



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fifth Session

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Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the recent partnership between Hockey Alberta and Red Deer College.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for public engagement to elect Members with vision and integrity.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the province's economic circumstances and progress made in Calgary-Hays during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding actions taken by the Premier concerning a fundraiser hosted by Alberta's Representative in Asia.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding Alberta seniors' benefit programs and services.

Mr. Blackett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the importance of investing in and recent funding increases for public libraries.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Early Childhood Learning and Child Care Act — Mr. Taylor

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

20 recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding clear cutting of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 152/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated January 21, 2012, from John MacNutt, CA, Response Financial Partners Inc., to the PC Association of Alberta regarding the review of Doug Griffiths' 2011 leadership campaign accounts by Brian Heidecker

Sessional Paper 153/2012

Document dated January 25, 2012, entitled "Doug Griffiths, 2011 Leadership Campaign filing" prepared by Brian Heidecker

Sessional Paper 154/2012

Critical Transmission Review Committee web page, undated, entitled "Critical Transmission Review Committee, Committee Members"

Sessional Paper 155/2012

Alberta Corporate Registration System, Corporation/Non-Profit Search of Drylander Investments Ltd. dated March 12, 2012

Sessional Paper 156/2012

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report dated May 2011 entitled "Fixing What's Broken, Fair and Sustainable Solutions to Alberta's Revenue Problems" prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 157/2012

Document dated April 19, 2011, entitled "Tax Reform: The Role of Broad-Based Sales Taxes, Presentation to the Alberta Liberal Caucus" prepared by Casey G. Vander Ploeg, Senior Policy Analyst, Canada West Foundation

Sessional Paper 158/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 recent Epcor and Direct Energy utility bills from Alberta residents
Sessional Paper 160/2012

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

Letter dated March 13, 2012, from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, be granted early consideration and be called to Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 19, 2012

Sessional Paper 161/2012

Speaker's Statement – Early Consideration of Private Members' Public Bills

Honourable Members, I'm tabling today a letter that I received from the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Centre, and I'll just quote from the letter: "I write pursuant to Standing Order 8(7)(c), requesting that Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, be granted early consideration and be called in Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 19, 2012."

I read it into the record because copies were not circulated to anyone else. I do want to raise this matter. I will bring it back tomorrow and talk about it further.

This has to deal with a request not often exercised or asked for in this Assembly, and basically comments are recorded in Hansard going back to 2001, by this Chair, saying that this is a matter that needs some review because, in essence, what we potentially have is a conflict.

Monday is private Members' day. It is the only day of the week that Members can actually deal with Bills. We have an Order that was clearly defined in our Standing Orders that basically says on one day a Member's private Member's Bill comes up, then it's dealt with, then it goes to the next steps. Usually we follow Second Readings, then we finally get to Committee.

When a Member asks that a stage be advanced over another, it may come into conflict with another private Member who would necessarily have his or her private Member's Bill on the schedule. So I would ask that Members look at the Votes and Proceedings, and the Hansard of November 23, 2009, page 1940, the last time that I made a ruling in respect to this matter.

In almost all cases going back to 2001, I basically provided caution with respect to this request because of the potential conflict with another Member. In most cases it has been worked out as a result of consultation among the House Leaders.

In this case, this is probably the first opportunity that House Leaders of other caucuses would be aware of this. So I repeat, again, that those comments have arisen in the past.

If I receive some advice by noon tomorrow on this particular matter, it would be helpful. If not, I will have to make a statement tomorrow and probably decide on Monday if that would be given, depending on what the conflict with another Member might be in respect to this.

I should also point out, again, for a number of times now that I raised this matter in 2001, and I suggested very strongly that this matter be referred to a certain committee for further advice to be provided to the Speaker. Eleven years, I say again. Tomorrow I will say more.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, on March 13, 2012.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be further amended as follows:

A. in part A

- (i) by striking out “before the enacting clause” and substituting “as the first recital”
- (ii) by adding the following after “the Government of Alberta recognizes that parents have”:

“the paramount right and responsibility to make decisions respecting the education of their children, which includes”

B. by adding the following after part A:

B The Preamble is amended by striking out the following recital:

“Whereas parents have the right and the responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children;”

A debate followed on the subamendment.

During debate on the subamendment to Bill 2, Education Act, Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 4

Anderson	Forsyth	Hinman
Boutilier		

Against the subamendment: 27

Allred	Drysdale	Mitzel
Benito	Elniski	Notley
Berger	Evans	Olson
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Pastoor
Blackett	Hancock	Rodney
Brown	Hehr	Rogers
Campbell	Johnston	Tarchuk
Chase	Leskiw	VanderBurg
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Woo-Paw

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Elniski, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Education on March 13, 2012) — Agreed to

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Amendment to Bill 2 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 162/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 163/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 164/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to unanimously

Sessional Paper 165/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 166/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:12 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 14, 2012