

Province of Alberta

No. 2

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**Second Session** 

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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 Mrs. Muriel Ross Abdurahman, Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, 1993 to 1997, who passed away on December 22, 2013.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, made a statement regarding the current situation in Ukraine.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then commented on the statement.

#### Speaker's Statement – Rotation of Oral Questions and Members' Statements

Honourable Members, let us begin the process in just a moment. I want to indicate a couple of brief comments that affect the rotation. Before we proceed with the actual Daily Routine of question period, I want to make this brief statement about that rotation and Members' Statements as well. This statement that I'm about to offer is further to the memo I sent to each of you on February 11, and included there were some attachments that pertained to projected sitting days and to the Oral Question Period rotation for this Second Session. There was a slight change required because of the change in caucus membership when the Member for Edmonton-Manning rejoined the Government caucus in December 2013.

The Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, who is the sole independent Member, receives question six on day four of the Oral Question Period rotation. Accordingly, the Member will have his first opportunity to ask a question next Monday, March 10, 2014. This will give that Member one question every four days, which replicates what happened in the Fall Sitting of 2013, when each independent Member received one question per sitting week. Furthermore, it mirrors what happened the last time there was only one independent Member in this Assembly, during the Fall Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 27th Legislature, when the independent Member at that time was given one question every four days.

Question six on day one, which was asked by an independent Member during the last sitting, will now revert to the Official Opposition. The PC caucus will receive one additional spot for one question on day one.

Now, with respect to the rotation for Members' Statements this has also been modified to provide for one statement for the independent Member every three weeks. This is reflected on the Projected Sitting Days Calendar that I sent to you under the same aforementioned memo of February 11.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the 16th annual Rendez-vous de la Francophonie to be held from March 7 to 23, 2014 (comments made in French).

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Wildrose's 10/10 Community Infrastructure Transfer Plan.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the work of Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency as well as those across the province.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the lack of rail cars available to haul Alberta grain to market.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the ninth Fallen Four Memorial candlelight ceremony held in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2014.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding Family Care Clinics and health services in Slave Lake.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement 2012-2013 Sessional Paper 2/2014

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

Evaluation Report dated December 2013 entitled "Schools as Community Hubs (SACH)," prepared by Reach, Edmonton Council for Safe Communities and Leger, the Research Intelligence Group

Sessional Paper 3/2014

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 11, 2014, entitled "Editorial: Health stats veer off course"

Sessional Paper 4/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Document dated June 17, 2010, entitled "MSA Discussion Paper, Analytical Framework for the Monitoring of Bids, Offers and Market Health"

Sessional Paper 5/2014

Memo dated October 21, 2013, from Deloitte LLP to Alberta Infrastructure, BASCP Project Team regarding a request for qualifications for the "design-build-finance-maintain" of 19 schools located in Southern and North Central Alberta

Sessional Paper 6/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated February 28, 2014, from David McIntyre to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, requesting protection for Alberta's heritage rangelands as part of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

Sessional Paper 7/2014

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier:

Letter dated March 4, 2014, from Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to Merwan N. Saher, Auditor General of Alberta, requesting a review of the Government's Travel and Expense Policy and of the implementation and recommendations of the Auditor General's 2004-05 and 2005-06 review of Alberta's Air Transportation Service

Sessional Paper 8/2014

Letter dated March 4, 2014, from Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, requesting that Hon. Mr. Horner secure preferred providers for air travel, hotel accommodations, and car rental through a competitive request for proposal process

Sessional Paper 9/2014

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

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 3,000 Albertans requesting the Tri-Council to support certain family doctors in the Slave Lake area and encourage them to remain living and working in the community

Sessional Paper 10/2014

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

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 12/13, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 28)

Sessional Paper 11/2014

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 13/13, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 12)

Sessional Paper 12/2014

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 14/13, Members' Services Committee Amendment Order (No. 01)

Sessional Paper 13/2014

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

**2.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**3.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**4.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2014 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s8(3):

