Sessional Paper 98/2014

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

Copy of Ms Fenske's Battle River REA utility bill dated September 25, 2014, relating to comments made by Ms Fenske during Second Reading debate on Bill 201, Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014, on December 1, 2014

Sessional Paper 99/2014

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

Text of a letter dated November 26, 2014, from Sean Graham to the editor of Fort McMurray Today, expressing support for gay-straight alliances and for Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 100/2014

Email message dated November 27, 2014, from Leah Ward to Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, urging Mr. Bilous to support Bill 202, Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 101/2014

Hon. Mr. Dirks, Minister of Education:

Document, undated, entitled "Anti-Bullying Clubs, Diversity Clubs, and Gay-Straight Alliances in Alberta," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Dirks during Oral Question Period on December 1, 2014

Sessional Paper 102/2014

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

6 photographs of a Highway 36 slope failure, Municipal District of Taber, relating to comments made by Mr. Bikman during Oral Question Period on December 2, 2014

Sessional Paper 103/2014

Letter dated December 1, 2014, from Judith R. Jensen of Taber to "The Good Samaritans" regarding the unacceptable standard of care received by her parents, who reside at the Linden View facility in Taber, with several supporting documents attached

Sessional Paper 104/2014

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

Memorandum dated December 2, 2014, from Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting early Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 201, Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 105/2014

Privilege – Media Briefing on Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government's decision to provide a media briefing on Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, without providing a similar briefing to Members of the opposition.

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

Speaker's Ruling

Honourable Members, we have heard from one speaker from each party. Customarily I would wait for a day or so to review all the comments, but they were, thankfully, quite brief, and I was able to track them as they went along, so I am going to deal with this matter right now.

The Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder did provide notice to me through a letter that was received in my office yesterday at 3:42 p.m., so we have had ample time from that perspective, and the prerequisites of notice under Standing Order 15(2) have been met.

The Honourable Member claims in his notice and in his argument today, as we have just heard, that he feels that his rights as a Member have been interfered with because the Government provided a briefing to the media on Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, but did not provide a similar briefing at the same time to Members of the opposition, or words to that effect. I will just put aside for a moment the assertions and comments made by the Government House Leader that such a briefing was available to the opposition as part of the briefing that was given to the media and that, in turn, was done after the Bill had already been introduced. We will leave that aside for the moment.

I would note that there is no specific right to have the Government brief Members on the content of a Bill. Certainly, there have been instances in this Assembly where briefings were provided on a Bill when the Bill was on notice on the Order Paper but had not yet been introduced in the Assembly. In such circumstances a prima facie question of privilege was found by former Speaker Kowalski on March 5, 2003, at page 304 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

In this case we have been advised today that the briefing to which the ND House Leader objects occurred after the Bill had been introduced in this Assembly. At that time the Bill was public and had been provided to all Members in this Assembly.

A similar purported question of privilege about access to a media briefing was raised by the former Leader of the ND Opposition on April 27, 2009. At page 824 of Alberta Hansard for that day, former Speaker Kowalski said the following:

Allowing or not allowing a Member to attend a media briefing does not constitute an impediment or obstruction to the Member performing his or her parliamentary duties, which presumably is the category of privilege that the leader of the third party relies on.

I would also note that the current Leader of the ND Opposition raised a similar purported question of privilege on May 28, 2012, concerning a briefing on what was then Bill 1. In ruling that there was not a prima facie question of privilege, I stated on May 29, 2012, at page 59 of Alberta Hansard for that day the following:

There has been no specific evidence to suggest that any Member was actually impeded in the performance of his or her parliamentary duties.

In this case today the briefing about which the Member complains occurred after Bill 10 was introduced in the Assembly. That is the key thing to remember, the word “after.” In fact, there is no right for a Member to receive a Government briefing on a Bill, but having said that, I do not want to discourage such a practice because we all know how much it contributes to the ebb and flow of the House and to the overall understanding of a Bill coming onto the floor. Even if the briefing was in any way “proceeding in parliament,” I cannot see how Members were obstructed in performing their duties. Accordingly, I do not find there to be any contempt nor a prima facie question of privilege, and as stated in Standing Order 15(7), there will be no further proceedings on the matter.

However, I would encourage Government Members and others who have Bills to be introduced to read Hansard for the comments that were made by Airdrie, Edmonton-Centre, and Edmonton-Calder, because I do find value in some of those comments. That being the case, this matter is now concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children —
Ms Jansen

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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 amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Allen	Dirks	Lemke
Amery	Donovan	Leskiw
Anderson	Drysdale	Luan
Anglin	Ellis	McDonald
Bhullar	Fawcett	McIver
Brown	Fritz	McQueen
Calahasen	Goudreau	Olson
Campbell	Griffiths	Pedersen
Cao	Hale	Sandhu
Casey	Jansen	Scott
Cusanelli	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Starke
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Weadick
DeLong	Kennedy-Glans	Woo-Paw
Denis	Kubinec	Xiao

Against the motion: 10

Bilous	Lukaszuk	Sherman
Blakeman	Mason	Smith
Eggen	Notley	Wilson
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The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children —
Ms Jansen

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:04 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014 — 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 7 Chartered Professional Accountants Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kennedy-Glans

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Scott, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 7:52 p.m. until Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the hospital-based model of health care in Alberta and the need for the Ministry of Health to take a leadership role in improving the delivery of long-term care and chronic disease management.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the critical condition of Alberta's hospital infrastructure and Albertans' inability to rely on the Government.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the high demand and short supply of schools and child care services in the Edmonton-South West constituency and how Mr. Jeneroux's daughters' school serves as a model for how to tackle these issues.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the work of Alberta shelters and food banks and the Inn From the Cold shelter program.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2014, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding issues surrounding the sale of AltaLink to Berkshire Hathaway.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Savings Management Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled “Constitutional Arguments Concerning the Exclusion of Alberta Farm and Ranch Workers from Labour and Employment Legislation: Executive Summary”

Sessional Paper 106/2014

Letter dated November 14, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, to Darlene A. Dunlop responding to Ms Dunlop’s letter dated October 9, 2014, on behalf of the Farmworkers Union of Alberta, concerning injuries and fatalities on Alberta farms

Sessional Paper 107/2014

Email message dated October 27, 2014, from Phillippa Thomas to Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, regarding her suffering from a flesh-eating disease she contracted while working at an equestrian facility and her lack of legal recourse to address loss of income and lack of financial assistance

Sessional Paper 108/2014

Prairie Post website article dated November 12, 2014, entitled “The fight for freedom continues in a different form”

Sessional Paper 109/2014

Letter dated November 26, 2014, from Eric Musekamp, President, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, requesting support for changes to occupational health and safety legislation and mandatory workers’ compensation coverage for agricultural workers

Sessional Paper 110/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated May 24, 2014, from Marian McNair to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Alberta Health's compound prescription fee limits and the need for Alberta Health to cover the cost of the Shingles vaccine for seniors

Sessional Paper 111/2014

Letter, undated, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to superintendents of Alberta public and separate school boards requesting available data on the number of gay-straight alliances, diversity clubs, and other anti-bullying clubs in their schools

Sessional Paper 112/2014

Document dated November 5, 2014, entitled "Data Collection: Gay-Straight Alliances, Anti-Bullying Clubs and Diversity Clubs"

Sessional Paper 113/2014

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services:

2 letters dated November 6, 2014, from Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, to Tim Richter, Chair, Child Intervention Implementation Oversight Committee, Calgary, and Donna Wallace, Acting Chair, Child and Family Services Council for Quality Assurance, Alberta Health Services, outlining areas of focus for Alberta Human Services and making specific requests relating to the government-wide review of all agencies, boards, and commissions

Sessional Paper 114/2014

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document entitled "City of Edmonton Youth Council, General Meeting, December 3, 2014, Motion to Support Bill 202: Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014"

Sessional Paper 115/2014

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

News release dated November 20, 2014, entitled "Commissioner comments on PIPA amendments," prepared by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta

Sessional Paper 116/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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, 2014

Sessional Paper 117/2014

Pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Charitable Gaming in Review 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 118/2014

Pursuant to the Results-based Budgeting Act, cR-17.5, s3(2), Results-based Budgeting Report to Albertans, December 2014

Sessional Paper 119/2014

Speaker's Statement – Duplication of Bills and Order of Private Members' Business

Honourable Members, I would like to take this moment to make a point of clarification and make a statement with respect to the duplication of Bills, specifically Bills 10 and 202. I make this statement as a result of the need to do so.

First, as Members are aware, Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children Act, received Second Reading on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. This is a Government Bill sponsored by the Member for Calgary-North West. On the Order Paper for consideration is Bill 202, the Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014, sponsored by the Member for Edmonton-Centre. I have examined these two Bills and certainly they are not duplicates. Both Bills would amend the Alberta Human Rights Act by repealing section 11.1. Both Bills would amend the Education Act in various sections. The provisions are not identical but deal with the same issue of preventing discrimination or bullying.

In Bill 202 there are amendments to section 33 of the Education Act while Bill 10 adds a new division after section 35 of the Education Act. Also, there is the issue of parental consent in the Education Act, which is dealt with by amending section 58 in Bill 202, whereas Bill 10 adds new sections after section 58 on this subject. Bill 10 would also, as the title indicates, amend the Alberta Bill of Rights in addition to amending the School Act.

