

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 66

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Thursday, November 7, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing November 11, 2013, as Remembrance Day.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's use of deficit and P3 financing methods to fulfil the Progressive Conservative Party's 2012 election platform commitment to construct and modernize schools.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Calgary Reads, an early literacy initiative for young children experiencing literacy difficulties.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Aleena Sadownyk, who has a rare enzyme deficiency disease, and the recent approval by Alberta Health Services to fund treatment for the disease.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Fort McMurray Airport being granted official status as a port of entry into Canada.

Privilege – Funding Information Not Provided

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding his belief that as a result of the as yet unprovided information on \$50 million apparently allocated by Cabinet to post-secondary institutions that was shared with select media but still has not been shared with the general public or this House, the Government deliberately prevented the Members of the Legislative Assembly from fulfilling their duty and as such breached the rights of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and thereby committed a contempt.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. Rodney

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

Bill 38 Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Denis

Hon. Mr. Denis, 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1089/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physicians and Surgeons, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1090/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Results-based Budgeting Act, cR-17, s3(2):

Results-based Budgeting, Report to Albertans, November 2013 Sessional Paper 1091/2012-13

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Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Alberta Emergency Management Agency webpage entitled "Alberta Emergency Plan"

Sessional 1092/2012-13

Hon. Dr. Starke, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3), Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 2012-13

Sessional Paper 1093/2012-13

Travel Alberta Report, Our Year in Review 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 1094/2012-13

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copy of a promotional poster entitled "The Ghost Bus Tour"

Sessional Paper 1095/2012-13

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

Photocopy of an image posted on Twitter by Vassy Kapelos of a Government news release dated November 6, 2013, entitled "Additional \$50 million will ensure more students succeed"

Sessional Paper 1096/2012-13

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

Document, undated, entitled "The Battle of Ortona: December 20 to 28, 1943" Sessional Paper 1097/2012-13

6 recent email messages to Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, expressing concern regarding winter road conditions on local highways in the Lacombe area

Sessional Paper 1098/2012-13

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

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2), Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, 2012-13 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1099/2012-13

Letter dated November 5, 2013, from Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 206, the Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012, be given early consideration to proceed directly to Third Reading when it passes Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 1100/2012-13

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 5, 2013, from Carolyn Campbell, Conservation Specialist, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Scott Fenwick, Research Analyst, Alberta Liberal Opposition, providing comments on Bill 31, Protecting Alberta's Environment Act

Sessional Paper 1101/2012-13

Report dated November 4, 2013, entitled "Tabling Report – Not One More – Alberta Universities Support Everything," prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 1102/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Responses to Written Questions WQ14, WQ15, WQ26, and WQ27, asked for by Dr. Swann on March 18, 2013:

WQ14. As of March 31, 2012, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?

WQ15. How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between *January 1, 2010, and March 31, 2012*?

WQ26. For each of the fiscal years 2009-2010 to 2011-2012, what was the average health care funding per resident per day for long-term care, and what was the average health care funding per resident per day for designated supportive living for 2011-2012?

WQ27. As of March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011, and March 31, 2012, what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?

Sessional Paper 1103/2012-13

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Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 18, 2013:

Copies of all communications between Alberta school boards and the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding complaints concerning P3 school design.

Sessional Paper 1104/2012-13

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

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year ended August 31, 2012, Section 1

Sessional Paper 1105/2012-13

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year ended August 31, 2012, Section 2

Sessional Paper 1106/2012-13

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year ended August 31, 2012, Section 3

Sessional Paper 1107/2012-13

Privilege – Funding Information Not Provided

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The Speaker heard from Mr. Saskiw, Ms Blakeman, Mr. Eggen, and Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk.

The Speaker ruled that no prima facie breach of privilege was found.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Building New Petroleum Markets Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes

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

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

Bill 37 Statutes Repeal Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis

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

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

Bill 39 Enhancing Consumer Protection in Auto Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved:

that Mr. Quadri replace Mrs. Fritz.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Third Reading

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

Bill 31 Protecting Alberta's Environment Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(5) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 7, 2013