2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 14/2014

#### **Government Motions**

**5.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**6.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund for six hours on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:
  - A Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective March 5, 2013, be amended as follows:
    - 1. Standing Order 18(1)(h) is amended by striking out ", except as provided under Standing Order 52".
    - 2. Standing Order 52 is amended
      - (a) in suborder (1) by striking out "18" and substituting "15" wherever it occurs;
      - (b) in suborder (3) by striking out ", which shall not be subject to debate or amendment";
    - 3. Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended
      - (a) by striking out "18" and substituting "15";
      - (b) in clause (b)
        - (i) by striking out "Enterprise and Advanced Education" and substituting "Innovation and Advanced Education";
        - (ii) by striking out "and Infrastructure" and substituting "Infrastructure, and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour".
    - 4. Standing Order 59.01 is amended
      - (a) by striking out suborders (3) and (4) and substituting the following:

- (3) Following consultation with House Leaders, the Government House Leader shall table in the Assembly the schedule for consideration of main estimates at any time following the announcement of the date of the Budget Address and no later than the Thursday preceding the first meeting scheduled, and such schedule shall be published in the Order Paper for the next sitting day
- **(b) in suborder (5)(d) by striking out** "for a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 6 hours" **and substituting** "for a maximum of 3 hours";
- (c) in suborder (6)
  - (i) by adding the following after clause (d):
    - (d.1) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent members and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak;
  - (ii) by striking out clause (f) and substituting the following:
    - (f) for the time remaining, to the extent possible, the rotation outlined in clauses (b) to (e) shall apply with the speaking times set at 5 minutes as provided in Standing Order 59.02(1)(c).
- B Be it further resolved that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee be authorized to meet during the consideration of the 2014-15 main estimates.
- C And be it further resolved that this motion takes effect upon passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**8.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

**Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund** (9 Members)

Casey (Chair) Barnes Khan
Jablonski (Deputy Chair) Dorward Sandhu
Amery Eggen Sherman

#### **Standing Committee on Legislative Offices** (11 Members)

Jeneroux (Chair)BrownQuadriMcDonald (Deputy Chair)DeLongWilsonBikmanEggenYoung

Blakeman Leskiw

#### **Standing Committee on Private Bills** (15 Members)

Xiao (Chair)DeLongOlesenLeskiw (Deputy Chair)FenskeRoweAllenFritzStier

Brown Jablonski Strankman Cusanelli Notley Swann

# Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (15 Members)

Kubinec (Chair)KhanPedersenRogers (Deputy Chair)LuanSaskiwCalahasenNotleyVanderBurgCaseyOlesenWilsonKangPastoorYoung

#### **Standing Committee on Public Accounts (15 Members)**

Anderson (Chair) Bilous Luan
Dorward (Deputy Chair) Donovan Pastoor
Allen Fenske Sandhu
Amery Hehr Sarich
Barnes Khan Young

## **Special Standing Committee on Members' Services** (11 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)FritzMcDonaldVanderBurg (Deputy Chair)Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)ShermanCaseyKubinecTowle

Forsyth Mason

## **Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future** (15 Members)

Amery (Chair)KubinecQuadriFox (Deputy Chair)LemkeRogersDorwardLuanRoweEggenMcDonaldSarichHehrPastoorStier

#### **Standing Committee on Families and Communities** (15 Members)

Olesen (Chair) Fritz Notley
Forsyth (Deputy Chair) Jablonski Pedersen
Cusanelli Jeneroux Sandhu
DeLong Leskiw Swann
Fenske McAllister VanderBurg

#### **Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship** (15 Members)

Khan (Chair) Blakeman Hale

Anglin (Deputy Chair) Brown Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)

Allen Calahasen Webber Bikman Casey Xiao Bilous Goudreau Young

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **9.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2014 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### 10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the schedule for the 2014 Spring Sitting (as outlined in the calendar published pursuant to Standing Order 3) be modified to allow for the Spring Sitting to be extended beyond the first Thursday in June until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

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A debate followed.

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

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:37 p.m. until Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 4, 2014