



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 29

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the sculpture "A Meaningful Life" showcased in the Alberta Legislature Building on March 5, 2013, recognizing persons with developmental disabilities.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding public trust and integrity in the Government.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial community candle lighting ceremony held in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2013.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing March 3 to 9, 2013, as National Social Work Week.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing all those who assisted motorists stranded by a winter storm in southern Alberta on March 3, 2013.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding the impact on residents of northern Alberta of rerouting medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report on the Appointment of the Public Interest Commissioner dated March 2013

Sessional Paper 451/2012-13

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 11 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Herald article dated March 5, 2013, entitled “Horner warns budget debate is ‘going to get hairy’; Unions warn of cuts to public services,” supporting comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on March 5, 2013

Sessional Paper 452/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a presentation entitled “Municipal Revenue: An Examination for Discussion,” prepared by Don Good

Sessional Paper 453/2012-13

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

Letter dated February 15, 2013, from Susan Younggren, B.Sc. Pharm., to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to pharmacy services funding

Sessional Paper 454/2012-13

Alberta Oil article dated November 1, 2012, entitled “Alberta must ‘double down’ on heavy oil”

Sessional Paper 455/2012-13

Document entitled “Comments by Harry Chase, former MLA, Calgary-Varsity, on Queue Jumping in the Health System”

Sessional Paper 456/2012-13

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of postcards from Albertans to Alberta's New Democrats regarding Budget 2013

Sessional Paper 457/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 10/12, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 26)

Sessional Paper 458/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 01/13, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 10)

Sessional Paper 459/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 02/13, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 09)

Sessional Paper 460/2012-13

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 03/13, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 25)

Sessional Paper 461/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2013 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 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.

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 462/2012-13

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2012-13 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for three hours on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

A Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective May 28, 2012, be amended as follows:

1. **Standing Order 7 is amended**
 - (a) **in suborder (1) by striking out** “Projected Government Business (Thursday)”,
 - (b) **by striking out suborder (6).**
2. **Standing Order 8 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**
 - (2.1) On Thursday afternoon no later than the time of adjournment, the Government House Leader shall provide notice to the Clerk of projected Government business to be brought before the Assembly in the next week, which shall be published in the Order Paper for the next sitting day.
3. **Standing Order 52(1) is amended**
 - (a) **in clause (a) by striking out “21” and substituting “18”;**
 - (b) **in clause (b) by striking out “21” and substituting “18”;**
 - (c) **in clause (c) by striking out “21” and substituting “18”.**

4. **Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended**
 - (a) **by striking out “25” and substituting “18”;**
 - (b) **in clause (b) by striking out “Aboriginal Relations.”;**
 - (c) **in clause (c) by striking out “and Energy” and substituting “Energy and Aboriginal Relations”.**

5. **Standing Order 57 is amended**
 - (a) **in suborder (1) by striking out all the words that follow “except” and substituting the following:**
 - (a) as provided for under Standing Order 59.01, or
 - (b) with leave of the Assembly.
 - (b) **in suborder (2) by striking out “suborder (1)” and substituting “suborder (1)(b)”.**

6. **Standing Order 59.01 is amended**
 - (a) **by striking out suborders (1) to (4) and substituting the following:**
 - 59.01(1)** Following the Budget Address, the main estimates of the ministries shall stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees according to their respective mandates.

 - (2)** The estimates of the Executive Council shall stand referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future.

 - (3)** At any time following the announcement of the date of the Budget Address and no later than 3 sitting days following the Budget Address, the Legislative Policy Committees shall meet to determine a proposed schedule for consideration of the ministries’ estimates that stand referred to them.

 - (4)** Following the meetings held pursuant to suborder (3), the chairs of the Legislative Policy Committees shall provide the proposed schedules to the Government House Leader, who shall then finalize the schedule for consideration of main estimates, and such schedule shall be tabled by the Government House Leader in the Assembly no later than the Thursday preceding the first meeting scheduled for estimates consideration and shall be published in the Order Paper for the next sitting day.

