

No. 36

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

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

# **Speaker's Statement - Order Paper Modifications and Rotation of Oral Question Period and Members' Statements**

Honourable Members, as the Fall sitting continues, the Chair would like to point out some changes to the Order Paper and some minor changes to the order of questions and Members' Statements.

First, Members may have noticed some changes to certain items on the Order Paper, resulting from the recent changes to the membership of Executive Council. The first modification is that the sponsor of Bill 18, Education Act, which is at Second Reading stage and was introduced under the sponsorship of the former Minister of Education, now appears on the Order Paper under the name of the new Minister of Education. The cover page of the Bill refers only to the "Minister of Education" so reprinting the Bill is not necessary.

The second modification found on the long Order Paper circulated yesterday is the withdrawal of Motions Other Than Government Motions 514, 530, 547, 571, 579, 582, and 589, to reflect the appointments to Executive Council of the Honourable Members for Calgary-Montrose, Red Deer-South, Livingstone-Macleod, Athabasca-Redwater, and Whitecourt-Ste. Anne.

As well, the Chair would like to point out to Honourable Members changes to the rotations for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements based on the increase in the number of Members of the Official Opposition and the House Leaders' Agreement, which was tabled in the Assembly yesterday by the Government House Leader.

A change is required in the order of questions to reflect the move of the new Leader of the Official Opposition to the Liberal caucus from his former independent status. As a result, today, day three of the Oral Question Period rotation, question six in the rotation to which the then independent Member was entitled to ask, is removed and the subsequent positions moved up in the sequence of questions. Question 19 is allocated to the Official Opposition. The Members' Statement rotation will also be adjusted so that the Liberal caucus will receive the Member's Statement previously allocated to the independent Member. The Chair transmitted this information to all Members in an October 14, 2011, memo on "Projected Sitting Days Calendar."

There will be two modifications to these rotations based on the House Leaders' Agreement tabled yesterday. For today only, question 19 will be allocated to the Wildrose caucus instead of the Official Opposition. Similarly, for today only, the New Democrat caucus will have one Member's Statement that is usually allocated to the Progressive Conservative caucus.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement congratulating Hon. Mr. Griffiths on his appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs and regarding the government's relationship with the cities of Calgary and Edmonton.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Fall sitting of the current Legislature.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement congratulating Dr. Siegfriedt Heydenrych on receiving the 2011 Rural Physician Action Plan Early Careerist Award.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the government's assessment of necessary electricity transmission lines.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding a shortage of affordable housing in Alberta and the cancellation of the Fixed Rate Rent Supplement Program.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding several organizations and events that support women's equality.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 246 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 205, Municipal Government (Delayed Construction) Amendment Act, 2011.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Report, undated, entitled "Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Global Temperature" prepared by Norman H. Kalmanovitch, P.Geoph.

Sessional Paper 488/2011

Report dated October 21, 2011, entitled "Geophysical Submission to the Alberta Legislature on Global Temperatures and the Influence of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Burning Fossil Fuels on Global Temperatures" prepared by Norman H. Kalmanovitch, P.Geoph.

Sessional Paper 489/2011

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Copies of 66 postcards signed by Edmonton residents to the Minister of Health and Wellness supporting a call by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to have the government immediately provide full funding to open the family medicine and urgent care sections of the East Edmonton Health Centre

Sessional Paper 490/2011

News release dated September 23, 2011, entitled "Alberta Tory leadership candidate Alison Redford wants fixed elections" prepared by The Canadian Press Sessional Paper 491/2011

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2010-11 Annual Report Sessional Paper 492/2011

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3), Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 2010-11

Sessional Paper 493/2011

Travel Alberta, Annual Report 2010-2011

Sessional Paper 494/2011

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

#### **18.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly confirm the appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of Peter Hourihan as Ombudsman and concur in the report of the Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## 19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Assembly stand adjourned at the conclusion of the October 25, 2011, sitting and reconvene on November 21, 2011.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 57

Ady Evans Allred Fawcett Fritz Amery Goudreau Benito Berger Groeneveld Bhardwaj Hancock Bhullar Hayden Blackett Horne Brown Horner Calahasen Jablonski Campbell Jacobs Cao Johnson Dallas Johnston Danyluk Klimchuk DeLong Knight Denis Leskiw Doerksen Liepert Drysdale Lindsay Elniski Lund

