



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 16

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, March 11, 2010

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

Speaker's Statement - Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 13th anniversary of eight Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997, and the ninth anniversary of 13 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 12, 2001.

Members' Statements

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 12-21, 2010.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Highland Park Community Association.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing March 11, 2010, as World Kidney Day.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing the contributions of volunteers.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Miyo Machihowin, the National Aboriginal Health Careers Conference and Tradeshow held on March 11, 2010.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding issues faced by women.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ38, WQ39

To be dealt with: WQ10, WQ27, WQ36, WQ37

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR10, MR11

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated September 15, 2009, from Carol Logan of Devon to Steve Richardson, Director, Patient Concerns, Suburban/Rural, Alberta Health Services, attaching a letter dated March 30, 2009, also signed by ten of Ms Logan's relatives, regarding the difficulties her mother, Dorothea Arneson, faced at the Westlock hospital before she passed away

Sessional Paper 86/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 32 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 87/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message, undated, from Roger Ellis to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to a \$5,000 cap on the compensation he received due to a motor vehicle collision

Sessional Paper 88/2010

Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, conveying a message on behalf of several Edmonton-Centre constituents regarding the future of Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 89/2010

Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, conveying a message on behalf of several post-secondary students regarding funding and financing issues they face at universities and colleges in Alberta

Sessional Paper 90/2010

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

Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting a copy of a rescinded Ministerial Order

Sessional Paper 91/2010

2 email messages, the first dated November 23, 2009, from Geri Spring and the second dated November 27, 2009, from Paul Ferguson, both to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the government's plan to close acute psychiatric care beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 92/2010

E-mail message dated March 10, 2010, from Sandy McAlear of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting continued adequate funding for schools

Sessional Paper 93/2010

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 March 15 to March 18, 2010:

Tuesday, March 16

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 7, 8

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, 2, 4, 6

Third Reading
Bill 3
And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 17
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 7, 8
Committee of the Whole
Bill 1, 2, 4, 6
And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 18
Government Bills and Orders
Committee of Supply
All votes on the 2010-11 Offices of the
Legislative Assembly Estimates and the
2010-11 Government Estimates
Second Reading
Bill 7, 8
Third Reading
Bill 1, 2, 4, 6
And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

12. Oral notice having been given March 10, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:
- A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended in Standing Order 7 by adding the following after suborder (4):
- 7(4.1) When Members' Statements is called, Members other than members of the Executive Council may make a statement, each statement to be no more than 2 minutes in duration, according to the following allocation:
- (a) on Monday and Thursday, up to 7 Members, and
 - (b) on Tuesday and Wednesday, up to 6 Members.

B. Be it further resolved that

1. The amendment in this motion shall come into force on passage and shall have effect until the dissolution of the 27th Legislature;
2. Standing Order 7(4) shall not have effect for the balance of the 27th Legislature.

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 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Dr. Morton on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

Hon. Dr. Morton moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 1, Alberta Competitiveness Act, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following:

Report, undated, entitled “Energizing Investment - A Framework to Improve Alberta’s Natural Gas and Conventional Oil Competitiveness” prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 94/2010

Report dated February 16, 2010, entitled “Project Committee Final Technical Report on Alberta’s Natural Gas and Conventional Oil Investment Competitiveness to the Alberta Department of Energy” prepared by Sierra Systems Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 95/2010

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms Woo-Paw

Adjournment

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 11, 2010