 - (5)** The schedule for consideration of the main estimates shall be subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) Legislative Policy Committees may only meet at the following times:

- (i) on Monday evenings from
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - (ii) on Tuesdays from
8 a.m. to noon
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - (iii) on Wednesdays from
8 a.m. to noon
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - (iv) on Thursdays from
8 a.m. to noon
- (b) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the completion of the daily routine and all matters arising in connection with the routine, to allow for Legislative Policy Committees to meet for estimates consideration unless the Government House Leader, upon one sitting day's notice, advises the Assembly that the Assembly must meet beyond the daily routine to deal with Government business and the remaining meetings to consider estimates and the date for the vote shall be rescheduled as necessary;
- (c) on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Legislative Policy Committees may commence estimates consideration notwithstanding that the Assembly has not completed the daily routine and if a vote is called in the Assembly, a Committee shall recess to allow Members to attend to vote;
- (d) the estimates for a ministry shall be considered for a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 6 hours;
- (e) the estimates of the Executive Council shall be considered for a maximum of 2 hours;
- (f) no more than 2 Legislative Policy Committees shall be scheduled to consider estimates at the same time.
- (6)** Subject to suborder (7), a Legislative Policy Committee shall consider estimates in the following manner:
- (a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may make opening comments not to exceed 10 minutes,

- (b) for the hour that follows, members of the Official Opposition and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,
- (c) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the third party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,
- (d) for the next 20 minutes, the member of the fourth party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,
- (e) for the next 20 minutes, private Members of the Government caucus and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and
- (f) any Member may speak thereafter.

(7) If a ministry's estimates are scheduled to be considered for fewer than 3 hours, the speaking times in suborder (6) shall be adjusted proportionately subject to any other decision of the committee.

(b) by renumbering suborders (5), (6) and (7) as suborders (8), (9) and (10), respectively;

(c) by adding the following after suborder (10):

(11) During the period that main estimates stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees, such period commencing the first day that estimates are scheduled for consideration and ending when the final vote in Committee of Supply occurs, these Committees shall not meet to consider any other matter nor shall any other committee of the Assembly meet during this period, unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly.

7. Standing Order 59.02 is amended

(a) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

59.02(1) The Standing Orders of the Assembly shall be observed in the consideration of estimates except as follows:

- (a) during consideration of interim or supplementary estimates, the rotation outlined in Standing Order 59.01(6) shall apply;
- (b) all speaking times are limited to 10 minutes at one time during the rotation outlined in Standing Order 59.01(6)(a) to (e);
- (c) all subsequent speaking times are limited to 5 minutes at one time;
- (d) a Member may speak more than once.

(b) in suborder (2)

- (i) by adding "or (c)" after "suborder (1)(b)", and**
- (ii) by striking out "for a total of 20 minutes";**

- (c) **in suborder (3)(a) by adding** “or to respond to questions from the Committee at the request of the Minister during main estimates consideration” **before** “, and”.
- 8. Standing Order 59.03 is amended**
- (a) **in suborder (1)**
- (i) **in clause (a) by striking out** “Standing Order 59.01(6)” **and substituting** “Standing Order 59.01(9)”,
- (ii) **in clause (b) by**
- (A) **striking out** “department” **and substituting** “ministry”,
- (B) **striking out** “department’s” **and substituting** “ministry’s”, **and**
- (C) **striking out** “departments” **and substituting** “ministries”,
- (b) **in suborder (2) by striking out** “Standing Order 59.01(6)” **and substituting** “Standing Order 59.01(9)”,
- (c) **by striking out suborder (4) and substituting the following:**
- (4) On the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates, if the vote has not been taken earlier, the Chair shall interrupt the proceedings at
- (a) one hour before the normal adjournment hour as defined in Standing Order 64(1)(b) if the vote is scheduled for an afternoon sitting, or
- (b) 9 p.m. if the vote is scheduled for an evening sitting, and, if required, Committee of Supply shall be called and the Legislative Policy Committee Chairs shall report without question put and then voting on the main estimates shall proceed.
- (d) **by adding the following after suborder (6):**
- (7) Following the Committee of Supply’s report to the Assembly on the main estimates, the Assembly shall immediately revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of the appropriation Bill.
- 9. Standing Order 61 is struck out and the following is substituted:**
- 61(1)** Interim and supplementary estimates shall be considered for not less than 3 hours.
- (2) A member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day’s notice, make a motion to determine
- (a) when Committee of Supply may be called to consider interim or supplementary estimates, and
- (b) the amount of time for consideration,
- and such questions shall be decided without debate or amendment.
- (3) Following the Committee of Supply’s report on interim or supplementary estimates, the Assembly shall immediately revert to Introduction of Bills for the introduction of the appropriation Bill.

