



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 26

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing April 11, 2010, as Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Alberta public service pension plans.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Edmonton branch of the League of Ukrainian Canadians and the 55th anniversary of the Edmonton branch of the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding a statement made by the Director of Media Relations, Office of the Premier.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing five Lesser Slave Lake constituents for their community work.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing April 18-25, 2010, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period Rotation and Members' Statements

Honourable Members, the Chair wants to advise Members of certain modifications that are required to the rotation of questions during Oral Question Period and to Members' Statements as a result of further changes in the composition of caucuses within the Assembly. Given the number of changes to the rotation and to the seating plan so far this Session, the Chair has attempted to integrate the new independent Member into the rotation of questions and Members' Statements with a minimum of disruption to the existing order.

The Member for Calgary-Currie is entitled to the same number of questions as the other independent Member, the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo. The Member for Calgary-Currie will be entitled to one question a week. In the rotation scheme used in the Assembly, today is considered day four and the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo was entitled to ask a question. Tomorrow, April 14, is day one and the Member for Calgary-Currie will be entitled to ask the sixth question. This position had belonged to the Official Opposition.

To be clear, the only change to the question period rotation will be the substitution of the Member for Calgary-Currie to ask the sixth question on day one. Similarly, the Member for Calgary-Currie will be able to participate in Members' Statements on the same basis as the other independent Member. Accordingly, his first opportunity to present a Member's Statement will be on Day 31 of this Session which is Wednesday, April 21. This position had belonged to the Official Opposition. The Chair has provided a revised calendar and an outline of the order of questions to all Members.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act
— Mr. Weadick

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010
— Ms DeLong

Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act — Mr. Horne

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr2, Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010

Sessional Paper 164/2010

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr3, Lamont Health Care Centre Act

Sessional Paper 165/2010

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2):

Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 64th Annual Meeting Report (2009)

Sessional Paper 166/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s87(4):

Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta

Sessional Paper 167/2010

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

Letter dated March 24, 2010, from Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, Edmonton Public Schools, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald in his letter dated March 12, 2010, to Don Fleming, Chair, Board of Trustees, Edmonton Public Schools

Sessional Paper 168/2010

Press release, undated, entitled "Our Story" prepared by the Alberta Society for Pension Reform

Sessional Paper 169/2010

E-mail message dated March 25, 2010, from Marc Stuart Ranson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing support for the redevelopment of Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 170/2010

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

Letter dated January 26, 2010, from Earl Wilson, P.Eng., General Manager, Eastern Irrigation District, to Randy Poon, P.Eng., Approvals, Southern Region, Alberta Environment, regarding a license application amendment

Sessional Paper 171/2010

Copies of 78 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 172/2010

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved:
that Mr. Allred replace Mr. Johnson
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services be approved:
that Mr. Johnson replace Mr. Griffiths
- C. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved:
that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Allred.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, moved the motion be amended as follows:

- A. By striking out part C and substituting the following:
 - C. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved:
that Mr. Chase replace Mr. Taylor as Deputy Chair and as a member of the Committee,
that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Allred;
- B. By adding the following after part C:
 - D. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:
that Ms Pastoor replace Mr. Taylor;
 - E. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved;
that Ms Blakeman replace Mr. Taylor.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

14. Oral notice having been given April 12, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Spring sitting of the Assembly 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.

15. Oral notice having been given April 12, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Standing Committee on Health be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as provided for in section 97 of the Act;
2. The committee must commence its review of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act no later than July 1, 2010, and must submit its report to the Assembly within one year of commencing its review including any amendments recommended by the committee;
3. No additional remuneration shall be provided to the members of the committee for the purpose of this review.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Oral notice having been given April 12, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Merwan N. Saher be appointed Auditor General for the Province of Alberta for a six-year term.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act —
Dr. Brown on behalf of Mr. Weadick

Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 —
Ms DeLong

Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act — Mr. Horne

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act — Mr. Quest

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 Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act —
Mr. Weadick

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 —
Ms DeLong

Mr. Mitzel, Deputy 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 Pr2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 173/2010

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 13, 2010