The principle that prevents the Assembly from debating both these Bills is that a parliament or Assembly should not debate the same issue twice in the same session. The nature of the rule and the rationale for it is nicely stated in Erskine May's Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament, 24th edition, at page 543, where it states:

There is no general rule or custom which restrains the *presentation* of two or more bills relating to the same subject, and containing similar provisions. But if a decision of the House has already been taken on one such bill, for example, if the bill has been given or refused a second reading, the other is not proceeded with if it contains substantially the same provisions.

On the same page it is stated that:

. . . the Speaker has declined to propose the question for the second reading of a bill which would have had the same effect as a clause of a bill which had already received a second reading.

It is interesting to note that on page 544 of the same edition of Erskine May it is stated that the rule was laid down in what is now the United Kingdom House of Commons on June 1, 1610, as follows: that "no bill of the same substance be brought in in the same session."

The decision by the Assembly at Second Reading is therefore crucial because it indicates that the Assembly has approved the Bill in principle and causes the rule against considering the same issue twice to become operative. This point is also found in Beauchesne's paragraph 653 and has been relied upon by previous Speakers of this Alberta Legislative Assembly. I would refer Members to Speakers' rulings of November 22, 2005, found at page 1789 of Alberta Hansard for that day, and April 21, 1998, found at page 1558 of Alberta Hansard for that day, where Bills containing provisions similar to those in Bills that had received Second Reading were not proceeded with and came off the Order Paper.

In the matter before us today I find that the provisions in Bill 202 are identical in one section and cover the same ground as in another section in Bill 10. The subject matter in Bill 202 is subsumed in Bill 10 and would lead to a similar debate and have the Assembly revisit an issue about which it had already voted.

In conclusion, I find that based on the parliamentary authorities and the precedents of this Assembly concerning duplication of Bills and the principles associated with considering the same issue twice in a session, Bill 202 will not be proceeded with and will come off the Order Paper.

In making this conclusion and this ruling, I make it with some regret, knowing that the effort that the Member for Edmonton-Centre put into her Bill 202 was very considerable and that the time and commitment she invested into preparing it and researching it was equally so. I want to point out that this ruling is very much dependent on the content of Bills 10 and 202. Each case is different, and I do not want to be seen as unduly limiting the opportunities for Members to craft and debate their Private Members' Bills. That concludes this particular statement.

With respect to another matter, that being the business on Monday afternoon, December 8, 2014, Members may recall that yesterday I tabled a letter from the Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre requesting early consideration of his Bill 201, Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014. That letter is recorded as Sessional Paper 105/2014. The issue of early consideration of Private Members' Public Bills has vexed me as your Speaker and two of my immediate predecessors.

In my ruling of November 18, 2013, at page 2864 of Alberta Hansard, I cited four rulings on the subject and how my immediate predecessors have repeatedly requested House Leaders' attention to and review of the procedure for early consideration. In the absence of any agreement, however, which is where we still find ourselves today, we are obliged to continue following the protocol, where a Member may request early consideration of his or her Bill, but only when the Bill has passed the previous stage.

In this case Bill 201 received Second Reading on Monday, December 1, and the request for early consideration at Committee stage was made the following day. A request for early consideration will not bump a Bill where debate has been adjourned or the Committee's work has not been completed, or a Bill that must, according to the rules, come up for consideration on a certain day.

As there are no other Private Members' Bills that are being debated – nor are there any in Committee – then consistent with our practices, Bill 201 will be considered in Committee of the Whole as the first item of business on Monday afternoon December 8, 2014, when Private Members' Public Bills are expected to be up for consideration. That concludes that particular statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

A debate followed.

Mr. Rowe 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 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, DECEMBER 3, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children —
Ms Jansen

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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 Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, that the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 2(4) is amended by striking out the proposed section 35.1(3) and (4) and substituting the following:

(3) A decision of the board under section 42 with respect to an appeal relating to subsection (1) is final.

(4) If, in a decision referred to in subsection (3), the board decides that it will not support a student in establishing the organization described in subsections (1) and (2) as requested by the student, the Minister shall facilitate and support the establishment of the organization.

B Section 2(5) is amended by striking out the proposed section 58.2(2) and (3) and substituting the following:

(2) A decision of the board under section 42 with respect to an appeal relating to subsection (1) is final.

C Section 3(5) is amended by striking out the proposed section 16.1(3) and (4) and substituting the following:

(3) A decision of the board under section 123 with respect to an appeal relating to subsection (1) is final.

(4) If, in a decision referred to in subsection (3), the board decides that it will not support a student in establishing the organization described in subsections (1) and (2) as requested by the student, the Minister shall facilitate and support the establishment of the organization.

D Section 3(12) is amended by striking out the proposed section 50.2(2) and (3) and substituting the following:

(3) A decision of the board under section 123 with respect to an appeal relating to subsection (1) is final.

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

For the amendment: 38

Allen	Goudreau	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Horne	Olson
Brown	Jansen	Quadri
Cao	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
DeLong	Khan	Sandhu
Denis	Klimchuk	Starke
Dirks	Kubinec	Towle
Drysdale	Mandel	VanderBurg
Ellis	McDonald	Weadick
Fawcett	McIver	Xiao
Fenske	McQueen	Young
Fritz	Oberle	

Against the amendment: 17

Anderson	Fox	Notley
Anglin	Griffiths	Pedersen
Bilous	Kang	Sherman
Blakeman	Lukaszuk	Swann
Donovan	Mason	Wilson
Eggen	McAllister	

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children —
Ms Jansen

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 10 (A1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 120/2014

Amendment to Bill 10 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-North West) —
Agreed to on division
Sessional Paper 121/2014

Government Motions

12. Oral notice having been given December 1, 2014, moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Mr. Anderson commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 42

Allen	Goudreau	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Horne	Olesen
Brown	Jansen	Olson
Calahasan	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Pastoor
Cao	Kennedy-Glans	Quadri
Dallas	Khan	Quest
Denis	Klimchuk	Rodney
Dirks	Kubinec	Sandhu
Donovan	Lemke	Starke
Drysdale	Luan	Towle
Ellis	Mandel	VanderBurg
Fawcett	McDonald	Weadick
Fenske	McIver	Xiao
Fritz	McQueen	Young

Against the motion: 12

Anderson	Eggen	Notley
Anglin	Fox	Pedersen
Bilous	Kang	Sherman
Blakeman	Mason	Swann

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)

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

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children —
Ms Jansen

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 10 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 122/2014

Amendment to Bill 10 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 123/2014

Amendment to Bill 10 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 124/2014

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 4, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding issues concerning life lease housing agreements and the need for the Government to conduct a review to ensure seniors are not taken advantage of.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the December 6, 1989, massacre at l'École Polytechnique in Montréal, where 14 women were killed; how that event shaped her life and the lives of Canadian women; the committee of women assembled by Ms Blakeman to annually commemorate that day; and recognizing December 6, 2014, as the National Day of Remembrance and Action.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the Lethbridge community, stakeholders, and all levels of government for their work in achieving a significant reduction in homelessness in Lethbridge.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Government's Employment First Strategy and the Employment First Innovation Fund, both to create job opportunities for people with disabilities.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement reading from a letter from the Mayor of Ponoka, to Hon. Mr. Dirks, Minister of Education, regarding school infrastructure planning and funding for school playground projects.

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

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing November 17 to 23, 2014, as Global Entrepreneurship Week and regarding the Government's Small Business Strategy.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Document entitled "City of Edmonton Youth Council General Meeting, December 3, 2014, Motion to oppose Bill 10: An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children"

Sessional Paper 125/2014

Document dated December 1, 2014, entitled "An Open Letter to Premier Prentice on GSAs – and the Faith of One Young Woman in Fort McMurray"

Sessional Paper 126/2014

Letter, undated, from Don Boras to Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, expressing opposition to Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children

Sessional Paper 127/2014

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

Excerpt from The Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients, undated, entitled “Definition of Terms: Sex, Gender, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation,” prepared by the American Psychological Association

Sessional Paper 128/2014

Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Infrastructure:

Document, undated, entitled “Exceptions Report on Facility Conditions Index (FCI) Reporting”

Sessional Paper 129/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

CBC News website article dated December 4, 2014, entitled “Bill 10 earns thumbs down from youth council”

Sessional Paper 130/2014

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

Alberta Justice website article dated October 27, 2014, entitled “Exhibition of inmates’ art reveals ‘the artist inside’ ”

Sessional Paper 131/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Association for Safety Partnerships - Radiation Health, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, September 3, 2013, to August 31, 2014, with attached financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 132/2014

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2014, with attached financial statements dated June 30, 2014

Sessional Paper 133/2014

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2013 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013, with attached financial statements dated December 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 134/2014

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Radiation Protection Program, 2013 Annual Report, November 1, 2012, to October 31, 2013, with attached independent auditor’s report dated December 5, 2013

Sessional Paper 135/2014

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, for the period January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 136/2014

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2013-2014

Sessional Paper 137/2014

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report, for the period April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, with attached financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 138/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 10)

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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. Denis, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Prentice:

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. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:07 p.m. until Monday, December 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 8, 2014

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of the December 6, 1989, massacre of 14 women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal, and the Government's efforts to prevent violence against women and girls.

