



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fifth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, February 8, 2012

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Brian C. Downey, Member for Stettler, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on January 12, 2012.

**Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period Rotation and Members' Statements**

Before we proceed Honourable Members, as Chair, I would like to make a brief statement about the rotation of oral questions and Members' Statements.

As has been the situation often during the life of this Legislature, there was a further realignment to the caucus memberships over the period of adjournment, with the result being that there is one independent Member since the Assembly last met. The current situation with one independent Member and one Member of the Alberta caucus is identical to the situation that existed when the Assembly convened on February 22, 2011, nearly one year ago.

The rotation of oral questions was distributed with my letter to you dated January 27, 2012, concerning the Fifth Session of the 27th Legislature.

Attachments three and four of the Speaker's procedural letter outline the Oral Question Period rotation and the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which includes the rotation of Members' Statements. These schedules again mirror the rotations for both items of business that were in place one year ago. Accordingly, the Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster is entitled to a question once every four days. As was the previous independent Member, he will be entitled to the sixth question on day three. Today is day one on the sitting calendar, so the independent Member will be able to ask a question next Monday, February 13, 2012. He will be entitled to present a Member's Statement once every two weeks. His first opportunity will be next Wednesday, February 15.

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding 100 years of faith and service of the Catholic Women's League Edmonton Diocese.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal election platform.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing February 2012 as Black History Month.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the recent cabinet tour.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the efforts of Sheldon Kennedy to raise awareness of the sexual abuse of young athletes.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Alberta's new partnership with the Helmets to Hardhats program.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, presented a petition from approximately 8,700 Albertans urging the Government of Alberta to commit to having Highway 1 continue to pass through the Town of Strathmore, following its present route, and to abandon all plans to have Highway 1 bypass the Town of Strathmore.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report, undated, entitled "The 2012 Election Platform from the Alberta Liberal Party" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Party

Sessional Paper 2/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated December 20, 2011, from Barry Cattapan to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the campaign promise made by Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to raise Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped to near the poverty level

Sessional Paper 3/2012

E-mail message dated January 20, 2012, from Anna Koop to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and President Samarasekera, University of Alberta, regarding the impact on students of a recent cut to the operating budget of the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 4/2012

E-mail message dated January 28, 2012, from Eileen Kosior of Black Diamond to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding Spray Lake Sawmills being granted permission to clear cut the Castle Special Place

Sessional Paper 5/2012

Report dated 2012 entitled "Poverty Costs, An Economic Case for a Preventative Poverty Reduction Strategy in Alberta" prepared by Alexa Briggs and Celia R. Lee, Vibrant Communities Calgary and Action to End Poverty in Alberta

Sessional Paper 6/2012

Report dated February 2012 entitled "The Report of the Community Sustainability Task Force" prepared by the Community Sustainability Task Force, City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 7/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Report dated August 2011 entitled "Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 – Alberta, Canada Grandchild/Grandparent Access" prepared by Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association

Sessional Paper 8/2012

19 recent letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the clear cutting of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 9/2012

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

Copy of a petition signed by 1,200 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to take immediate action to regulate electricity prices, recognizing that electricity is an essential service

Sessional Paper 10/2012

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Document dated February 8, 2012, entitled "Final – Budget Main Estimates Schedule, Spring Session 2012 (and as per the Order Paper)"

Sessional Paper 11/2012

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Memorandum dated December 22, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing information on how each school jurisdiction used its portion of the additional \$107 million in funding

Sessional Paper 12/2012

Letter dated December 20, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, responding to a question raised during Oral Question Period on December 6, 2011, regarding the selection of appropriate instructional resources in Alberta schools

Sessional Paper 13/2012

## **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.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following procedures apply for the consideration of the 2012-2013 Main Estimates:

1. When they are laid before the Assembly, the Main Estimates stand referred to Committee of Supply and the Policy Field Committees as outlined in the attached Schedule.
2. Standing Order 59.01(4) shall apply to consideration of the Main Estimates in Policy Field Committees and in Committee of Supply except that after the time allocated to the third party in suborder (4)(c),
  - (a) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the fourth party and the Minister, or the member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and
  - (b) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent Members and the Minister, or the member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak.
3. Standing Order 59.01(5) and (6) shall apply with any necessary modifications to the consideration of Main Estimates in Committee of Supply.
4. Each department's estimates shall receive a minimum of 3 hours' consideration except for the estimates of Executive Council, which shall receive a minimum of 2 hours' consideration.
5. When a department's estimates are considered by Committee of Supply, the committee's consideration shall continue until it is complete, notwithstanding Standing Orders 3(1) and 4.
6. A Policy Field Committee shall commence its consideration of a department's estimates at 6:30 p.m. or, if the Assembly has adjourned later than 6:00 p.m., one half hour after the Assembly adjourns for the day.
7. After the Committee of Supply has concluded its consideration of a department's estimates, the Committee rises and reports progress without question put. All votes on a department's estimates in Committee of Supply stand deferred until the date scheduled for the vote on the Main Estimates.
8. The Committee of Supply shall vote on the Main Estimates on the evening of March 13, 2012, commencing at 7:30 p.m.
9. Standing Orders 59.01(1), (2) and (3), 59.03(3) and (4), and 60(1) shall not apply to the consideration of the 2012-2013 Main Estimates.

**(Schedule)**

**2012 – 2013 Main Estimates**

**February 9**

(Budget Address)

**February 14**

*Evening*

Justice and Attorney General (PFC – Public Health and Safety)

Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations (PFC – Energy)

**February 15**

*Evening*

Municipal Affairs (PFC – Community Development)

Service Alberta (PFC – Finance)

**February 21**

*Afternoon*

Finance (COS)

*Evening*

Sustainable Resource Development (PFC – Energy)

Seniors (PFC - Public Health and Safety)

**February 22**

*Afternoon*

Executive Council (COS)

*Evening*

Energy (PFC – Energy)

Culture and Community Services (PFC – Community Development)

**March 5**

*Evening*

Solicitor General and Public Security (PFC – Public Health and Safety)

Tourism, Parks and Recreation (PFC – Community Development)

**March 6**

*Afternoon*

Education (COS)

*Evening*

Infrastructure (PFC – Finance)

Advanced Education and Technology (PFC – Education)

**March 7**

*Afternoon*

Health and Wellness (COS)

*Evening*

Environment and Water (PFC – Energy)

Treasury Board and Enterprise (PFC – Finance)

**March 12**

*Evening*

Agriculture and Rural Development (PFC – Energy)

Transportation (PFC – Finance)

**March 13**

*Afternoon*

Human Services (COS)

*Evening*

Main Estimates Votes (COS)

(COS) – Committee of Supply

(PFC) – Policy Field Committee

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**8.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on the following dates:

- (a) on February 13, 2012, for consideration of the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), to be followed by consideration of Government business;
- (b) on March 13, 2012, following the vote on the 2012-13 Main Estimates and the report from Committee of Supply, for consideration of Government business; and
- (c) commencing March 14, 2012, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the 2012 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

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 Public Health and Safety be approved:  
that Mr. Rodney replace Mr. Ouellette;
- B. the Standing Committee on Energy be approved:  
that Mr. Ouellette replace Mr. Rodney.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

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.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Results-based Budget Act — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Anderson speaking.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 8, 2012