



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fifth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Monday, February 13, 2012

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

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Silver Jubilee of Glengarry Elementary School's Arabic bilingual program.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need to improve mental health services.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement congratulating Primco Dene, a company owned by the Cold Lake First Nations, on receiving the Aboriginal Rewarding Partnerships Award on February 10, 2012.

Ms Evans, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the first annual Brain Health Symposium to be held in Calgary and Edmonton on February 22 and 23, 2012.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the 2012 Alberta Winter Games held in Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, and Parkland County from February 9-12, 2012.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the opening of the Ronald McDonald House Central Alberta for sick children and their families.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from approximately 3,700 Albertans urging the Government and the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 to not approve any application from BFI Canada/Prairie Sky Resource Centre to Alberta Environment or the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 for the proposed Prairie Sky Resource Centre.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Alberta Bill of Rights (Property Rights Protection) Amendment Act, 2012  
— Mr. Hinman

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act,  
2012 — Dr. Sherman

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Elniski, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Interim Financial Report, for the Nine  
Months Ended December 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 21/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 7, 2012, from Mitch Thomson, President, Alberta Funeral  
Service Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre,  
expressing concern regarding the current funeral service contract and the support  
of funeral professionals for the new contract presented by the Alberta Funeral  
Service Association to the Ministries of Human Services and Seniors

Sessional Paper 22/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of six recent Epcor utility bills from Alberta residents

Sessional Paper 23/2012

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

14 recent letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the  
Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the  
West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 24/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested and received the unanimous  
consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily  
Routine.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report, undated, entitled “Smoke-Free Vehicles: Protecting Youth from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in Vehicles” prepared by the Campaign for a Smoke-Free Alberta

Sessional Paper 25/2012

Graph, undated, entitled “Youth Smoking Rates Among Albertans Aged 12-19”

Sessional Paper 26/2012

Copy of an Edmonton Sun article, undated, entitled “Power Bills, Canada’s energy powerhouse has highest electricity”

Sessional Paper 27/2012

Hydro Quebec, Annual Report 2010

Sessional Paper 28/2012

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

Letter dated February 1, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Finance, to Wayne Sorenson of Edmonton responding to Mr. Sorenson’s letter to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, dated November 30, 2011, regarding benefits under Alberta’s public sector pension plans

Sessional Paper 29/2012

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Responses to Written Questions WQ3, WQ4, and WQ5 asked for by Dr. Swann on April 11, 2011:

WQ3. What was the average turnover rate for registered nurses within Alberta Health Services for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010?

WQ4. How many foreign-trained physicians have been recruited to Alberta in the last five years?

WQ5. How many foreign-trained registered nurses have been recruited to Alberta in the last five years?

Sessional Paper 30/2012

Responses to Written Questions WQ16, WQ17, and WQ18 asked for by Dr. Swann on May 9, 2011:

WQ16. In 2010 how many days were the University of Alberta Hospital, the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the Misericordia Community Hospital, the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, and the Stollery Children’s Hospital operating at over 100 percent occupancy, broken down by hospital?

WQ17. What is the average cost per procedure of privately delivered hip or knee procedures and the average cost per procedure of a publicly delivered hip or knee procedure?

WQ18. What is the number of people on wait lists for continuing care in Alberta, broken down by zone, with individual lists of how many are waiting in acute care beds and how many are waiting in the community?

Sessional Paper 31/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Water, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Ministry of Environment and Water, Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 32/2012

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

Report dated January 27, 2012, entitled “Alberta Education, Our Children, Our Future: Getting it Right, Final Report on Public Engagement” prepared by KPMG

Sessional Paper 33/2012

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to immediately proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow Bill 201, Alberta Bill of Rights (Property Rights Protection) Amendment Act, 2012, to proceed to Second Reading.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:11 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**501.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will replace the flat rate income tax in favour of a progressive income tax whereby tax rates increase according to income.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## **Adjournment**

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 1 —Supplementary Supply Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Rogers reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, for the departments and purposes indicated:

<b>Office of the Chief Electoral Officer</b>	
Expense and Capital Investment	\$3,100,000
<b>Human Services</b>	
Expense	\$6,989,000
<b>Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations</b>	
Expense	\$2,000,000
<b>Justice</b>	
Expense	\$28,093,000
<b>Municipal Affairs</b>	
Expense	\$17,777,000
<b>Seniors</b>	
Expense	\$10,300,000
<b>Solicitor General and Public Security</b>	
Expense	\$1,740,000
<b>Tourism, Parks and Recreation</b>	
Expense	\$1,320,000

**Transportation**

Expense \$29,418,000

Committee of Supply has also approved the following amount to be transferred:

**Municipal Affairs**

from Capital Investment (\$30,000,000)  
to Expense \$30,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

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

(Day 2)

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

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Results-based Budgeting Act — Hon. Ms Redford

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:56 p.m. until Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, February 13, 2012