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, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan Committee, the Punjabi Media Association, and the Sikh community for their efforts in raising donations for Edmonton's Food Bank.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Wildrose policies.

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

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Leduc #1 Energy Discovery Centre and efforts to keep it financially viable.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the need for more supports for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder.

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing December 5, 2014, as International Volunteer Day, and six Albertans who received the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal structure and the need to raise revenue to provide predictable and sustainable funding.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document dated December 8, 2014, entitled “Sample postcard from Canadian Condominium Institute’s campaign on Bill 9”

Sessional Paper 139/2014

Letter dated December 2, 2014, from a registered nurse to Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health, expressing her frustration and anger regarding patient care and the poor state of hospitals

Sessional Paper 140/2014

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

Document dated December 7, 2014, entitled “Bill 9 Preliminary Recommendations,” prepared by the Canadian Condominium Institute, North Alberta Chapter

Sessional Paper 141/2014

Document, undated, entitled “Fix Bill 9, Band-Aid Fix for Condominiums Not Enough,” prepared by the Canadian Condominium Institute, North Alberta Chapter

Sessional Paper 142/2014

Email message dated December 8, 2014, from Brian Durkin to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requesting the Legislative Assembly of Alberta reconsider Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 143/2014

Draft letter, undated, from June Donaldson, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 144/2014

CBC News website article dated December 2, 2014, entitled “Condo bill designed to fix leaky legislation”

Sessional Paper 145/2014

Keep The Promise website article dated November 29, 2014, entitled “Three Portraits of Child Poverty”

Sessional Paper 146/2014

Calgary Herald website article dated December 5, 2014, entitled “Catholic school leader discounts idea of legal battle on gay-straight alliances”

Sessional Paper 147/2014

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

Email message dated October 31, 2014, from Sherry Miller to Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services, expressing concern regarding the Persons with Developmental Disabilities service eligibility and its use of the Supports Intensity Scale

Sessional Paper 148/2014

Document, undated, entitled “Closures of Private Schools and ECS,” relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on December 8, 2014

Sessional Paper 149/2014

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Letter dated December 8, 2014, from Sherry Mitchell on behalf of the Bassano Parent Council to Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, expressing concern with the weighting of Grade 12 diploma exams

Sessional Paper 150/2014

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

News release dated November 26, 2014, entitled “Alberta Forest Industry Applauds Bill to Allow 6 Storey Wood Buildings,” prepared by the Alberta Forest Products Association

Sessional Paper 151/2014

Edmonton Sun website article dated November 29, 2014, entitled “Would you build with wood? Alberta wood.”

Sessional Paper 152/2014

Letter dated December 8, 2014, from Maryann Chichak, Mayor, Town of Whitecourt, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, expressing support for Bill 203, Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 153/2014

News release dated November 26, 2014, entitled “Builders Endorse Plan for Six-Storey Residential Structures,” prepared by the Canadian Home Builders’ Association

Sessional Paper 154/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, H-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2013-2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 155/2014

Alberta College of Optometrists, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 156/2014

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2013-14, June 1, 2013, to
May 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 157/2014

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

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31,
2013, Section 1

Sessional Paper 158/2014

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31,
2013, Section 2

Sessional Paper 159/2014

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31,
2013, Section 3

Sessional Paper 160/2014

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Anglin

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 Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 161/2014

Amendment to Bill 201 (A2) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain
House-Sundre) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 162/2014

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 9(1) in order to allow Third Reading consideration of Bill 201, Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Anglin

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. VanderBurg

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Jeneroux:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review child care policies to ensure that accessible, high-quality, and affordable child care is available for all Albertans, to allow for parents to re-enter the workforce, if they so choose, which will increase personal income tax contributions and address current and future skilled worker gaps in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:43 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Chartered Professional Accountants Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kennedy-Glans

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 8 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 163/2014

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

A debate followed.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter 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.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the Bill delegates too much authority to the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations respecting the details of the legislation and, in many cases, does not prescribe specific remedies in the Bill itself, and further input from stakeholders is required to address the provisions lacking detail in the Bill.

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 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

Bill 11 Savings Management Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing Gottlob Schmidt, who gifted to the Province of Alberta his 380-hectare homestead, which was recently established as Antelope Hill Provincial Park.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Government's management of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Great Kids Award and encouraging Albertans to nominate a child or youth.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the unfulfilled potential of rural hospitals.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement encouraging Albertans to purchase travel medical insurance before they travel outside the country.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Government's herd management policy of the elk population on Canadian Forces Base Suffield.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 55 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Khan, Minister of Service Alberta, expressing concern regarding Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 164/2014

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

News release dated September 25, 2014, entitled "Prentice government to review agencies, boards and commissions," prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 165/2014

LinkedIn website professional profile of Ian Brodie, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, during Oral Question Period on December 9, 2014

Sessional Paper 166/2014

Email message dated December 8, 2014, from Joyce Dowdall to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 167/2014

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

Memorandum dated December 8, 2014, from Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting early Committee of the Whole consideration for Bill 203, Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014, on December 15, 2014

Sessional Paper 168/2014

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Letter dated June 27, 2014, from Jeff Lewandoski to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, regarding the Government's elk herd population management on Canadian Forces Base Suffield, relating to comments made by Mr. Strankman during his Member's Statement on December 9, 2014

Sessional Paper 169/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007, be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the amendments to legislation made by that Act;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
3. In accordance with section 54 of the Mental Health Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Alberta Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Denis

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 9, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

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

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 11 Savings Management Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Campbell

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

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 9 (A1) (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills)
— Agreed to

Sessional Paper 170/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview
on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 171/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A3) (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 172/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-
Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 173/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A5) (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 174/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 175/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 176/2014

Amendment to Bill 9 (A8) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 177/2014

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Chartered Professional Accountants Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kennedy-Glans

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:02 p.m. until Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement recognizing the 66th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the efforts of the Alberta Government and the federal government to achieve universal recognition of basic human rights around the world.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2014, as Human Rights Day and regarding the rights of Alberta's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2014, as Human Rights Day and the anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the consequences of impaired driving and urging Albertans not to drink and drive.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding hospice care and Pilgrim's Hospice in the Edmonton-Riverview constituency.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement clarifying misconceptions regarding comparisons of Alberta and Norway with respect to how each jurisdiction manages its oil revenues.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, was not in order to be presented.

The two petitions put forth by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, were not in order to be presented.

The petition put forth by Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, was not in order to be presented.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated December 4, 2014, from Carmen McConnell to Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing her displeasure regarding Mr. Sandhu's support of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children

Sessional Paper 178/2014

International Business Times website article dated December 8, 2014, entitled "Pope Francis Addresses Gay Marriage: Church Should Support Families With LGBT Children"

Sessional Paper 179/2014

Hon. Mr. Dorward, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Letter dated November 27, 2014, from Diana Stralberg, Playground Committee Chair, Soci t  des parents de L' cole publique Gabrielle-Roy, to Hon. Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar and Associate Minister of Aboriginal Relations, requesting support for the school's playground redevelopment project

Sessional Paper 180/2014

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

Letter, undated, from "Bill," unaddressed, regarding emergency department overcrowding

Sessional Paper 181/2014

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Herald website article dated December 10, 2014, entitled "Prentice warns impact of oil price tumble 'will be felt in every corner of this province,'" relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on December 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 182/2014

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

Letter, undated, from Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, regarding the importance of having the principle of pay equity applied in Alberta

Sessional Paper 183/2014

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

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4), Law Society of Alberta, 2013 Strategic Update

Sessional Paper 184/2014

Alberta Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 2013-14, April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 185/2014

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2), Alberta Law Foundation, Financial Statements, Year ended March 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 186/2014

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR3, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014:

Copies of Government studies or proposals related to the establishment of flood or disaster insurance in Alberta that were prepared between June 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014.

Sessional Paper 187/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Human Services:

Responses to questions raised by Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, on April 9, 2014, Ministry of Human Services, 2014 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 188/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

A debate followed.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 9, Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

Bill 11 Savings Management Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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. Mrs. Klimchuk, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(15) in the proposed section 23.13

- (a) by adding the following after clause (c):
 - (d) a candidate during an election period.
- (b) by renumbering section 23.13 as section 23.13(1) and by adding the following after subsection (1):
 - (2) In this section,
 - (a) “benefit”, in the case of a candidate, includes an advantage received by the candidate in his or her campaign resulting from an announcement respecting government spending made by the Minister during the election period, unless the announcement is required to be made because of an emergency or other urgent matter relating to public safety;
 - (b) “candidate” has the meaning given to it in the Election Act;
 - (c) “election period” means the period commencing with the issue of a writ of election, including a by-election, and ending at the end of the day fixed for voting at the election.

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: 8

Barnes	Hehr	Swann
Bikman	Mason	Wilson
Fox	Stier	

Against the amendment: 40

Anglin	Horne	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Horner	Olesen
Brown	Jeneroux	Olson
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Pastoor
Campbell	Khan	Quadri
Casey	Klimchuk	Quest
Cusanelli	Kubinec	Sandhu
Dallas	Lemke	Sarich
Dorward	Leskiw	Starke
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Towle
Ellis	Mandel	VanderBurg
Fenske	McDonald	Weadick
Goudreau	McQueen	Xiao
Griffiths		

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(3) by adding the following after clause (a):

(a.1) in subsection (5) by striking out “or” at the end of clause (d), by adding “or” at the end of clause (e) and by adding the following after clause (e):

(f) a person or group of persons in a relationship with the Member which a reasonable person would conclude is a proximate political or business advisory relationship or with whom the Member shares closely aligned personal or business interests.

