



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 43

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Thursday, April 11, 2013

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

Speaker's Statement – Longest-Serving Opposition Member

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the longest-serving Member to serve exclusively in the Opposition in Alberta's history, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing members of the Action Group of Congolese and Friends of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the advantages of Saskatchewan's tax structure.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Premier's recent mission to Washington, D.C.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Calgary Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Government's recent changes to generic drug pricing.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing April 12 to 14, 2013, as Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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: WQ28, WQ29, WQ31, WQ33

To be dealt with: WQ30, WQ32

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 — Ms Kubinec

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated September 14, 2012, entitled "Taxes and the Economy: An Economic Analysis of the Top Tax Rates Since 1945," prepared by the Congressional Research Service, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2013

Sessional Paper 623/2012-13

Report dated April 5, 2013, entitled "Labour Force Survey, March 2013," prepared by Statistics Canada, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2013

Sessional Paper 624/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 28, 2013, from Anneta Alexandrovich of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, and Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, regarding funding for fertility treatments

Sessional Paper 625/2012-13

Email message dated April 6, 2013, from Peter Koziarz to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 626/2012-13

Email message dated April 4, 2013, from Alim Nagji of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 627/2012-13

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Memorandum, undated, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, regarding the communications protocol of Alberta Health Services, and supporting comments made by Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2013

Sessional Paper 628/2012-13

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Email message dated April 7, 2013, from Duncan Nickerson of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding contract negotiations between the Government and the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 629/2012-13

Email message dated March 24, 2013, from Dorothy Seiller of Nobleford to Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, regarding the treatment of seniors in the health care system

Sessional Paper 630/2012-13

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

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 631/2012-13

6 email messages dated February 7, 2013, to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 632/2012-13

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

3 recent email messages from Audrey Attfield of Rimbey, Euphemia McLeod of Blackfalds, and June Mangaard of Rimbey to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding changes to generic drug pricing and the impact on pharmacies

Sessional Paper 633/2012-13

Email message dated March 27, 2013, from Erna de Wet to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding how changes to generic drug pricing will affect rural pharmacies

Sessional Paper 634/2012-13

Letter dated March 30, 2013, from Robert Geldreich, Script Pharmacy, to Dianne Balon, Alberta Blue Cross, regarding the submission of claims on behalf of plan participants for pharmaceutical services

Sessional Paper 635/2012-13

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

Brochure entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 28th Legislature, Third Sitting of the First Session, Spring 2013"

Sessional Paper 636/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

29. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

- A. On Monday afternoons, during the period that the 2013-14 main estimates stand referred to the Legislative Policy Committees, the Assembly stands adjourned at 6 p.m.;
- B. Notwithstanding Standing Order 59.03(4)(b), following completion of consideration of the main estimates by the Legislative Policy Committees,
 - (i) on April 22, 2013, or
 - (ii) on such other date of which the Government House Leader has provided written notice to House Leaders and tabled in the Assembly,

the Assembly shall reconvene in Committee of Supply at 9:30 p.m., at which time the Committees shall report and voting on the main estimates shall proceed.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

30. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices tabled in the Assembly on March 5, 2013, and appoint Mr. Peter Hourihan as Public Interest Commissioner for a term commencing on the coming into force of section 38 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act and expiring October 16, 2016.

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 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2) the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, April 15, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 11, 2013