



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

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

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

Honourable Members, before we begin the Routine of the day just a few brief comments with respect to three housekeeping matters. First of all, the Chair wants to bring to everyone's attention a few slight modifications in the rotation of questions and Members' Statements. The agreement reached amongst House Leaders on the rotation of questions in October of 2010 continues, with the only change being that the Official Opposition is entitled to the 19th question on day four which means that they have that position, should we reach it, on days two and four of our rotation.

Secondly, the Member for Calgary-Currie, who was identified as an independent last Session, is now the sole member of the Alberta caucus, but his entitlement to questions and Members' Statements remains the same. As this is day one in our rotation, he will be entitled to the sixth question today.

With respect to Members' Statements, House Leaders agreed to assign the second Member's Statement each day to opposition Members, but did not specify the rotation. Attached to the Speaker's procedural letter to Members for the Fourth Session of the 27th Legislature dated February 18, 2011, was a projected sitting days calendar which contains, in highlighted yellow, the caucus that is entitled to the second Member's Statement each day. Anyone wishing a copy of this calendar can contact my office or the Bills and Journals Clerk. No one has contacted the Speaker's office to suggest an alternative rotation so the one provided will be followed.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the National Hockey League's 2011 Heritage Classic held in Calgary on February 20, 2011.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding exemptions in Workers' Compensation Regulations.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Roots and Connections online resource, a joint project of Norquest College and Alberta Employment and Immigration.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the City of Edmonton's Community Sustainability Task Force.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the World's Longest Hockey Game held in Strathcona County from February 11-21, 2011, to raise money for the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding property rights of individuals.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the immediate need for legislation regarding financial reporting by individuals who are seeking the leadership of a registered political party.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2011 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 3 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 4 Securities Amendment Act, 2011 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 5 Notice to the Attorney General Act — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 6 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Olson

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

- Bill 2 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2011 — Dr. Brown

- Bill 3 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 4 Securities Amendment Act, 2011 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 5 Notice to the Attorney General Act — Mr. Rogers

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Digital Journal web site article dated February 8, 2011, entitled “Alberta posts unpublished secure name changes of violence victims” with 2 attached letters, the first dated March 16, 2010, from Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, with the name of the addressee removed, and the second dated February 20, 2011, from “Janet Doe” to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, both regarding the publication of secure name changes

Sessional Paper 2/2011

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated February 15, 2011, from Duncan Kent, President, Lakeview Community Association, to Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Mayor Naheed Nenshi, City of Calgary, regarding the Calgary Southwest Ring Road Functional Planning Study

Sessional Paper 3/2011

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

EnviroNics Research Group article dated February 18, 2011, entitled “Albertans confident in provincial health care system, despite worries about inefficient management”

Sessional Paper 4/2011

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

Document, undated, entitled “Discussion Paper: Inner-city Community Renewal” prepared by Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill

Sessional Paper 5/2011

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Letter dated February 23, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Campbell, Premier of British Columbia, and Hon. Mr. Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan, to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, expressing opposition to Private Member’s Bill C-606, introduced in the House of Commons on December 14, 2010, which imposes a ban on oil tanker traffic

Sessional Paper 6/2011

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

Brochure entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, Fourth Session, Spring 2011"

Sessional Paper 7/2011

Letter dated December 30, 2010, from G.B. Button, Alberta Ombudsman, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting the extension of Mr. Button's resignation date to August 31, 2011, with attached relevant correspondence between Mr. Button, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, and Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Sessional Paper 8/2011

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the immediate need for legislation regarding financial reporting by individuals who are seeking the leadership of a registered political party.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve 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. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Legislative Assembly shall meet in Committee of Supply for consideration of the 2010-11 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund on the evening of Monday, February 28, 2011, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that this motion apply for the consideration of the 2011-12 Main Estimates:

1. When they are laid before the Assembly, the Main Estimates of the Government and the Offices of the Legislative Assembly stand referred to Committee of Supply and the Policy Field Committees according to the schedule included with this motion.
2. The estimates of each department shall be considered by Committee of Supply or a Policy Field Committee for 3 hours unless there are no Members who wish to speak before the expiration of the 3 hours in which case the respective committee's consideration of the estimates of the particular department is deemed to have been completed.
3. When a department's estimates are considered by Committee of Supply on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, the committee's consideration shall continue until it is complete, notwithstanding Standing Orders 3(1) and 4, so proceedings may conclude later than the normal adjournment hour of 6:00 p.m.
4. A Policy Field Committee shall commence its consideration of a department's estimates in the Chamber at 6:30 p.m. or, if Committee of Supply has met that afternoon and the Assembly has adjourned later than 6:00 p.m., one half hour after Committee of Supply has concluded its consideration of a department's estimates for that day.
5. At the end of 3 hours' consideration of a department's estimates, or at the conclusion if there are no Members who wish to speak, the Committee of Supply rises and reports progress without question put. If a Policy Field Committee is considering the Main Estimates, it stands adjourned at the completion of its consideration that evening without question put.
6. The allotment of time in Committee of Supply or a Policy Field Committee for the consideration of the Main Estimates 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 hour that follows, 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 the fourth party, if any, and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak;
 - (e) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly, any independent Members and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak; and
 - (f) any Member may speak thereafter.
7. When an amendment to a department's estimates is moved in Committee of Supply or in a Policy Field Committee, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the vote on the Main Estimates occurs.
 8. All votes on a department's estimates in Committee of Supply or in a Policy Field Committee stand deferred until the evening of April 20, 2011.
 9. On the evening of April 20, 2011, Committee of Supply shall meet at either 7:30 p.m. or one half hour after the committee has completed its consideration of the Main Estimates for that afternoon, whichever is later, and commence voting on the Main Estimates.
 10. There shall be one vote on the Main Estimates on the evening of April 20, 2011, unless
 - (a) additional votes are required on amendments previously moved in Committee of Supply or in a Policy Field Committee prior to calling the vote on the Main Estimates; or
 - (b) on at least one day's notice, a Member has provided written notification to the Chair and the Clerk of his or her desire that the estimates of a particular department be voted on separately, in which case that department's estimates shall be voted on separately and the final vote for the Main Estimates shall consist of the estimates of any departments not yet voted upon.
 11. All votes on the Main Estimates in Committee of Supply, including votes on amendments, shall be taken without debate or further amendment.
 12. For greater clarity, Standing Order 32(3.1) applies to divisions in Committee of Supply during any votes on the Main Estimates.
 13. When a Policy Field Committee has completed its consideration of the Main Estimates of the departments indicated in the schedule, the Chair shall so report to Committee of Supply on the date scheduled for the vote on the Main Estimates without question put.
 14. Prior to the vote on the Main Estimates, the Chair shall put the question to approve the estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

And be it further resolved that Standing Orders 59.01, 59.03, 60(1) and 63 shall not apply to the consideration of the 2011-12 Main Estimates of the Government of Alberta and the Offices of the Legislative Assembly.

(Schedule)

2011-2012 Main Estimates

February 24

Budget Address

March 1

Evening

International and Intergovernmental Relations (PFC - Resources and Environment)

March 2

Afternoon

Finance and Enterprise (COS)

Evening

Aboriginal Relations (PFC - Public Safety and Services)

March 7

Evening

Service Alberta (PFC - Public Safety and Services)

March 8

Evening

Seniors and Community Supports (PFC - Health)

March 9

Afternoon

Energy (COS)

Evening

Housing and Urban Affairs (PFC - Community Services)

March 14

Evening

Employment and Immigration (PFC - Economy)

March 15

Evening

Tourism, Parks and Recreation (PFC - Community Services)

March 16

Evening

Children and Youth Services (PFC - Health)

March 21

Evening

Treasury Board (PFC - Public Safety and Services)

March 22

Afternoon

Environment (COS)

Evening

Justice (PFC - Public Safety and Services)

March 23

Afternoon

Culture and Community Spirit (COS)

Evening

Transportation (PFC - Economy)

April 11

Evening

Solicitor General and Public Security (PFC - Public Safety and Services)

April 12

Afternoon

Executive Council (COS)

Evening

Advanced Education and Technology (PFC - Economy)

April 13

Afternoon

Health and Wellness (COS)

Evening

Sustainable Resource Development (PFC - Resources and Environment)

April 18

Evening

Municipal Affairs (PFC - Community Services)

April 19

Afternoon

Education (COS)

Evening

Agriculture and Rural Development (PFC - Resources and Environment)

April 20

Afternoon

Infrastructure (COS)

Evening

Main Estimates Votes (COS)

(COS) - Committee of Supply

(PFC) - Policy Field Committee

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:
 - that Ms Redford replace Hon. Mr. Olson
 - that Dr. Morton replace Mr. Bhardwaj
 - that Mr. Horner replace Mr. Amery

- B. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:
that Mr. Allred replace Hon. Mr. Olson
- C. the Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:
that Mr. Amery replace Hon. Mr. Weadick
that Mr. Bhullar replace Hon. Mr. Oberle
- D. the Standing Committee on Health be approved:
that Mr. Griffiths replace Hon. Mr. Olson
that Dr. Swann replace Dr. Taft
- E. the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment be approved:
that Mr. Marz replace Mr. Dallas
- F. the Standing Committee on the Economy be approved:
that Mr. Dallas replace Mr. Griffiths
that Ms Tarchuk replace Mr. Marz
that Mr. Johnson replace Hon. Mr. Weadick
- G. the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved:
that Dr. Taft replace Ms Blakeman

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Drysdale and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

