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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement expressing opposition to Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the lack of Government transparency and accountability in Alberta.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the work of the board members of Alberta's 10 Child and Family Services Authorities and six Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding George Noskiye of Peerless Lake who recently turned 106 years old.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Calgary Christian School.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a proposal by the Canadian Centre for Unmanned Vehicle Systems to establish air space in Forty Mile County for piloting and testing unmanned aerial systems.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from six Albertans urging the Government to increase funding to Alberta Health Services for the specific purpose of providing a higher level of care than can be provided with the new funding model currently in place so that the elderly in our province can enjoy a reasonable quality of life and maintain dignity in their final days.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 21 Albertans urging the Government to reassess how funding for long term care is allocated to better assist the seniors of Alberta who have the debilitating disease of dementia and associated care needs so that sufficient qualified staff can be provided to care for the changing needs of the senior while maintaining their dignity.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 30 Building Families and Communities Act (\$) - Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Petition signed by 114 Albertans urging the Government to increase funding to Alberta Health Services for the specific purpose of providing a higher level of care than can be provided with the new funding model currently in place so that the elderly in our province can enjoy a reasonable quality of life and maintain dignity in their final days

Sessional Paper 1007/2012-13

Petition signed by 71 Albertans urging the Government to reassess how funding for long term care is allocated to better assist the seniors of Alberta who have the debilitating disease of dementia and associated care needs so that sufficient qualified staff can be provided to care for the changing needs of the senior while maintaining their dignity

Sessional Paper 1008/2012-13

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

Online petition of 1,208 names requesting the Government reverse its funding cuts to post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 1009/2012-13

Edmonton Journal article dated October 30, 2013, entitled "Opinion: For-profit hospital labs simply don't work"

Sessional Paper 1010/2012-13

Copy of a presentation dated September 18, 2013, entitled "The Future of Laboratory Service Delivery," prepared by Alberta Health Services Sessional Paper 1011/2012-13

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

Edmonton Journal obituary for Richard Arthur Miller, former Member of the Legislative Assembly, who passed away on October 26, 2013 Sessional Paper 1012/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated October 29, 2013, entitled "Tabling Report - Pension Sustainability Reforms," prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre Sessional Paper 1013/2012-13

Email message dated July 14, 2013, from Frank Horvath of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Government's plans to privatize home care services

Sessional Paper 1014/2012-13

Email message dated September 30, 2013, from Kaitlyn Dziwenka to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need for the Government to adequately fund provincial school boards

Sessional Paper 1015/2012-13

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.

Email message dated September 25, 2013, from Dan Scratch to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need for the Government to provide stable, predictable, and adequate funding for education

Sessional Paper 1016/2012-13

Letter dated August 7, 2013, from Linda D. Cameron, Director, The University of Alberta Press, expressing concern regarding the shifting of school textbooks to electronic formats

Sessional Paper 1017/2012-13

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre:

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice R.P. Marceau dated October 1, 2013, in the matter between Pembina Institute, Fort McMurray Environmental Association (Applicants) and Director, Northern Region, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and Southern Pacific Resources Corp. (Respondents)

Sessional Paper 1018/2012-13

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Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education:

2 email messages dated October 29, 2013, between Matthew McClure, Calgary Herald, and Scott Morrison, "Superintendent," regarding physical education facilities for students from Notre Dame and Holy Spirit schools, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Johnson during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 1019/2012-13

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Pages 2139 and 2140 of Alberta Hansard dated May 7, 2013, relating to comments made by Mr. Wilson during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 1020/2012-13

Report dated October 2013 entitled "Transforming the PDD Program," prepared by Alberta Human Services, relating to comments made by Mr. Wilson during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2013

Sessional Paper 1021/2012-13

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

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

Sessional Paper 1022/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, 2012-2013 Annual Report Sessional Paper 1023/2012-13

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, and Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, on March 19 and 20, 2013, Department of Education, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 1024/2012-13

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question WQ23 asked for by Dr. Swann on March 11, 2013:

What is the percentage of new graduates from registered nursing programs in Alberta post-secondary institutions who gained employment with Alberta Health Services in each of the fiscal years 2008-2009 to 2011-2012?

Sessional Paper 1025/2012-13

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Enhancing Safety on Alberta Roads Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Hon. Mr. McIver moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 27 Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will severely undermine local autonomy and that further input is necessary from the public, municipal officials, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act - Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will severely undermine local autonomy and that further input is necessary from the public, municipal officials, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Anderson	Donovan	Notley
Anglin	Hehr	Rowe
Barnes	Mason	Stier

Against the amendment: 35

Bhullar	Horner	Oberle
Brown	Jansen	Olesen
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Quest
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Rodney
Dallas	Khan	Sarich
Dorward	Klimchuk	Scott
Fawcett	Kubinec	Starke
Fenske	Lemke	Webber
Fritz	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Griffiths	McIver	Xiao
Hancock	McQueen	

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Anderson	Donovan	Rowe
Anglin	Mason	Stier
Barnes	Notley	

Against the amendment: 34

Bhullar	Horner	McQueen
Brown	Jansen	Oberle
Calahasen	Jeneroux	Olesen
Cao	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Pastoor
Casey	Kennedy-Glans	Quest
Dallas	Khan	Rodney
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Griffiths	McIver	Xiao
Hancock		

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 28, Modernizing Regional Governance Act, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Bhullar	Hancock	McIver
Brown	Horner	McQueen
Calahasen	Jansen	Oberle
Cao	Jeneroux	Pastoor
Casey	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Rodney
Dallas	Kennedy-Glans	Sarich
Dorward	Khan	Scott
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Webber
Fritz	Kubinec	Woo-Paw
Griffiths	McDonald	Xiao

Against the motion: 6

Anderson	Barnes	Rowe
Anglin	Donovan	Stier

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

Bill 28 Modernizing Regional Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:41 a.m. Thursday, October 31, 2013, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, October 30, 2013