10. Standing Order 64 is amended by adding the following after suborder (5):

(6) If more than one appropriation Bill is moved for second or third reading in the Assembly or considered by the Committee of the Whole on any day, and the Bills are at different stages, the questions on the appropriation Bills shall be put in the following order:

- (a) Committee of the Whole;
- (b) second reading;
- (c) third reading.

11. Standing Order 89 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Publication of time limits

89 When the sessional calendar is published under Standing Order 3, the Clerk of the Assembly shall publish a notice stating the day that the time limit for receiving private Bills will expire

- (a) on the Legislative Assembly website, and
- (b) once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in every daily newspaper published in Alberta.

12. Standing Order 91(1) is amended

- (a) by striking out clause (a),
- (b) in clause (b) by striking out “the session” and substituting “the sitting in which the petition will be presented”.

13. Standing Order 92 is amended by striking out “\$200” and substituting “\$500”.

14. Standing Order 94(2) is amended by striking out “following the opening day of the session” and substituting “following the first day of the first sitting in any year”.

Transitional - Petitions for Private Bills

15. In 2013, notwithstanding Standing Order 94(2), the Clerk shall publish a notice as outlined in Standing Order 89 that sets the time limit to 30 days following the date this motion takes effect.

B Be it further resolved that the amendments in this motion come into force on passage.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion be amended in Part A as follows:

- A. Section 2 is amended in the proposed Standing Order 8(2.1) by striking out “provide notice to the Clerk” and substituting “provide written notice to the Clerk and all House Leaders”.
- B. Section 5 is struck out.
- C. Section 6(a) is amended in the proposed Standing Order 59.01
 - (a) by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:

(3) Following the announcement of the date of the Budget Address, but no later than the date of the Budget Address, the House Leaders shall prepare a proposed schedule for consideration of the estimates by the Legislative Policy Committees and shall transmit that schedule to the chairs of those committees.

(3.1) Following the receipt of the proposed schedule under suborder (3), but no later than 3 sitting days following the Budget Address, the Legislative Policy Committees shall meet to consider and, if required, make changes to the proposed schedule for consideration of the ministries' estimates that stand referred to them.

(3.2) If the House Leaders are unable to reach an agreement on the proposed schedule under suborder (3), the Legislative Policy Committees shall prepare the proposed schedule for consideration of the ministries' estimates that stand referred to them.

- (b) in suborder (4) by striking out "suborder 3" and substituting "suborder 3.1".
- (c) in suborder (5)
 - (i) in clause (a) in subclauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) by striking out "8 a.m. to noon" wherever it occurs, and
 - (ii) by striking out clause (c).

D. Section 8 is amended by striking out clause (d).

E. Section 9 is amended in the proposed Standing Order 61

(a) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

(1) Subject to suborder (1.1), interim and supplementary estimates shall be considered for not less than 3 hours.

(1.1) When supplementary estimates

- (a) total more than \$1 billion, or
- (b) affect 8 or more ministries,

the estimates shall be considered for not less than 6 hours.

(b) by striking out suborder (3).