McFarland McQueen Mitzel Olson Ouellette Prins Ouest Renner Rogers Sandhu Sarich Snelgrove VanderBurg Vandermeer Weadick Webber Woo-Paw Xiao

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Against the motion: 11

AndersonForsythNotleyBlakemanHinmanTaftBoutilierMacDonaldTaylor

Chase Mason

#### 20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

A. the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved:

that Mr. Anderson replace Mrs. Forsyth

B. the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be approved:

that Dr. Brown replace Hon. Mr. Bhullar

that Ms Evans replace Mr. Campbell

that Mr. Blackett replace Mr. Rogers

C. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:

that Mr. Knight replace Hon. Mr. Dallas

that Ms Evans replace Hon. Mrs. McQueen

that Mr. McFarland replace Hon. Dr. Morton

that Mr. Groeneveld replace Hon. Ms Redford

that Mr. Snelgrove replace Hon. Mr. Horner

that Dr. Swann replace Dr. Taft

D. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and

Printing be approved:

that Mr. Snelgrove replace Mr. Lindsay

that Mr. Snelgrove replace Hon. Mr. Hancock as Deputy Chair

that Mr. Knight replace Hon. Mr. Hancock

that Mr. Stelmach replace Mr. Groeneveld

that Dr. Brown replace Hon. Mr. Berger

that Dr. Swann replace Dr. Sherman

that Mr. Boutilier replace Mr. Hinman

E. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:

that Ms Woo-Paw replace Hon. Mr. Griffiths

that Mr. Goudreau replace Hon. Mr. Dallas

that Mr. Goudreau replace Mr. Rodney as Deputy Chair

that Mrs. Forsyth replace Mr. Anderson

F. the Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:

that Mr. Knight replace Hon. Mr. Bhullar

that Ms Evans replace Hon. Mr. VanderBurg

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **21.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended in Standing Order 52.01 by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

52.01(1) At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature, 5 Policy Field Committees, consisting of 11 members each, shall be established to consider the following subject areas:

- (a) Standing Committee on Community Development mandate related to the areas of municipal affairs, tourism, parks and recreation, and culture and community services;
- (b) Standing Committee on Education mandate related to the areas of education and advanced education and technology;
- (c) Standing Committee on Energy mandate related to the areas of intergovernmental, international and aboriginal relations, sustainable resource development, environment and water, agriculture and rural development, and energy;
- (d) Standing Committee on Finance mandate related to the areas of finance, treasury board and enterprise, Service Alberta, transportation, and infrastructure;
- (e) Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety mandate related to the areas of health and wellness, justice and attorney general, solicitor general and public security, human services, and seniors.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **22.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Standing Committees:

#### **Standing Committee on Energy** (12 Members)

Ady (Chair)	Jacobs	McFarland
Blakeman (Deputy Chair)	Johnston	Rodney
Hehr	Lund	Webber
Hinman	Mason	Xiao

#### **Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety** (12 Members)

Fritz (Chair)	DeLong	Ouellette
Pastoor (Deputy Chair)	Doerksen	Rogers
Bhardwaj	Forsyth	Swann
Blackett	Notlev	Woo-Paw

## **Standing Committee on Finance** (12 Members)

Renner (Chair)	Drysdale	Prins
Kang (Deputy Chair)	Fawcett	Sandhu
Allred	Knight	Taft
Anderson	Mitzel	Taylor

## **Standing Committee on Community Development** (12 Members)

Jablonski (Chair)	Boutilier	Lindsay
Chase (Deputy Chair)	Calahasen	Snelgrove
Amery	Goudreau	Taylor
Blakeman	Groeneveld	Vandermeer

## **Standing Committee on Education** (12 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Brown	Marz
Hehr (Deputy Chair)	Cao	Notley
Anderson	Chase	Sarich
Benito	Leskiw	Tarchuk

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 agreed to by the Assembly on October 25, 2011, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:13 p.m. until Monday, November 21, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, October 25, 2011