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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, March 14, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Music for Hope fundraising event, in support of the Alberta Cancer Foundation, to be held in Fort Saskatchewan on March 16, 2013, and recognizing Jen and Isaac McNeill for their work in organizing the annual event.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's resource revenue spending.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the United Nations 57th Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York City from March 4 to 15, 2013, and several events held to bring awareness to domestic violence against women.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding human trafficking.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the closure of acute-care beds at the Consort hospital.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the negotiating of a long-term agreement on March 12, 2013, between the Government and Metis settlements.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Saskiw, Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the suspension of medevac flights to Edmonton City Centre Airport on March 15, 2013, and the serious concern that this closure could result in the needless death and disability of Albertans who require emergency medical treatment.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Copy of a petition signed by 944 Albertans regarding acute-care beds at the Consort hospital

Sessional Paper 508/2012-13

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copies of nine recent news articles regarding the 2013 provincial budget supporting comments made by Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 28 on March 12, 2013

Sessional Paper 509/2012-13

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Bonneyville Nouvelle article dated March 12, 2013, entitled "Why the rush to reroute medevac?"

Sessional Paper 510/2012-13

5 recent email messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the rerouting of medevac services to the Edmonton International Airport

Sessional Paper 511/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(4):

Final Budget Main Estimates Schedule, 2013 Spring Session, dated March 14, 2013

Sessional Paper 512/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Email message dated March 12, 2013, from Wendy Werkman, Bethel Community Church, to Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 513/2012-13

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 514/2012-13

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

Email message dated March 13, 2013, from Sarah Hoffman, President, Cloverdale Community League, to Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 515/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Report dated March 7, 2013, entitled "Fiscal Pulse, Alberta 2013-14 Budget," prepared by Scotiabank

Sessional Paper 516/2012-13

Report dated March 7, 2013, entitled "Alberta Budget Highlights," prepared by BMO Capital Markets

Sessional Paper 517/2012-13

Report dated March 7, 2013, entitled "Alberta Budget 2013," prepared by National Bank Financial Group

Sessional Paper 518/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 13, 2013, from Emily Yu to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the reduction in generic drug pricing and the changes made to drug dispensing tiers

Sessional Paper 519/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated April 2009 entitled "An Uncertain Future for Seniors," prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 520/2012-13

Report dated July 21, 2004, entitled "There are Not Enough Hands, Conditions in Ontario's Long-Term Care Facilities," prepared by the Canadian Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 521/2012-13

Document dated September 15, 2004, entitled "Nursing Home Profit Status and Quality of Care: Is there any evidence of an association?"

Sessional Paper 522/2012-13

Report dated December 1994 entitled "Do For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Nursing Homes Behave Differently?"

Sessional Paper 523/2012-13

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Mr. Hale on March 11, 2013:

For the fiscal year 2012-2013, how many *oil sands producers* paying reduced royalties will reach their payout stage and what effect will that have on non-renewable resource revenue?

Sessional Paper 524/2012-13

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 11, 2013:

Which companies have been granted royalty credits by the Department of Energy through the Incremental Ethane Extraction Program since its inception to December 31, 2011, and what is the value of the credits?

Sessional Paper 525/2012-13

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Hon. Mr. Saskiw, Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the suspension of medevac flights to Edmonton City Centre Airport on March 15, 2013, and the serious concern that this closure could result in the needless death and disability of Albertans who require emergency medical treatment.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker called upon Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 14, 2013