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	Fox	Stier
Barnes	Hehr	Swann
Bikman	Mason	Wilson

Against the amendment: 35

Bhardwaj	Horner	Olesen
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Campbell	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quadri
Casey	Khan	Quest
Cusanelli	Klimchuk	Sandhu
Dallas	Kubinec	Sarich
Dorward	Leskiw	Starke
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Fenske	Mandel	Weadick
Goudreau	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Griffiths	McQueen	Xiao
Horne	Oberle	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Horne, 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. Member for Airdrie) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 189/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 190/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of
the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 191/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A4) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 192/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 193/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A6) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 194/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-
Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 195/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A8) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 196/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A9) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 197/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 198/2014

Amendment to Bill 2 (A11) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 199/2014

Third Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

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

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

SPRING SITTING

MARCH 10 TO MARCH 26, 2015

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

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

The Speaker offered a prayer, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. James Edgar “Bud” Miller, Member for Lloydminster, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on January 23, 2015.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) and begin Oral Question Period at the conclusion of Ministerial Statements.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Dirks, Minister of Education, made a statement regarding Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, draft amendments to the Bill, and gay-straight alliances in Alberta schools.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and the Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, then commented on the statement.

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

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Speaker’s Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Commonwealth Day on March 9, 2015.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions****16.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

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 2015 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2015 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.

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved:
that Ms Smith be appointed to fill a vacancy;
- B. the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be approved:
that Dr. Brown replace Dr. Starke as Deputy Chair;
that Mr. Saskiw replace Dr. Starke;
that Mr. Strankman replace Mr. Bikman;
- C. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:
that Mr. Barnes replace Mr. Strankman;
- D. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved:
that Mr. Stier replace Mr. Cao;
- E. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:
that Mr. Saskiw replace Mr. Sandhu;
that Mr. Saskiw replace Mr. Anderson as Chair;
that Mr. Anglin replace Mr. McAllister;
- F. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:
that Mr. Strankman be appointed to fill a vacancy;

- G. the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be approved:
that Mr. Stier be appointed as Deputy Chair;
that Mr. Barnes replace Mr. Horne;
- H. the Standing Committee on Families and Communities be approved:
that Mr. Barnes replace Mrs. Jablonski;
that Mr. Barnes be appointed as Deputy Chair;
that Mr. Strankman replace Mr. McAllister;
- I. the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship be approved:
that Mr. Strankman replace Mr. Anglin;
that Mr. Strankman be appointed as Deputy Chair;
that Mr. Stier replace Mr. Casey.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s8(3):

2014-15 Third Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement dated February 2015

Sessional Paper 210/2014-15

2014-15 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 211/2014-15

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2014-15 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2014-15 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for six hours on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Ms Jansen

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion for Third Reading of Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering sections 1, 2, 3, and 5.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

According to the recommittal motion, 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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following recommitted Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children — Ms Jansen

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.

Subamendment to Bill 10 (A6-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Agreed to unanimously

Sessional Paper 212/2014-15

Amendment to Bill 10 (A6) (Hon. Minister of Education) — Agreed to unanimously

Sessional Paper 213/2014-15

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children —
Ms Jansen

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:

Mr. Casey, 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, 2013/2014 Report Covering Activities Related to the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year dated January 2015, deposited on January 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 200/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, deposited on January 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 201/2014-15

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3), 2012-2013 Authorized Accredited Agencies Summary, deposited on January 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 202/2014-15

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2013, deposited on January 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 203/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Report of the Investigation by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, Q.C., Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Education Minister Gordon Dirks, dated January 6, 2015, deposited on January 6, 2015

Sessional Paper 204/2014-15

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

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Mr. Kang on April 14, 2014, deposited on January 6, 2015:

Has the Government received a report from the Information and Privacy Commissioner on the Government's travel, meal, and hospitality expenses policy announced on September 5, 2012, and if so, what are the Commissioner's recommendations?

Sessional Paper 205/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited on January 6, 2015:

As of January 1, 2014, how many active members and retired members are in each of the following public sector pension plans: the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, the Management Employees Pension Plan, and the Special Forces Pension Plan?

Sessional Paper 206/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Report of the Investigation by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, Q.C., Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Premier Jim Prentice, Member for Calgary-Foothills, Minister Stephen Mandel, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, and Mr. Mike Ellis, Member for Calgary-West, dated December 12, 2014, deposited on January 6, 2015

Sessional Paper 207/2014-15

Mr. Goudreau, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, pursuant to the Property Rights Advocate Act, cP-26.5, s5(5):

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, Review of the Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office 2012 and 2013 Annual Reports, Twenty-Eighth Legislature, Third Session, dated February 2015, deposited on February 6, 2015

Sessional Paper 208/2014-15

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

Response to Written Question WQ30, asked for by Mr. Hehr on April 14, 2014, deposited February 27, 2015:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Government management positions have been eliminated since April 1, 2013, and how many are anticipated to be eliminated by March 31, 2014?

Sessional Paper 209/2014-15

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 18th anniversary of the election of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing Renaye Wade, who suffered a severe brain injury as a result of a traffic accident, for the work she does, along with RADD (Renaye Against Distracted Driving), to encourage safe driving practices and advocate for stiffer penalties for careless and distracted driving.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding recent comments and promises made by the Premier, and the beliefs of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the construction of the continuing care centre on the Parsons Creek site in Fort McMurray that is scheduled to begin this year.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Government policies, the reduction in funding for critical services, and the policies of the New Democrat opposition.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing March 1 to 7, 2015, as Social Work Week, with the theme of The Art of Cultivating Communities.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the leading-edge innovation and exceptional research, development, and commercialization pursuits of the University of Alberta Research Chairs who are supported by several partnerships.

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

Honourable Members, before we begin the clock for Oral Question Period, I would like to advise Members of some changes in the rotation to Oral Question Period and to Members' Statements that were necessitated by the changes in caucus membership that occurred in December 2014, while the Assembly was not sitting.

With respect to the Oral Question Period rotation I would draw your attention to the Oral Question Period rotation document that was placed on your desks yesterday. This rotation is the result of a new House Leaders' Agreement, which was reached on March 6, 2015, and it replaces the proposed question period rotation that was included in my memo to each of you on March 5, 2015, the memo that went to all Members, regarding procedures for the continuation, or what we call the procedural letter, for the Third Session of the 28th Legislature. I will table the agreement today at the appropriate time during the Daily Routine.

The rotation of questions on day one through day three for questions one through five remains the same as it was on December 1, 2014, the last time the Oral Question Period rotation was modified. The Official Opposition retains the first three questions, while the Liberal opposition is entitled to ask the fourth question, and the ND opposition is allotted the fifth question on each of these days.

On day four of the rotation the Official Opposition may ask the first two questions, while the Liberal opposition is allocated the third question, and the ND opposition is entitled to ask question four. The independent Member may ask one question in the weekly rotation, and the fifth question on day four is reserved for that Member.

In addition, the Official Opposition is entitled to ask question eight on days two and four along with questions 12 and 14 on days one and three and question 18 on day four. The Liberal opposition is allotted questions six and 10 each day and question 16 on each day except for day one and question 18 on day two. The ND opposition is also entitled to ask question eight on days one and three, questions 12 and 14 on days two and four, question 16 on day one, and question 18 on day three. The Progressive Conservative caucus is allotted questions seven, nine, 11, 13, 15, and 17 on each day of the rotation, and question 18 on day one.

For the benefit of Members and those following the ongoing proceedings, today is Wednesday, but it is day four in the rotation.

On another topic, very briefly, that being Members' Statements, the Members' Statement rotation has also been modified to reflect the current caucus composition of private Members in the Assembly. I have not received a House Leaders' Agreement amending the rotation for Members' Statements that was included in my March 5, 2015, memo to all Members, and therefore that rotation will be followed as outlined. This week is week one of the four-week Members' Statement rotation, and it is otherwise known as Day 17 on the Projected Sitting Days Calendar.