The Speaker ruled that Amendment A1 be divided into five parts, as follows, for the purpose of voting: A, B, C, D, E.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put on Amendment A1-A, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on Amendment A1-B, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on Amendment A1-C, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Anderson	Donovan	Rowe
Anglin	Eggen	Strankman
Bikman	Hehr	Wilson
Blakeman	Pedersen	

Against the amendment: 41

Allen	Fritz	Olesen
Amery	Goudreau	Olson
Bhullar	Griffiths	Pastoor
Brown	Hancock	Quest
Calahasen	Hughes	Redford
Cao	Jablonski	Rodney
Casey	Jansen	Scott
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	Starke
Dallas	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	VanderBurg
DeLong	Leskiw	Weadick
Denis	Luan	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	McDonald	Xiao
Fawcett	McQueen	Young
Fraser	Oberle	

The question being put on Amendment A1-D, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on Amendment A1-E, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved that the motion be amended in Part A in section 6(a) in the proposed Standing Order 59.01(5) by striking out clause (f) and substituting the following:

(f) no more than one Legislative Policy Committee shall be scheduled to consider estimates at any one time.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the membership for the Assembly's five Standing Committees and the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be replaced with the following:

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund
(9 Members)

Khan (Chair)	Casey	Kubinec
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Dorward	Sandhu
Anderson	Eggen	Sherman

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Cao (Chair)	Brown	Quadri
McDonald (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Rogers
Bikman	Eggen	Wilson
Blakeman	Leskiw	

Standing Committee on Private Bills (18 Members)

Xiao (Chair)	DeLong	Notley
Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) (Deputy Chair)	Fox	Olesen
Barnes	Fritz	Rowe
Bhardwaj	Goudreau	Strankman
Brown	Jablonski	Swann
Cusanelli	Leskiw	Webber

Standing Committee on Privileges, Elections, Standing Orders and Printing
(18 Members)

Olesen (Chair)	Jansen	Pedersen
Lemke (Deputy Chair)	Kennedy-Glans	Rogers
Calahasen	Kubinec	Sandhu
Cao	Luan	Saskiw
Casey	McAllister	Towle
Hehr	Notley	Young

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (18 Members)

Anderson (Chair)	Donovan	Khan
Dorward (Deputy Chair)	Fenske	Pastoor
Allen	Goudreau	Quadri
Amery	Hale	Quest
Anglin	Hehr	Sarich
Bilous	Jeneroux	Stier

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Fraser	Quest
Rogers (Deputy Chair)	Kennedy-Glans	Sherman
Casey	Mason	Smith
Forsyth	McDonald	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the membership for the Assembly's three Legislative Policy Committees be replaced with the following:

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (18 Members)

Quest (Chair)	Fritz	Notley
Forsyth (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	Pedersen
Brown	Jablonski	Swann
Cusanelli	Jansen	Towle
DeLong	Jeneroux	Wilson
Fraser	Leskiw	Young

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (18 Members)

Amery (Chair)	Eggen	Quadri
FOX (Deputy Chair)	Hehr	Rogers
Bhardwaj	Luan	Rowe
Cao	McDonald	Sarich
Donovan	Olesen	Strankman
Dorward	Pastoor	Xiao

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (18 Members)

Kennedy-Glans (Chair)	Blakeman	Khan
Anglin (Deputy Chair)	Calahasen	Kubinec
Allen	Casey	Lemke
Barnes	Fenske	Sandhu
Bikman	Hale	Stier
Bilous	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Webber

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2010-2011, deposited on December 21, 2012

Sessional Paper 439/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Fatal Accidents Act, cF-8, s9(2):

Report to the Legislative Assembly, Review of Damages Amounts Under Section 8 of the Fatal Accidents Act, November 2012, deposited on December 21, 2012

Sessional Paper 440/2012

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Education, Annual Report Update 2011-2012, deposited on December 28, 2012

Sessional Paper 441/2012

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated Annual Report 2011-12, deposited on January 18, 2013

Sessional Paper 442/2012

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 443/2012

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2011-12, June 1, 2011, to May 31, 2012, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 444/2012

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2011-12, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 445/2012

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2012, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 446/2012

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2011, deposited on January 29, 2013

Sessional Paper 447/2012

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, February 2013, deposited on February 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 448/2012

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on February 15, 2013

Sessional Paper 449/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2012-13 Third Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement dated February 2013, deposited on February 21, 2013

Sessional Paper 450/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 5, 2013