

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 52

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Monday, May 6, 2013

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

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 should it be necessary.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the 68th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by the Allied forces on May 5, 1945.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's recent announcement of the construction of several new schools.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the release of the Government's new plan to fight cancer entitled "Changing Our Future: Alberta's Cancer Plan to 2030."

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Balwin Community League.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing the David Thompson Corridor Visitor Services Program on winning the Responsible Canadian Energy Program Social Performance Award.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to modernize the tax system to ensure predictable and sustainable funding and saving.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Amery, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Review of the BRIK (Bitumen-Royalty-in-Kind) Program dated May 2013 Sessional Paper 761/2012-13

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 23 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 24 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bhullar

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Copy of the State of the City Address presented by Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel on April 2, 2013

Sessional Paper 762/2012-13

Globe and Mail website article dated March 27, 2013, entitled "Report to Supreme Court chief justice calls for family law overhaul"

Sessional Paper 763/2012-13

Report dated April 2013 entitled "Meaningful Change for Family Justice: Beyond Wise Words," prepared by the Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters

Sessional Paper 764/2012-13

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

Letter dated March 21, 2013, from Merwan N. Saher, Auditor General of Alberta, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, responding to Mr. Hehr's letter dated March 8, 2013, regarding the Government's budgeting and reporting structure for Budget 2013

Sessional Paper 765/2012-13

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

Email message dated April 24, 2013, from R. Davies, Magrath Pharmacy, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding generic drug pricing and delisted drugs, attaching a letter dated April 23, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, to Arlen Bennet regarding the reduction in generic drug prices

Sessional Paper 766/2012-13

Email message dated April 29, 2013, from Kelly Clemis to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, and letter dated May 1, 2013, from Ms Jansen of Taber to whom it may concern, both expressing concern regarding how funding cutbacks would affect how they receive in-home oxygen

Sessional Paper 767/2012-13

1 recent letter and 3 recent email messages to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing support for continued funding for the Parent Preschool Program of Southwestern Alberta

Sessional Paper 768/2012-13

30 recent letters and email messages regarding services in the Cardston and Lethbridge areas for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 769/2012-13

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated April 30, 2013, from Matt Dumais to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing opposition to the proposal by the Alberta College of Pharmacists to eliminate rewards programs for prescriptions

Sessional Paper 770/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Lobbyists Act, cL-20.5, s17(2):

Report of an Investigation under the Lobbyists Act Re: Mr. Joseph Lougheed, dated May 6, 2013, prepared by the Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 771/2012-13

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Ms Smith on December 3, 2012:

Of the transfers received from the federal government, what is the total amount earmarked for health care for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 772/2012-13

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Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Ms Smith on December 3, 2012:

Of the transfers received from the federal government, what, if any, is the total amount earmarked for housing for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 773/2012-13

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ36. Asked for by Mr. McAllister:

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Infrastructure to determine where new schools are constructed?

WQ37. Asked for by Mr. Wilson:

What steps are being taken by the Minister of Human Services, and what steps were taken by the previous Ministers of Children and Youth Services, to complete the recommendations that were made in the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta?

WQ39. Asked for by Mr. Wilson:

What are the cost implications, on a fiscal year basis, to extend Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits, to those currently receiving benefits, beyond the age of 65?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ38. Moved by Mr. Wilson:

How many subsidized daycare spaces were available each month in Edmonton, Calgary, and the province as a whole, from January 1, 2011, to January 31, 2013?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many regulated child care spaces were available quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary child and family service regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013, and how many children received child care subsidies quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013?



The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ40. Moved by Mr. Rowe:

Which municipalities have not received their full share of eligible fine revenues earned through provincial traffic tickets issued pursuant to the Traffic Safety Act from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2012, and what is the total amount that was not returned to municipalities across the province because of clerical errors and missed time limits, since January 1, 2007?

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

For the motion: 13

Anderson	Forsyth	Stier
Barnes	Hale	Strankman
Bikman	Rowe	Towle
Blakeman	Saskiw	Wilson
Eggen		

Against the motion: 37

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Allen	Jansen	Quadri
Bhardwaj	Jeneroux	Quest
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Rodney
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Casey	Khan	Sarich
Dallas	Klimchuk	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Starke
Dorward	Lemke	VanderBurg
Drysdale	Leskiw	Weadick
Fenske	McQueen	Webber
Goudreau	Olesen	Xiao
Hancock	Olson	Young
Horner		

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR7. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of the projects itemized in the Alberta Transportation Three-Year Construction Plan 2012-2015, listed according to priority (rather than highway number) with related costs for each project. The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Rogers in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Anderson	Blakeman	Rowe
Anglin	Eggen	Stier
Barnes	Forsyth	Strankman
Bikman	Pedersen	Wilson

Against the motion: 40

Allen	Horner	Olesen
Bhardwaj	Jansen	Olson
Bhullar	Jeneroux	Quadri
Calahasen	Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)	Quest
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Casey	Khan	Sandhu
Dallas	Klimchuk	Sarich
Denis	Kubinec	Scott
Dorward	Lemke	Starke
Drysdale	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fenske	McIver	Weadick
Fraser	McQueen	Webber
Goudreau	Oberle	Xiao
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# **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**510.** Moved by Mr. Pedersen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate a competitive tax credit regime for supporting the film industry in Alberta rather than the current grant system.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 3(1) to allow the Assembly to sit past 6:00 p.m. in order to complete debate on Motion 510.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.



## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Mr. Cao, 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 19 (A1) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 774/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A2) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 775/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A3) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 776/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A4) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 777/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A5) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 778/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A6) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 779/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A7) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 780/2012-13

Amendment to Bill 19 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 781/2012-13

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 – Ms Jansen

Ms Jansen moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 - Ms Kubinec

Bill 18 Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Fawcett

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 - Hon. Mr. Campbell

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:40 p.m. until Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

Title: Monday, May 6, 2013

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