



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fifth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Thursday, March 15, 2012

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

**Members' Statements**

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding advancements in improving access to health-care services in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Government's solutions to Albertans' property rights concerns.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing March 15, 2012, as World Consumer Rights Day.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to develop a social entrepreneurship agenda.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to do more to assist seniors who are in long-term care.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the work of Goodwill Industries and the opening of the Goodwill Industries' Chinook store in Calgary.

## **Speaker's Statement - First Sitting of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the opening of the First Session of the First Legislature in Alberta held at the Thistle Rink on March 15, 1906.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

#### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ2

To be dealt with: WQ1

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be accepted: MR3

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR4

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Bill 209 Homeowner Protection Act — Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Hehr

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated February 12, 2012, from Deb Kirk, Concerned Neighbours in Partnership Spokesperson, unaddressed, attaching a copy of a petition signed by 293 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass legislation to repeal Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act, and its amending Bill 23, Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011; Bill 36, Alberta Land Stewardship Act, and its amending Bill 10, Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act, 2011; Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, and Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010

Sessional Paper 167/2012

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

20 recent letters from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 168/2012

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

Parkland Institute web site article dated February 23, 2012, entitled "Delivery Matters"

Sessional Paper 169/2012

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

Letter dated March 15, 2012, from Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, responding to Hon. Mr. Kowalski's request for submissions pertaining to the request from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, that Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, be granted early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 170/2012

### **Speaker's Statement - Request for Early Consideration of Bill 203**

I'll be rather brief here today because much of this was indicated previously in the Assembly. We dealt with it on November 27, 2001, December 1, 2003, May 8, 2006, and November 23, 2009. I indicated then that the process guiding us here in the Assembly is Speaker Schumacher's ruling of February 11, 1997, when he outlined a procedure for early consideration of Bills. Point three was that if a Member wants early consideration of his or her Bill, they must write to the Speaker prior to the opening of the Assembly on the sitting day before the Bill is to be considered. This certainly was done this week when the Official Opposition House Leader wrote yesterday requesting early consideration on behalf of the leader of the caucus, and the letter was tabled yesterday as well.

Point four in the 1997 ruling is:

"When a Member requests that his or her Bill be considered before its due date, the Bill will be called after debate has concluded on the Private Member's Public Bill that is then before the House or Committee of the Whole, assuming that no other Bills have reached their due date."

In this case no other Bills until a few minutes ago were even identified for being considered, as the Member for Strathcona has just introduced his Bill. So according to the practice and precedents which this Assembly has relied upon since 1997, Bill 203 will be the first order of business on Monday, March 19, 2012, after Orders of the Day are called.

Once again, the Chair hopes that the next Legislature will review this issue. As for Monday, the Chair notes that there may be time to have the Member for Strathcona move his Bill for Second Reading if Committee of the Whole does not go the full two hours. Looking back for the length of the debate on this Bill earlier this week, it did not reach two hours, in fact. One would suspect, and it seems to be almost unanimous consent of the Assembly, one could almost think in one's head, that the amount of time that would be utilized in Committee on Monday would not be anywhere near that two-hour time frame, which, hopefully, will allow the Honourable Member for Strathcona to stand and move his Bill for Second Reading as well.

Of course, once again, the Bill will be taken up and can be taken up when the Assembly reconvenes on April 2 following the constituency week break.

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 15, 2012, Department of Service Alberta, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 171/2012

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of government business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of March 19 to March 22, 2012:

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| Monday, March 19  | Eve. | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>Bill 2, 4, 5, 6, 7<br>And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, March 20 | Aft. | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b><br><b>Committee of the Whole</b><br>Bill 2, 4, 5, 6                                  |

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|                     |      |  | <b>Third Reading</b>                 |
|                     |      |  | Bill 7                               |
|                     |      |  | And as per the Order Paper           |
|                     | Eve. |  | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> |
|                     |      |  | <b>Committee of the Whole</b>        |
|                     |      |  | Bill 2                               |
|                     |      |  | <b>Third Reading</b>                 |
|                     |      |  | Bill 4, 5, 6, 7                      |
|                     |      |  | And as per the Order Paper           |
| Wednesday, March 21 | Aft. |  | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> |
|                     |      |  | <b>Third Reading</b>                 |
|                     |      |  | Bill 2                               |
|                     |      |  | And as per the Order Paper           |
|                     | Eve. |  | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> |
|                     |      |  | <b>Third Reading</b>                 |
|                     |      |  | Bill 2                               |
|                     |      |  | And as per the Order Paper           |
| Thursday, March 22  | Aft. |  | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> |
|                     |      |  | <b>Third Reading</b>                 |
|                     |      |  | Bill 2                               |
|                     |      |  | And as per the Order Paper           |

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 4:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

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

For the motion: 23

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| Allred   | Fritz      | Lindsay    |
| Amery    | Goudreau   | Morton     |
| Bhardwaj | Griffiths  | Olson      |
| Bhullar  | Groeneveld | Rogers     |
| Campbell | Hayden     | Sarich     |
| DeLong   | Horner     | VanderBurg |
| Drysdale | Jablonski  | Vandermeer |
| Elniski  | Klimchuk   |            |

Against the motion: 5

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| Anderson | Boutilier | Taft |
| Blakeman | Notley    |      |

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

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, March 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 15, 2012