Privilege – Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding a breach of his ability to participate as a member of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices due to the actions of the Premier and the Office of the Premier, and the work of the Committee being obstructed by actions which reversed a decision already made by the Committee.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest
- Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mrs. Leskiw
- Bill 14 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Olson
- Bill 15 Securities Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Campbell
- Bill 16 Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Donovan

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest
- Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mrs. Leskiw
- Bill 16 Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Donovan

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2013 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 214/2014-15

Report dated February 2015 entitled “Chair-Initiated Complaint and Public Interest Investigation into the RCMP’s Response to the 2013 Flood in High River, Alberta, Interim Report,” prepared by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP

Sessional Paper 215/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report, undated, entitled “We are Listening, Sparking Public Conversation on GSAs,” prepared by the Edmonton Social Planning Council

Sessional Paper 216/2014-15

Red Deer Advocate article dated March 3, 2015, entitled “Alberta wolf killing must end”

Sessional Paper 217/2014-15

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont:

3 letters dated October and November 2014, from Evan and Shelley Schmidtke, Rick Smith, Leduc County Councillor, and Roger Anger, New Sarepta District Fire Chief, to Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, and to whom it may concern, expressing concern regarding the safety of the intersection at Highways 21 and 625 and requesting the implementation of safety intervention measures at that intersection

Sessional Paper 218/2014-15

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated March 2015
Sessional Paper 219/2014-15

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

Edmonton Journal article dated February 12, 2015, entitled “Premier rescinds additional funding for auditor general”

Sessional Paper 220/2014-15

Global News website article dated February 18, 2015, entitled “Prentice refuses to answer questions on defying independent committee”

Sessional Paper 221/2014-15

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 1/15, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 11)

Sessional Paper 222/2014-15

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 2/15, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 29)

Sessional Paper 223/2014-15

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 3/15, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 29)

Sessional Paper 224/2014-15

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 4/15, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 30)

Sessional Paper 225/2014-15

Letter dated December 23, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding the designation of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 226/2014-15

House Leaders' Agreement dated March 9, 2015, regarding a revised Oral Question Period rotation

Sessional Paper 227/2014-15

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Book entitled "A Silent Cheer, Against the Odds" by Dr. Emily Roback and Faye Roback-Jones

Sessional Paper 228/2014-15

Privilege – Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding a breach of his ability to participate as a member of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices due to the actions of the Premier and the Office of the Premier, and the work of the Committee being obstructed by actions which reversed a decision already made by the Committee.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Eggen, Hon. Mr. Denis, Mr. Stier, Mr. Anglin, and Ms Blakeman.

Speaker's Ruling

Honourable Members, I have listened very carefully for over half an hour now to all Members who just spoke. I am prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege that was raised by the Member for Edmonton-Calder. As a reminder to all, a point of privilege, as we all know, is one of if not the, most serious charges that can be brought by one Member against another.

With respect to the formalities the Member for Edmonton-Calder provided written notice to me in the Speaker's office at 12:59 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, and that notice was copied to the House Leaders of the other parties and the independent Member. Therefore, the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) were met.

I would also like to point out that yesterday was a somewhat unusual day in that it proceeded in a manner that prevented the Member for Edmonton-Calder from giving notice of his purported question of privilege yesterday. The Member, however, was very gracious in agreeing to let this matter proceed today, and I want to thank him for his indulgence in that regard. To be clear, there is no prejudice to the Member's application arising from the rescheduling of the matter to today rather than yesterday because notice had been provided at the earliest opportunity.

It is my understanding that the same Member raised a question of privilege on the very same matter in the February 17, 2015, meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, of which he is a member. I must say that I feel somewhat restrained in talking about what transpired during that committee's meeting since there is no report from that committee to this Assembly regarding the purported question of privilege. It is my understanding that while the Chair of the Legislative Offices Committee found that the issue raised by the Member for Edmonton-Calder met the low threshold for possibly constituting a question of privilege, the Committee declined to report the matter to the Assembly. So there will be no report on the matter for the Assembly to consider.

As Members likely know and should know, Members may raise matters concerning privilege as they relate to committees of the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 65(3). The practice to follow is outlined on page 46 of the March 2014 version of the Practical Guide to the Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

It is noted in House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, at page 149 that

Speakers have consistently ruled that, except in the most extreme situations, they will only hear questions of privilege arising from committee proceedings upon presentation of a report from the committee which directly deals with the matter and not as a question of privilege raised by an individual Member.

Nonetheless, not knowing precisely where the presentations might want to be taken, I did allow several comments to be made.

I am very aware of the procedure that I have just referred to since in my role as Chair of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services I faced a similar situation to the one just faced by the Chair of the Legislative Offices Committee concerning a purported question of privilege. In fact, it is exactly the one before us at the moment. On February 27, 2013, I found that alleged interference in the work of the committee met the threshold for privilege, which led to the committee voting on the matter. A motion to send the matter to the Assembly, however, was defeated, and that concluded the matter at the committee level.

One has to wonder why this matter is being raised in the Assembly when it was already raised and dealt with by the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. If the committee had voted to report the matter, then it would be before the Assembly. However, as I have said, the Committee chose not to do so.

As Speaker I am keenly aware that questions of privilege are very serious matters, as I have already said, and that they directly relate to a Member's rights and immunities. As such, they should arise infrequently. The time of the Assembly is also valuable and important. As I stated on November 20, 2014, at page 88 of Alberta Hansard for that day, in ruling on a purported question of privilege that had been raised before, "It is not in keeping with parliamentary tradition to raise a matter that has already been decided."

In this instance, the matter raised by the Member for Edmonton-Calder has been the subject of review, consideration, and decision by a committee of the Assembly. As Speaker I find that the principle of avoiding duplication of proceedings applies here.

In conclusion, this matter was considered under one process and should not be brought up in a different process, in a different venue, so as to constitute a de facto appeal of the committee's decision, outside of the established practice.

Accordingly, I find that the purported question of privilege is not in order and therefore does not constitute a prima facie question of privilege. Under Standing Order 15(7) that concludes the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2014-15 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Legislative Assembly**Office of the Child and Youth Advocate**

Operational and Capital	\$730,000
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Aboriginal Relations

Capital	\$8,600,000
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Education

Capital	\$215,704,000
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Energy

Financial Transactions	\$57,700,000
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Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Operational	\$200,014,000
Capital	\$48,085,000

Health

Operational	\$157,000,000
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Human Services

Operational	\$46,872,000
Capital	\$500,000

Infrastructure

Operational	\$15,256,000
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Justice and Solicitor General

Operational	\$16,739,000
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Municipal Affairs

Operational	\$6,116,000
Capital	\$431,720,000

Service Alberta

Operational	\$5,400,000
Financial Transactions	\$5,433,000

Transportation

Operational	\$11,853,000
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Committee of Supply has also approved the following amount to be transferred:

Transfer from Municipal Affairs Capital vote to Seniors Capital vote	\$4,800,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Oberle
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:42 p.m. until Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2015

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 14th anniversary of the election of four Members of the Legislative Assembly, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 12, 2001.

Members' Statements

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the Rendez-vous de la Francophonie being held from March 6 to 20, 2015 (comments made in French).

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding how “Martha and Henry’s” children and grandchildren are affected by the current financial crisis and the Government’s fiscal policies, and the Alberta Liberal Party’s focus on providing leadership to stand up for these families.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating Adolph and Mary Huculak of High Prairie, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on February 11, 2015.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement announcing he will not be seeking re-election and reflecting on his 18 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Action for Agriculture, and the work they are doing along with Mr. Casey, concerning the use of conservation easements.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement announcing he will not be seeking re-election and reflecting on his three years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, presented a petition from approximately 2,900 Albertans urging the Government to discontinue the use of daylight saving time by repealing the Daylight Saving Time Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development:

Report dated January 2015 entitled “Orderly and Responsible Development, Briefing Note – Dam Integrity,” prepared by the Alberta Chamber of Resources, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Fawcett during Oral Question Period on March 12, 2015

Sessional Paper 229/2014-15

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

Report dated March 3, 2015, entitled “The Supreme Court’s New Constitutional Decisions and the Rights of Farm Workers in Alberta,” prepared by the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Blog on Developments in Alberta Law, and the Society of Law Students

Sessional Paper 230/2014-15

Document, undated, entitled “Comparison of Effects of Diseases and Vaccines”

Sessional Paper 231/2014-15

Calgary Herald article dated February 12, 2015, entitled “Nelson: Vaccine opponents risk return to a dark age”

Sessional Paper 232/2014-15

Globe and Mail article dated November 5, 2013, entitled “Officials urge immunization after measles outbreak in Alberta”

Sessional Paper 233/2014-15

Metro website article, undated, entitled “Alberta’s unlikely to hit long-term targets for child vaccination rates”

Sessional Paper 234/2014-15

Report dated March 2015 entitled “Commentary No. 421, A Shot in the Arm: How to Improve Vaccination Policy in Canada,” prepared by the C.D. Howe Institute

Sessional Paper 235/2014-15

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

Alberta Federation of Labour Backgrounder, undated, entitled “How the Government Fudged Per-Capita Spending Figures”

Sessional Paper 236/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 9, 2015, from Judy Semeniuk of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Province’s current financial situation

Sessional Paper 237/2014-15

Letter dated November 11, 2014, from Niko and Antoine Palmer of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the difficulty pregnant women are having finding a primary caregiver, especially in remote and rural areas of Alberta

Sessional Paper 238/2014-15

Letter dated January 28, 2015, from Elena Renderos of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the difficulty pregnant women are having finding a primary caregiver, especially in remote and rural areas of Alberta

Sessional Paper 239/2014-15

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest

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

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

Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Fawcett on behalf of Mrs. Leskiw

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

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

Bill 14 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Scott on behalf of Hon. Mr. Olson

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 15 Securities Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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

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

Bill 16 Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Donovan

Mr. Donovan 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 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 16, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the work it does to help Albertans living with blindness or partial sight.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding recent comments made by the Premier with respect to the current financial crisis.

