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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, February 18, 2010

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a partnership between the Federal Government, the City of Lethbridge, and Iunctus Geomatics to create a technology commercialization centre in Lethbridge.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Ron Boutin, Warden of the Edmonton Institution.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding grandparents' rights to have access to their grandchildren.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Edmonton and Calgary region Immigrant Employment Councils.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding rollbacks to royalty rates in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the Canadian Armed Forces assisting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 —
Mr. Olson

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

Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 —
Mr. Olson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 12, 2010, from Amanda Hollman of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 36/2010

E-mail message dated February 15, 2010, from Donald R. MacRae of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to closing Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 37/2010

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

Consultation paper dated October 2008 entitled “Securities Regulatory Proposals Stemming from the 2007-08 Credit Market Turmoil and its Effect on the ABCP Market in Canada” prepared by the Canadian Securities Administrators

Sessional Paper 38/2010

E-mail message dated December 9, 2009, from Karen Durda of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to school funding cuts

Sessional Paper 39/2010

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of February 22 to February 25, 2010:

Tuesday, February 23	Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 8 of 10) Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, February 24	Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 9 of 10) Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, 4 Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 3, 5 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, February 25	Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 10 of 10) Government Motions Motion 11 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1 Committee of the Whole Bill 4 Third Reading Bill 2, 3, 5 And as per the Order Paper

Speaker's Statement - Adjourning Debate and Adjourning the Assembly

Honourable Members, while this Assembly draws on hundreds of years of experience from parliaments around the world and over 100 years in Alberta, we are a dynamic institution open to change and, therefore, must continually assess our practices to ensure that they are appropriate for the Alberta Legislative Assembly in 2010.

The need to reassess one such practice arose on Tuesday, February 16 when, at the end of the sitting the Government House Leader moved to adjourn the debate on Bill 1 and then moved to adjourn the Assembly, all of which can be found at page 142 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

Over the years the Chair and other presiding officers have consistently applied paragraph 465(9) of Beauchesne's sixth edition which states that a Member who has moved adjournment of debate "cannot afterwards (during the same debate) rise to move adjournment of the House."

In order to revisit the appropriateness of this statement, the Chair scoured the more obscure references in Beauchesne's which led him to a most recent edition of a venerable Canadian authority, Bourinot's fourth edition of Parliamentary Procedure and Practice in the Dominion of Canada. The most recent edition was published in 1916.

In reviewing the dusty pages that are the authority for the passage in Beauchesne's, the Chair and Table Officers found it ambiguous as to whether adjournment of the Assembly could be moved by the same Member who successfully moved adjournment of debate. After reviewing the possible consequences that could arise and canvassing other authorities, the Chair has determined that the procedure set on Tuesday can continue. To restate, the same Member who moved adjournment of debate may move adjournment of the Assembly, but these will still have to be separate motions. It only took, Honourable Government House Leader, nearly 100 years to apply this.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:
that Mr. Lindsay replace Mr. Rodney
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:
that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Bhardwaj
that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Johnson
that Mr. Xiao replace Ms Woo-Paw
that Mr. Elniski replace Mr. Weadick

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, 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.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until Monday, February 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 18, 2010