



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 10

**ORDER PAPER**

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

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Tuesday, October 27, 2015

**Prayers**

**ROUTINE**

**O Canada (First sitting day of each week)**

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

(Day 8)

Moved by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Ms Kazim:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, 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.

Adjourned debate: Mr. Jean

### **Government Motions**

**13.** Hon. Mr. Ceci to propose the following motion:

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

**14.** Hon. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2015 Fall Sitting be extended beyond the first Thursday in December until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

**15.** Hon. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, notwithstanding Standing Order 3(6), the only constituency week for the 2015 Fall Sitting shall be held the week of November 9, 2015, with the Assembly reconvening on Monday, November 16, 2015.

**16.** Hon. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing November 23, 2015, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2015 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.

17. Hon. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that Standing Order 19(1)(c) be waived and that the Speaker put every question necessary to dispose of the motion for an address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech of June 15, 2015, on December 2, 2015, at 5:45 p.m. unless the debate on the motion is previously concluded.

18. Hon. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

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

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

Bill 202 Alberta Local Food Act — MLA Cortes-Vargas (Time remaining: 22 minutes)

Debate adjourned, Mr. Barnes speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

503. Mr. Dang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consult with school boards and youth to encourage senior high school student participation on boards with a view to increasing dialogue, increasing student engagement in board policy and planning, and educating students about democratic governance.

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## **NOTICES**

### **Government Motions**

19. Hon. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

- A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective November 18, 2014, be amended as follows:

1. **Standing Order 3(1) is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**Sitting times and sessional calendar**

3(1) Subject to suborder (1.1) and unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Monday: 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(1.1) From the first day of main estimates consideration by the Legislative Policy Committees until the day for the vote on the main estimates in Committee of Supply, the Assembly shall not meet in the morning from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

**2. Standing Order 4 is amended**

**(a) by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(2.1) When there is a morning sitting, at noon the Speaker adjourns the Assembly until 1:30 p.m.

**(b) in suborder (3) by adding “or (2.1)” after “suborder (2)”.**

**3. Standing Order 7 is amended in suborder (1) by adding “shall commence at 1:30 p.m. and” after “Assembly”.**

**4. Standing Order 8(2) is amended by adding “During morning sittings and” before “On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons”.**

**5. Standing Order 15(2) is amended by adding “afternoon” before “sitting”.**

**6. Standing Order 30(1) is amended by adding “afternoon” before “sitting”.**

**7. Standing Order 32 is amended**

**(a) in suborder (2) by striking out “10 minute” and substituting “15 minute”;**

**(b) by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:**

(3) Subject to suborder (3.01) and (3.1), a Member may, after at least one division has been called in Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply, request unanimous consent for the interval between division bells on any subsequent division during that morning, afternoon or evening sitting, as the case may be, to be reduced to one minute.

(3.01) After the first division is called in Committee of the Whole during consideration of a Bill, the interval between division bells on all subsequent divisions relating to that Bill shall be reduced to one minute for the remainder of Committee of the Whole consideration for that morning, afternoon or evening sitting, as the case may be.

**8. Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended**

**(a) in clause (a)**

- (i) by striking out** “Culture and Tourism,”;
- (ii) by striking out** “and Service Alberta” **and substituting** “, Service Alberta and Status of Women”;

**(b) in clause (b)**

- (i) by striking out** “Agriculture and Rural Development” **and substituting** “Agriculture and Forestry”;
- (ii) by striking out** “International and Intergovernmental Relations, , Innovation and”;
- (iii) by striking out** “and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour” **and substituting** “Economic Development and Trade, Culture and Tourism and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour”;

**(c) in clause (c) by striking out** “Environment and Sustainable Resource Development” **and substituting** “Environment and Parks”.

**9. Standing Order 59.01 is amended**

**(a) by adding the following after suborder (3):**

(3.1) During consultation with the Government House Leader under suborder (3), the Official Opposition may designate 4 ministries for which estimates shall be considered for a maximum of 6 hours per ministry provided that the Official Opposition also designates 3 ministries, not including the Executive Council, for which estimates consideration shall be set at 2 hours.

**(b) in suborder (5)**

- (i) in clause (a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) by striking out** “noon” **and substituting** “12:15 p.m.”;
- (ii) in clause (d) by adding** “subject to suborder (3.1),” **before** “the estimates”;

**(c) in suborder (6) by striking out clause (d);**

**(d) by striking out suborder (7) and substituting the following:**

(7) If a ministry’s estimates are scheduled to be considered for 2 hours, the speaking times shall be as follows:

- (a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, may make opening comments not to exceed 10 minutes,

(b) for the next 50 minutes, members of the Official Opposition and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,

(c) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the third party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,

(d) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent Members and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,

(e) for the next 20 minutes, private members of the Government caucus and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and

(f) if there is any time remaining, to the extent possible, the rotation outlined in clauses (b) to (e) shall apply with the speaking times set at 5 minutes as provided in Standing Order 59.02(1)(c).

**10. Standing Order 59.02(1)(b) is amended by adding “and 59.01(7)(a) to (e)” after “59.01(6)(a) to (e)”.**

- B.** And be it further resolved that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing shall meet to review and assess the operation of the morning sittings of the Assembly brought into force by Part A of this motion and report to the Assembly with its recommendations by October 27, 2016 and the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued.
- C.** And be it further resolved that the amendments to Standing Order 3 in section 1 of Part A of this motion shall take effect on November 24, 2015, and the remaining amendments in this motion shall come into force on passage.

