



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 49

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Gerard Amerongen, Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on April 21, 2013.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m. in order to complete Introduction of Guests.

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first anniversary of the election of 38 Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on April 23, 2012.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Polish Veterans' Society, which was established on April 11, 1938.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement recognizing the effectiveness of the Wildrose Party as the Official Opposition.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing the achievements of the Progressive Conservative Party as the governing party since the 2012 provincial election.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing April 23, 2013, as St. George's Day.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the 2013 Special Olympics Alberta Spring Games held in Red Deer from April 19 to 21, 2013.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, 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.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement recognizing April 2013 as Cancer Awareness Month.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94; however, the petition of Charles Frederick Barth, Chair of the Members of Misericordia Hospital, for the Misericordia Hospital Amendment Act, 2013, has been withdrawn by the petitioner and will not be proceeding.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 8, 2013, from John Nevakshonoff to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to the medical oxygen program

Sessional Paper 721/2012-13

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

Letter dated April 14, 2013, from Nicola Ramsey of Slave Lake to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding distance education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 722/2012-13

Copy of an online petition regarding cuts to Alberta schools that use distance education courseware

Sessional Paper 723/2012-13

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

50 email messages dated March 16, 2013, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of Michener Centre

Sessional Paper 724/2012-13

31 email messages regarding budget cuts that will affect seniors

Sessional Paper 725/2012-13

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Letter dated April 11, 2013, from Diana Stinn, Phoenix Foundation, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding budget cuts to private schools

Sessional Paper 726/2012-13

Letter dated April 7, 2013, from Shirley Redford of Calgary to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the condition of the Police Outpost Provincial Park road

Sessional Paper 727/2012-13

3 recent letters to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing opposition to budget cuts to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 728/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 37

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| Allen | Fraser | Luan |
| Amery | Fritz | McDonald |
| Bhullar | Goudreau | McQueen |
| Brown | Hancock | Oberle |
| Calahasen | Horner | Olesen |
| Cao | Hughes | Pastoor |
| Casey | Jablonski | Rodney |
| Cusanelli | Jansen | Scott |
| Dallas | Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) | Starke |
| DeLong | Kennedy-Glans | VanderBurg |
| Denis | Kubinec | Webber |
| Drysdale | Leskiw | Woo-Paw |
| Fawcett | | |

Against the motion: 16

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| Anglin | Hehr | Rowe |
| Bikman | Kang | Saskiw |
| Bilous | Mason | Stier |
| Blakeman | Notley | Towle |
| Fox | Pedersen | Wilson |
| Hale | | |

Privilege – Debate on Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$)

Following Second Reading consideration of Bill 20, Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 that the ability of all opposition Members to participate fully and fairly in debate concerning Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$), has and will be unjustifiably hindered by the actions of the Government, which therefore infringes on the privileges of opposition Members.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Bilous and Ms Blakeman.

The Speaker ruled that no violation had occurred.

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

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

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

Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Weadick

Adjournment

The Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Kennedy-Glans, 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 12 (A1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 729/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 730/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Adjourned debate
Sessional Paper 731/2012-13

Second Reading

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 10:15 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.

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Amendment to Bill 12 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 731/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 732/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A5) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 733/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 12 (A6) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 734/2012-13

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon.
Mr. VanderBurg

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:02 p.m. until Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 23, 2013