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement recognizing March 15 to 21, 2015, as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District, which has been serving youth in central Alberta for 26 years and has received many local, provincial, and national awards.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Waterton Biosphere Reserve, a living demonstration of balancing biodiversity conservation and sustainable human use of the land.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement proposing initiatives to help seniors from multicultural backgrounds continue to live independent lives.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Education Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Dirks

Bill 20 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Weadick

Bill 206 Childhood Comprehensive Eye Examination Act — Mrs. Jablonski

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

Bill 20 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Weadick

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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.

Notice having been given:

Bill 207 Independent Budget Officer Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Globe and Mail article dated March 13, 2015, entitled “Proof of vaccination should be mandatory at all schools, Ambrose says,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2015

Sessional Paper 240/2014-15

Document, undated, entitled “What is the Right Number of Nursing Home Beds for Alberta? – 20,000 More,” by Donna Wilson, RN, Ph.D., Ryan Brow, RN, and Robyn Playfair, RN

Sessional Paper 241/2014-15

Globe and Mail article dated July 30, 2014, entitled “No mandatory standards for in vitro fertilization clinics,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2015

Sessional Paper 242/2014-15

CBC News website article dated February 25, 2013, entitled “Calgary charity calls for provincial IVF funding,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2015

Sessional Paper 243/2014-15

CBC News website article dated December 15, 2014, entitled “In-vitro fertilization should be funded in Alberta, advocate says,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2015

Sessional Paper 244/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 28, 2014, from Susan Cake to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the Premier’s promises to restore funding to the post-secondary sector during his leadership campaign and expressing her disappointment that the funding will not be restored

Sessional Paper 245/2014-15

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

Document, undated, entitled “Award of Excellence, In Recognition of Merit to PC Government for Schools Not Built”

Sessional Paper 246/2014-15

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

Letter dated January 19, 2015, from Reid Hamula to Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, asking Mr. Bilous to call on the Government to hold the Workers' Compensation Board accountable to the people they serve and asking for changes to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped policies
Sessional Paper 247/2014-15

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Statutory Declaration of Balbir Sidhu dated February 21, 2015, Province of Alberta, relating to allegations against Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Sukhjjevan Chahal with respect to the Progressive Conservative nomination for Edmonton-Ellerslie
Sessional Paper 248/2014-15

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. VanderBurg

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

Amendment to Bill 203 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 249/2014-15

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 9(1) in order to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 203, Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. VanderBurg

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Ellis speaking.

Speaker's Statement – Tabling Documents

The Speaker commented on a point of order concerning the tabling of documents which was raised earlier in the day. The Speaker concluded that there was no point of order based on precedents of the Assembly.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Ms Notley:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to the immediate study and drafting of a plan to phase out all coal-generated power in Alberta by 2030.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015 — 7:30 P.M.

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Oberle on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Oberle on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document:

2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund –
Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government

Sessional Paper 250/2014-15

Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Oberle on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Oberle on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates for six hours on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 2 is amended by striking out “\$459 250 000” and substituting “451 250 000”.
- B Section 3 is amended by striking out “\$704 609 000” and substituting “\$703 439 000”.
- C The Schedule is amended
 - (a) on page 3 following “ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT”
 - (i) by striking out “200 014 000” and substituting “192 014 000”, and
 - (ii) by striking out “48 085 000” and substituting “46 915 000”
 - and
 - (b) on page 4
 - (i) following “Operational amounts to be voted under section 2” by striking out “459 250 000” and substituting “451 250 000”, and
 - (ii) following “Capital amounts to be voted under section 3” by striking out “704 609 000” and substituting “703 439 000”.

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: 5

Anglin	Sherman	Strankman
Mason	Stier	

Against the amendment: 32

Bikman	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Olesen
Brown	Kennedy-Glans	Pastoor
Cao	Khan	Quadri
DeLong	Klimchuk	Quest
Donovan	Leskiw	Rodney
Ellis	Luan	Sarich
Fawcett	Lukaszuk	Smith
Fenske	Mandel	VanderBurg
Fraser	McIver	Woo-Paw
Horne	McQueen	Young
Jeneroux	Oberle	

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

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 17 (A1) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 251/2014-15

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mrs. Leskiw

Bill 15 Securities Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 16 Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Donovan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:32 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement honouring the service of Maurice White, Leonard Corbett, Bernard Cooper, Henry Planger, and Lloyd Lewis, Albertans who served in the First Special Service Force, also known as the Devil's Brigade, during the Second World War and thanking the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding violence against women, women's shelters, and inadequate income under Alberta Works for women to be able to afford alternate accommodation.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Unlimited, a dance collaboration hosted by the University of Lethbridge from March 17 to 21, 2015, which includes students with developmental disabilities, and congratulating the University of Lethbridge for its initiative to proactively include people with disabilities in a for-credit university drama course.

Ms Smith, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding Okotok's water conservation efforts, winning the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2015 Sustainable Communities Award for its Water Conservation, Efficiency and Productivity Program, and the need for Government funding for a water pipeline from Calgary to Okotoks.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement urging the Government to declare September 28 as British Home Child Day in recognition of the lives of British Home Children.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement reflecting on his three years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont:

Letter dated March 9, 2015, from the Leduc County Coalition to Members of the Alberta Legislature expressing concern regarding the City of Edmonton's formal notice to annex 38,000 acres of county land and requesting that a fair and mutually beneficial annexation solution be found

Sessional Paper 252/2014-15

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 1,000 Airdrie residents urging the Government to recognize the need for 24-hour urgent health care services in Airdrie and work with community leaders and health professionals to provide the resources necessary for its prompt establishment

Sessional Paper 253/2014-15

Copies of 89 letters dated January 27, 2015, from parents of children attending Westbrook School to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding the recent increased speed limit on Highway 22 in front of the Westbrook School

Sessional Paper 254/2014-15

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

Report dated November 2014 entitled "Victims Services Status Report 2013-2014," prepared by Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

Sessional Paper 255/2014-15

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

Which municipalities in Alberta have lands that are classified as flood-prone?
Sessional Paper 256/2014-15

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

What progress has been made on the formal commitment to develop a big city charter announced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in a Government news release on June 18, 2012?

Sessional Paper 257/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

Which 10 municipalities had the highest property tax rates in Alberta for the 2012 and 2013 calendar years?

Sessional Paper 258/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

How many safety codes officers in Alberta have been specifically trained to evaluate homes affected by the June 2013 flood and assess whether they have been flood-proofed to a sufficient degree to warrant removal of the notice that the Government has placed on the land titles of those properties?

Sessional Paper 259/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ31, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

For those property owners who received Disaster Recovery Program compensation in 2013, what is the wording of the notice the Government will place on the land titles of those properties?

Sessional Paper 260/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ32, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

Who are the members of the Government's Disaster Recovery Committee, the body referenced in section 2.2.2 of the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines and section 7(3) of the Disaster Recovery Regulation?

Sessional Paper 261/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ33, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, how many homes in southern Alberta were deemed or estimated to be eligible to apply for Disaster Recovery Program compensation in relation to the June 2013 flood; and, of those, how many submitted applications for compensation, how many were offered compensation, and how many accepted the offered amount of compensation?

Sessional Paper 262/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ34, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta were appealed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 8 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation, and how many of those resulted in a reversal or modification of a previous decision made by either the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's Director of Recovery Operations or the Managing Director?

Sessional Paper 263/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ35, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, of the total number of southern Alberta residents who applied for Disaster Recovery Program compensation in relation to the June 2013 flood, how many have requested a formal review of their files by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's (AEMA) Director of Recovery Operations; and, how many have subsequently requested that a decision on their file by the AEMA Director of Recovery Operations be reviewed by the AEMA Managing Director, pursuant to section 7 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation; and, how many have subsequently requested that a decision on their file by the AEMA Managing Director be reviewed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 8 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation?

Sessional Paper 264/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ36, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

How many municipalities requested financial or technical assistance from the Government for riverbank stabilization or flood protection for the period between the southern Alberta flood that occurred in June 2005 and the flood of June 2013?

Sessional Paper 265/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ37, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, what is the average length of time that it has taken to conclude Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims in relation to the June 2013 flood, and what is the average compensation that has been paid?

Sessional Paper 266/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ38, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta?

Sessional Paper 267/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ39, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the May 2011 wildfire in Slave Lake?

Sessional Paper 268/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ40, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

What was the commencement date of LandLink Consulting Ltd.'s current five-year contract with the Government to administer the Province's Disaster Recovery Program?

Sessional Paper 269/2014-15

Response to Written Question WQ41, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

What positions did Barry Giffen and Rick Thrall, LandLink Consulting Ltd.'s President and Managing Partner respectively, hold when they were employed by the Government of Alberta?

Sessional Paper 270/2014-15

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

A copy of the report of the provincial advisory panel on community flood mitigation that proposed \$830 million in flood mitigation measures at the Alberta Flood Mitigation Symposium held in Calgary on October 4, 2013.

Sessional Paper 271/2014-15

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 14, 2014:

A copy of the performance review of LandLink Consulting Ltd. referenced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs during the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship's consideration of the Ministry's 2013-14 estimates on April 17, 2013.

