



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 14

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fifth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, March 8, 2012

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

Speaker's Statements

Alberta Hansard and Broadcast Services

First of all, 40 years ago today, on March 8, 1972, a motion was put forward as Government Motion 1, which read in part:

“There shall be a printed record of the deliberations and proceedings of the sitting of the Assembly to be known as the ‘Alberta Hansard’ which shall be compiled, edited, printed, distributed and administered under the direction and authority of the Speaker, in accordance with this rule.”

So today, 40 years later, our Hansard, which continues to produce transcripts for this House, has produced Hansard for 3,650 House meetings and 1,975 Standing and Select Special Committee meetings. To commemorate this special occasion, a special cover will be produced for today's Hansard.

The second thing that occurred 40 years ago was unique, in essence, that it provided for broadcasting of the meetings of this Assembly. Alberta became the first jurisdiction in Canada to broadcast their proceedings. The motion was introduced by Mr. Lou Hyndman, who was the then Minister of Education, and it was seconded by the Honourable Don Getty, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, who at the time stated:

“At a time in our history when Albertans can marvel at the view from the moon in their own living rooms, it is absurd that they are not able to watch their own Legislative Assembly.”

So a bit of history with respect to that.

Members’ Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of eight Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 11, 1997. The Pages presented the Members with a 15-year Mace pin.

Members’ Statements

Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2012, as International Women’s Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the gender wage gap in Alberta, the need for the government to address women’s issues, and the limited number of women in politics.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the REDress Project for missing or murdered Aboriginal women, started by Metis artist Jaime Black.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the work of the C.K. Hui Heart Centre and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Kathleen Sendall, who was recently named a Member of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to include financial misconduct and health worker intimidation in a public inquiry.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2012, as World Kidney Day.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada expressing concern regarding the treatment and lack of resources for the mentally ill

Sessional Paper 123/2012

E-mail message dated November 26, 2010, from A. Mark Joffe to Raj Sherman offering concern and support for challenges Raj Sherman was facing regarding his credibility

Sessional Paper 124/2012

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

Excerpt from the Alberta Gazette dated February 15, 2007, regarding hosting expenses for swearing-in ceremonies for Cabinet and Alberta's 13th Premier

Sessional Paper 125/2012

Excerpt from the Alberta Gazette dated February 29, 2012, regarding hosting expenses for swearing-in ceremonies for Cabinet and Alberta's 14th Premier

Sessional Paper 126/2012

11 letters between Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Ken Hughes, Board Chair, Alberta Health Services, all regarding attendance at meetings with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Sessional Paper 127/2012

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

20 recent e-mail messages from Canadians to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 128/2012

E-mail message dated March 5, 2012, from Clint G. Docken, Q.C., of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching a document entitled "Bragg Creek FireSmart"

Sessional Paper 129/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 2, 2012, from Janet Quon of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a recent announcement concerning the reimbursement model for Alberta pharmacists

Sessional Paper 130/2012

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Media release dated March 8, 2012, entitled "Capital Region Board letter to Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel: We urge you to approve this project" prepared by the Capital Region Board, with attached related backgrounder document and letter

Sessional Paper 131/2012

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply All votes on the 2012-13 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates and the 2012-13 Government Estimates Second Reading Bill 2, 4, 5, 6 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 14	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 4, 5, 6 Committee of the Whole Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 5, 6 Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 15	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 5, 6, 7 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

11. Oral notice having been given March 7, 2012, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. Mr. Rick Hansen be invited to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 12, 2012;
2. This address be the first item of business after the singing of O Canada; and
3. The ordinary business of the Assembly resume upon the conclusion of Mr. Hansen's address;

And be it further resolved that Mr. Hansen's address become part of the permanent records of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Mrs. Jablonski moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 4 St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act —
Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

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

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

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Mr. Prins on behalf of Hon.
Mrs. McQueen

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

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

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:15 p.m. until Monday, March 12, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 8, 2012