### **Leave to Introduce a Bill**

- Bill 4 An Act to Implement Various Tax Measures and to Enact the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci
- Bill 203 Election (Restrictions on Government Advertising) Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Strankman

## Written Questions

- WQ1.** Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:  
As of April 1, 2015, how many Alberta Health Services employees earned more than \$200,000 per year in salary and total benefits?
- WQ2.** Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:  
For the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15, how many surgeries and procedures were postponed in each Alberta Health Services facility?
- WQ3.** Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:  
What was the total cost of overtime payments to all part-time employees of Alberta Health Services for the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15?
- WQ4.** Mr. Cyr to ask the Government the following question:  
How many tickets were issued for distracted driving violations pursuant to sections 115.1 to 115.4 of the Traffic Safety Act, broken down for the period from September 1, 2011, to December 1, 2011, the calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014, and from January 1, 2015, to August 31, 2015?
- WQ5.** Mr. Cooper to ask the Government the following question:  
For the fiscal years 2009-10 to 2014-15, what was the total amount, and the amount at each level, paid to employees at the management and executive levels in the Alberta Health Services Central Zone?
- WQ6.** Mr. Smith to ask the Government the following question:  
How much has the Government spent on the Student Learning Assessment pilot projects for the fiscal years 2010-11 to 2014-15, and from April 1, 2015, to November 30, 2015, and what are the details of what the money was spent on?

## Motions for Returns

- MR1.** Mr. van Dijken to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
For the period from April 1, 2007, to March 31, 2015, a list of all the projects identified in each of the published Alberta Transportation three-year Tentative Major Construction Projects lists that have not yet been contracted.

**MR2.** Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A list of all severance payments made to Alberta Health Services employees at the management and executive levels, broken down by each individual position, for each of the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**504.** Mr. Kleinsteuber to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of regional transit services in the province.

**505.** Ms Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how best to integrate harm reduction policies throughout Alberta's public health care and human services systems with the goal of amending and incorporating these policies in related legislation and regulations.

**506.** Mr. Feehan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the necessary regulations and policies to encourage micro-generators to contribute more renewable electricity to the grid, such as locally generated wind and solar.

**507.** Mr. Shepherd to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider amendments to the Gaming and Liquor Regulation, Alta. Reg. 143/96, that would extend the hours associated with the provision of liquor for venues that offer live music and to consider supporting further initiatives that will allow the live music industry in Alberta to prosper and grow.

**508.** Mrs. Schreiner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review current practices and regulations regarding sprinkler installation to determine whether sprinkler system safety would be improved by the implementation of a mandatory system of training and certification for sprinkler system installers.

**509.** Ms McPherson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take steps to diversify the economy and become a world leader by introducing legislation that would promote the development and proliferation of Alberta's alternative energy and technology industry.



- 510.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a system whereby all parents and legal guardians who opt not to vaccinate their preschool and school-aged children against vaccine-preventable diseases will be advised of the risks and potential consequences of doing so and will be required to sign a waiver confirming that they understand and accept the risks and potential consequences of their decision.

- 511.** Mr. Clark to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all public, separate, private, and charter school boards to implement Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children, as passed by the Assembly on March 10, 2015, by adopting a detailed policy on or before March 31, 2016, containing clear guidelines for staff, students, and boards to address the specific challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and plus (LGBTQ+) students, and if a board's policy does not meet the legislated requirements as determined by the Minister of Education, the Minister shall impose an appropriate policy on that board.

- 512.** Ms McLean to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a review of the Post-secondary Learning Act to ensure that the Act and regulations protect the right to a meaningful collective bargaining process and that the Act and regulations do not infringe on the constitutional guarantee of freedom of association of the students, faculty, and staff.

- 513.** Mr. Coolahan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act to give municipalities the authority to ensure additional affordable housing is created including inclusionary zoning and other initiatives.

- 514.** Mr. Ellis to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support legislation to amend the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act to provide for an Alberta Seniors Charter of Rights that would ensure seniors of the following: (a) the highest level of dignity, respect, and treatment regardless of their situation; (b) access to seniors' housing which is safe, affordable, and provides a healthy environment; (c) access to programs which would help them remain physically active and participate within their communities; and (d) access to the highest quality of mental health care programs, treatments, and support.

**515.** Mr. Hunter to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to retaining farming and ranching operations as an excluded occupation in the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

**516.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to accept as policy the practice of disclosing any relevant legislation and policies upon which it bases a decision affecting Albertans.

**517.** Mr. Orr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly appoint a committee of the Assembly to conduct a review of funding for charitable organizations and recommend changes that will increase their financial resources, such as increasing the provincial charitable donation tax credit, thereby reducing the need for public funding.

**518.** Mr. Fildebrandt to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strengthen the provincial budget process by introducing legislation that would restore both the Government Accountability Act and the Fiscal Responsibility Act as a first step toward restoring transparency to the Government's finances.

**519.** Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly appoint a committee of the Assembly to examine the extent of fraud in our health care system and to develop a provincial health care fraud reduction strategy.

**520.** Mr. Gotfried to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to a traffic congestion reduction strategy for Deerfoot Trail in Calgary that will ensure that the average peak time traffic is reduced annually by a minimum of five per cent between December 2015 and December 2018.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, October 27, 2015