Sessional Paper 272/2014-15

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Committee of Supply (Interim Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$20,460,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$6,670,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$821,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$28,000,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$250,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$1,711,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$3,242,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$313,000
Aboriginal Relations	
Expense	\$51,883,000
Capital Investment	\$6,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,268,000
Agriculture and Rural Development	
Expense	\$179,467,000
Capital Investment	\$940,000

Culture and Tourism

Expense	\$73,535,000
Capital Investment	\$250,000
Financial Transactions	\$400,000

Education

Expense	\$956,600,000
Capital Investment	\$128,900,000
Financial Transactions	\$5,300,000

Energy

Expense	\$96,000,000
Capital Investment	\$1,500,000
Financial Transactions	\$33,641,000

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

Expense	\$167,557,000
Capital Investment	\$44,801,000
Financial Transactions	\$353,000

Executive Council

Expense	\$6,385,000
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Health

Expense	\$4,690,537,000
Capital Investment	\$19,341,000
Financial Transactions	\$8,700,000

Human Services

Expense	\$1,185,482,000
Capital Investment	\$1,721,000
Financial Transactions	\$170,000

Infrastructure

Expense	\$147,500,000
Capital Investment	\$153,000,000
Financial Transactions	\$4,900,000

Innovation and Advanced Education

Expense	\$815,725,000
Capital Investment	\$195,900,000
Financial Transactions	\$48,000,000

International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense	\$12,000,000
Capital Investment	\$6,000

Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour

Expense	\$50,435,000
Capital Investment	\$300,000

Justice and Solicitor General

Expense	\$431,071,000
Capital Investment	\$28,771,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	\$1,185,555,000
Capital Investment	\$2,526,000
Financial Transactions	\$109,192,000

Seniors

Expense	\$181,693,000
Financial Transactions	\$2,375,000

Service Alberta

Expense	\$81,535,000
Capital Investment	\$10,685,000
Financial Transactions	\$2,500,000

Transportation

Expense	\$258,827,000
Capital Investment	\$729,462,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,531,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense	\$42,704,000
Capital Investment	\$681,000
Financial Transactions	\$2,518,000
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	\$386,929,000

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 18 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:32 p.m. until Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement commemorating the centenaries of the Battle of Gallipoli on March 18, 2015, and ANZAC Day on April 25, 2015, and recognizing those who have served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations since that time.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Premier's role in the creation of Alberta's royalty review and regarding broken promises.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the Government's release of the Rural Health Services Review Final Report on March 18, 2015.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Government's mismanagement of the health care system.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for child, youth, and student mental health care and research.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement recognizing the achievements of the junior girls', junior boys', senior girls', and senior boys' basketball teams at Chestermere High School.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from over 1,100 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding for public education.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Alberta Human Rights (Commission Accountability) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Saskiw

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter, undated, from Brandi CK La Perle, Worldwide EndoMarch 2015 International Partner and Precinct Manager for Alberta, to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding their Team Alberta's campaign to recognize the impact of endometriosis on Albertan women

Sessional Paper 273/2014-15

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

Calgary Herald article dated March 16, 2015, entitled "Wildrose leadership candidates face off in telephone town hall," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Denis during Oral Question Period on March 17, 2015

Sessional Paper 274/2014-15

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

Edmonton Sun article dated August 25, 2014, entitled "Alberta premier 'concerned' about Lukaszuk's \$20K roaming bill," relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 275/2014-15

Edmonton Sun article dated August 27, 2014, entitled "Alberta PC leadership candidate Thomas Lukaszuk racked up bills over cabinet minister's personal dispute," relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 276/2014-15

Edmonton Sun article dated December 15, 2014, entitled “Alberta’s privacy commissioner looking into leaked phone bill,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 277/2014-15

Edmonton Sun article dated August 28, 2014, entitled “Former Service Alberta Minister Manmeet Bhullar told opposition parties to FOIP Thomas Lukaszuk’s expenses, staff members say,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 278/2014-15

Edmonton Sun article dated November 24, 2014, entitled “Opposition want Alberta’s Privacy Commissioner called in after phone bill leak,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 279/2014-15

Edmonton Sun article dated September 7, 2014, entitled “Alberta Liberal Leader Raj Sherman questioned over Lukaszuk wireless leak,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 280/2014-15

Calgary Herald article dated March 16, 2015, entitled “PCs facing questions of fairness after Hanson appointed as Calgary-Cross nominee,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2015

Sessional Paper 281/2014-15

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Rural Health Services Review Final Report dated March 2015, prepared by the Rural Health Services Review Committee

Sessional Paper 282/2014-15

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 20 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Weadick

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 15 Securities Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 16 Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Donovan

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mrs. Leskiw

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 13 (A1) (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 283/2014-15

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing March 20, 2015, as the International Day of Happiness.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal Party's policy which would require parents to make a formal decision regarding vaccines for their children prior to school enrolment.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the current economic environment which is resulting in employee layoffs and businesses facing contract cancellations, and innovative methods that employers are using to protect their employees' jobs.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Albertans having access to job-protected compassionate care leave since Bill 203, Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2012, was proclaimed on February 1, 2014.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding her 18-year-old niece Melinda Hunt, who was recently diagnosed with juvenile Huntington's disease.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the importance of seniors and the Government's efforts to provide supports for them, including the creation of 2,600 new residential spaces and improvements to the safety of seniors' lodges and apartments.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Safety Codes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Casey

Bill 205 Police (Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence) Amendment Act, 2015 —
Mr. VanderBurg on behalf of Ms Cusanelli

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

Bill 21 Safety Codes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Casey

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Book entitled "Protecting our Tomorrows, portraits of meningococcal disease,"
by Anne Geddes

Sessional Paper 284/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated January 2015 entitled "A Profile of Poverty in Edmonton," prepared
by the Edmonton Social Planning Council

Sessional Paper 285/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2013, and the 2013 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch and Interparliamentary Relations

Sessional Paper 286/2014-15

Tablings to the Clerk

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

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, 2014

Sessional Paper 287/2014-15

Pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2), Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 288/2014-15

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Denis:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved: that Mr. McAllister replace Mr. McDonald.
- B. the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be approved: that Dr. Starke replace Mr. McDonald.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 18 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mrs. Leskiw

Bill 15 Securities Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill 16 Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Donovan

Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until Monday, March 23, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 23, 2015

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 26th anniversary of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 20, 1989, and who is the longest serving woman in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the 16th longest serving Member in the history of this Assembly.

Members' Statements

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the importance of the agriculture industry to the Alberta economy.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement reflecting on her 22 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the World's Longest Hockey Game held in Strathcona County from February 6 to 16, 2015, which has again set a new Guinness World Record, and recognizing the participants, volunteers, and founder, Dr. Brent Saik, whose efforts raised over \$1 million dollars for the Cross Cancer Institute.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement recognizing Ernest Côté, a World War II veteran, who recently passed away at the age of 101.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement recognizing the sacrifices of law enforcement officers and the risks they face, stated he will be working with Alberta Justice to reform the judicial process, and then read a poem, anonymously written, about the consequences of their duties.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing Suzan Krecsy, Ward Krecsy, Charlie Schroeder, and Marilyn Schroeder for the work they do with the St. Albert Food Bank and Community Village.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 22 Skin Cancer Prevention (Artificial Tanning) Act — Mr. Quest

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

Bill 22 Skin Cancer Prevention (Artificial Tanning) Act — Mr. Quest

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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. Denis, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(d) to allow for the Introduction of Bill 24, Public Sector Services Continuation Repeal Act.

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Public Sector Services Continuation Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2013-2014 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 289/2014-15

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

26 letters to Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, from people sharing their experiences with Lyme disease

Sessional Paper 290/2014-15

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

Document, undated, entitled “Cuts to Education Funding . . . Impact our Students”
Sessional Paper 291/2014-15

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

Letter dated February 12, 2015, from Ian and Rita Campbell of Sundance to Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, urging the Government to build a cancer centre in Calgary

Sessional Paper 292/2014-15

Letter, undated and unaddressed, from Syameena Pillai, a grade 11 student at Centennial High School in Calgary, asking that the media bring awareness to recent education budget cuts

Sessional Paper 293/2014-15

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley:

Copy of a petition signed by 540 Berwyn and area residents urging that the Berwyn Autumn Lodge not close

Sessional Paper 294/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development:

Letter, undated, from William Kendall to Saint Nick, asking that global warming be stopped and for the world to be more environmentally friendly, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Fawcett during Oral Question Period on March 23, 2015

Sessional Paper 295/2014-15

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Email message dated March 3, 2015, from Brian Wik, Executive Director, Alberta Association of Optometrists, to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, expressing support for Bill 206, Childhood Comprehensive Eye Examination Act

Sessional Paper 296/2014-15

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Letter dated December 8, 2014, from Maryann Chichak, Mayor, Town of Whitecourt, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, expressing support for Bill 203, Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 297/2014-15

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

CBC News website article dated March 17, 2015, entitled “\$100,000 deposit suggested to stop Wildrose floor crossers”

Sessional Paper 298/2014-15

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

Fort Saskatchewan Record website article dated March 19, 2015, entitled “New high school, new name”

Sessional Paper 299/2014-15

Global News website article dated March 21, 2015, entitled “Mother-to-be waits 7 hours in Fort Saskatchewan hospital through miscarriage”

Sessional Paper 300/2014-15

Fort Saskatchewan Record website article dated March 19, 2015, entitled “Teacher recognized for SYNCing up”

Sessional Paper 301/2014-15

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain:

Alberta Forest Products Association website article dated November 26, 2014, entitled “AFPA Applauds Bill 203 (Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014)”

Sessional Paper 302/2014-15

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

Document dated March 10, 2015, entitled “Consultant Lobbyists Registration, Registration Number CL0128-20150310200304” filed by Jason G. Hatcher of the firm 1689986 Alberta Ltd. DBA Navigator Ltd., lobbying on behalf of the Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association

Sessional Paper 303/2014-15

Document dated March 11, 2015, entitled “Consultant Lobbyists Registration, Registration Number CL0128-20150310200347” filed by Jason G. Hatcher of the firm 1689986 Alberta Ltd. DBA Navigator Ltd., lobbying on behalf of the Town of Okotoks

Sessional Paper 304/2014-15

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 305/2014-15

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board, 2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 306/2014-15

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 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Amery

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 9(1) in order to allow for Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Amery

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 9(1) in order to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014.

Third Reading

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

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Amery

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

For the motion: 39

Allen	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Olesen
Amery	Kang	Quadri
Bhullar	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Brown	Khan	Rodney
Cao	Klimchuk	Rowe
Dirks	Lemke	Sandhu
Donovan	Leskiw	Sarich
Dorward	Luan	Starke
Fenske	Lukaszuk	Strankman
Fraser	Mandel	Towle
Fritz	Mason	Wilson
Jansen	McIver	Woo-Paw
Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Oberle	Xiao

Against the motion: 0

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 —
Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) to allow the Assembly to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Rowe:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a province-wide strategy to combat the debilitating effects of Lyme disease, which, at minimum, would include additional education for physicians and access to additional testing and treatment for patients.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Weadick

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 20 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 307/2014-15

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Olson

Bill 19 Education Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Dirks

Bill 21 Safety Codes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Casey

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and reflected on her 14 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the importance of a strong opposition and reflected on his seven years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement reflecting on her seven years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding recent unanswered questions to the Premier concerning health care and the state of Alberta's health-care system.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement reflecting on her 14 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's Inspiring Education and Curriculum Redesign initiatives.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 23 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Letter dated March 4, 2015, from Donald C. Voaklander, Ph.D., Director, Injury Prevention Centre, Public School of Health, University of Alberta, to Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, congratulating Mrs. Fritz on her long and successful career and thanking her for her support of injury prevention policies
Sessional Paper 308/2014-15

News release dated February 4, 2015, entitled “Yvonne Fritz, MLA, announces her retirement after 27 years in public service”
Sessional Paper 309/2014-15

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 22 Skin Cancer Prevention (Artificial Tanning) Act — Mr. Quest

Bill 24 Public Sector Services Continuation Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Weadick

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 14 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Olson
 Bill 19 Education Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Dirks
 Bill 21 Safety Codes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Casey
 Bill 22 Skin Cancer Prevention (Artificial Tanning) Act — Mr. Quest
 Bill 24 Public Sector Services Continuation Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

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

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 310/2014-15

Amendment to Bill 19 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 311/2014-15

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement reflecting on her 22 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Premier's proposed fiscal policies, their impact on health care, and the need for a new kind of leadership.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the upcoming provincial budget and reflecting on his seven years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement reflecting on his seven years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating Jess Verstappen of High Prairie on receiving the 2014 4-H Premier's Award and regarding the 4-H organization.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding the lack of change to Government policies and changes to the Official Opposition since the last provincial election.

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 25 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2015 —
Mr. Pedersen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Prentice, Premier, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Report dated October 17, 2014, entitled "Metis Women's Council on Economic Security, 2014 Report and Recommendations and Government of Alberta Response," prepared by Aboriginal Women's Initiatives and Research, Aboriginal Relations

Sessional Paper 312/2014-15

Report dated October 17, 2014, entitled "First Nations Women's Council on Economic Security, 2014 Report and Recommendations and Government of Alberta Response," prepared by Aboriginal Women's Initiatives and Research, Aboriginal Relations

Sessional Paper 313/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Mandel, Minister of Health, on behalf of 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, 2013-2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 314/2014-15

Mr. Jeneroux, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(6):

Report on the October 27, 2014 By-elections in: Calgary-Elbow, Calgary-Foothills, Calgary-West, Edmonton-Whitemud, prepared by the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 315/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 2014-2015

Sessional Paper 316/2014-15

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Letter dated November 28, 2014, from Bernice Stamp, on behalf of concerned citizens of the hamlet of Enchant and surrounding areas, to Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, with attached petition signed by 75 Enchant and area residents, expressing concern regarding the traffic speed on Highway 526 and requesting that the speed limit be reduced

Sessional Paper 317/2014-15

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

Document, undated, entitled "Who Will Teach Us?" prepared by the Alberta Teachers' Association

Sessional Paper 318/2014-15

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Email message dated February 25, 2015, from Adrienne Webb to Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, explaining the difficulties she has encountered in trying to obtain a service dog

Sessional Paper 319/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 12, 2015, from Leah Dal Ponte of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the capture of wild horses

Sessional Paper 320/2014-15

Email message dated March 12, 2015, from Maureen Hurley of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, expressing opposition to the capture and cull of wild horses

Sessional Paper 321/2014-15

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 12 Common Business Number Act — Mr. Quest
- Bill 14 Agricultural Societies Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Olson
- Bill 19 Education Amendment Act, 2015 — Hon. Mr. Dirks
- Bill 21 Safety Codes Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Casey
- Bill 22 Skin Cancer Prevention (Artificial Tanning) Act — Mr. Quest
- Bill 24 Public Sector Services Continuation Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Second Reading

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

- Bill 23 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

- Bill 23 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2015 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Mr. Dallas, 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 23 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 322/2014-15

Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 23, Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2015 (\$).

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:51 p.m. until Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing the many accomplishments of Dr. Cy Frank, who recently passed away.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal policies over the past three years and the Wildrose Official Opposition's commitment to fight for Albertans.

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement announcing he will not be seeking re-election and reflecting on his three years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement reflecting on her 10 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the 2015 World Sledge Hockey Challenge held in Leduc from February 1 to 7, 2015.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement thanking the many Legislature and Government staff that are involved in the day-to-day operations of the Legislative Assembly and who serve the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2015 –
Mr. Pedersen

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

Bill 26 Fiscal Sustainability Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Commission to Safeguard Albertans' Interests in Natural Resources Act —
Mr. Mason on behalf of Ms Notley

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

Bill 25 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2015 –
Mr. Pedersen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Scott, Deputy Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing
Order 59.01(3):

Final 2015 Budget Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 323/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 21, 2015, from Ann Campbell to Ms Blakeman, Hon.
Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the arts in Alberta and requesting that
proposed cuts to arts funding be reconsidered

Sessional Paper 324/2014-15

Letter dated March 19, 2015, from Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-
Mountain View, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, to Jill Clayton, Information
and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, requesting an update on the Office of the
Information and Privacy Commissioner's investigation of Service Alberta
concerning the leak of a former Cabinet Minister's cellular phone bill

Sessional Paper 325/2014-15

Letter dated March 19, 2015, from Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, to the Calgary Police Service, inquiring into the Calgary Police Service's investigation concerning the alleged fraudulent impersonation of a Calgary resident's identity in order to leak a cellular phone bill of a former Cabinet Minister to the media and requesting a copy of their report

Sessional Paper 326/2014-15

Edmonton Sun website article dated March 25, 2015, entitled "Minister named by two more staffers"

Sessional Paper 327/2014-15

Metro News website article dated March 25, 2015, entitled "Alberta Minister Bhullar doesn't deny asking opposition to seek Lukaszuk's cellphone bill"

Sessional Paper 328/2014-15

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

Copy of a petition signed by over 1,600 Albertans requesting sufficient funds for necessary public services, such as education and health care, by introducing tax and royalty reforms

Sessional Paper 329/2014-15

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

Letter, undated, from Kevan Hunter of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the Government's lack of commitment to adequately fund education

Sessional Paper 330/2014-15

Speaker's Statement – Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall

The Speaker recognized Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, and asked the Assembly to thank him for his service as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:08 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

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

Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 331/2014-15

2015-16 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 332/2014-15

Pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s8(2), s10(3), Budget
2015 Ministry Business Plans and Government Performance Plan
Sessional Paper 333/2014-15

Pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s10(1), s10(3), Putting
Things Right, A Responsible, Strategic Plan to Secure Alberta's Future
Sessional Paper 334/2014-15

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 24, Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s8:

Budget 2015 Fiscal Plan
Sessional Paper 335/2014-15

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

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

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Monday, April 13, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

DISSOLUTION

APRIL 7, 2015

Dissolution

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

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

PROCLAMATION

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

GREETING

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with
the advice and consent of Our Executive Council
of Our Province of Alberta to dissolve the
Twenty-eighth Legislature of Alberta;

Kim Armstrong,
Deputy Attorney General

NOW KNOW YE THAT by and with the advice
and consent of Our Executive Council of Our
Province of Alberta, We have ordered and
declared and do hereby proclaim that the Twenty-
eighth Legislature is hereby dissolved and the
Members of the Legislative Assembly are
discharged from further meetings and attendance.

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

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL,
Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 7th day of April in the Year of
Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JONATHAN DENIS,
Provincial Secretary.