



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Monday, April 7, 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 Mr. Jonathan Joseph Lord, Member for Calgary-Currie, 2001 to 2004, who passed away on March 26, 2014.

Speaker's Statement – Welcome to the New Premier

Honourable Members, I would like to take a moment to officially welcome Alberta's 15th Premier, the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Whitemud. First elected to this Assembly in 1997, the Honourable Member has served as Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Advanced Education, Minister of Health and Wellness, Minister of Education, Minister of Human Services, and, is currently serving as Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education. He has also held the role as Government House Leader or Deputy House Leader in 16 out of the 17 years he has served in this Assembly. On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, I welcome the first Premier of Alberta to be born in the Northwest Territories and Alberta's 15th Premier, the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) and begin Oral Question Period at the conclusion of Ministerial Statements.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, made a statement regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Alberta National Event held in Edmonton from March 27 to 30, 2014.

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.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood-Buffalo, also requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly and then commented on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Members' Statements

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the YWCA's annual Keep a Roof Over Their Heads event to take place on May 1, 2014, and the YWCA's Winter Emergency Response Program.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding issues surrounding the renovation of the Federal Building.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing Red Deer College for several athletic accomplishments.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing April 6 to 12, 2014, as National Volunteer Week, and regarding Volunteer Alberta's Volunteerville website.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the earthquake that took place off the coast of Chile on April 1, 2014, and recognizing Edmonton-Mill Woods constituents of Chilean descent.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement in support of Motion Other Than Government Motion 503 regarding the need to permit students to form gay-straight alliances to reduce homophobic bullying.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated February 2012 entitled “Visual Impediments to Learning,” prepared by Dr. Noëlla Piquette and Dr. Charles Boulet

Sessional Paper 87/2014

Recent email messages between Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer North, and John J. McDonald, Executive Director, CNIB Alberta-NWT, regarding specific language in Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 88/2014

Letter from Dr. Kenneth Romanchuk, President, Eye Physicians and Surgeons Association of Alberta, and Dr. Paul Rafuse, President, Canadian Ophthalmological Society, expressing concern regarding the approach proposed in Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 89/2014

Letter dated March 31, 2014, from Dr. Gordon Hensel, Registrar, Alberta College of Optometrists, suggesting amendments to Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 90/2014

Letter dated March 25, 2014, from Dr. Aaron Patel, President, Alberta Association of Optometrists, offering suggestions to strengthen Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 91/2014

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2), Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, Annual Report 2013

Sessional Paper 92/2014

Document dated March 27-30, 2014, entitled “Government of Alberta, Expression of Reconciliation for the Legacy of the Indian Residential School System,” prepared by the Office of the Minister of Education

Sessional Paper 93/2014

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 94/2014

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Victims Services Status Report, 2012-2013

Sessional Paper 95/2014

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts
Sessional Paper 96/2014

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

Document dated November 1, 2010, entitled "Parent Covenant 2013/2014," prepared by Heritage Christian Academy, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 7, 2014
Sessional Paper 97/2014

Article from the International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies (2014) entitled "School-based Strategies to Reduce Suicidal Ideation, Suicide Attempts, and Discrimination Among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Adolescents in Western Canada"
Sessional Paper 98/2014

Email message dated April 7, 2014, from Rob Wells, Co-Chair, Southminster Steinhauer United Church Affirm Committee, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 503
Sessional Paper 99/2014

Metro News website article dated April 6, 2014, entitled "Calgary junior high and high schools embrace LGBT clubs"
Sessional Paper 100/2014

Calgary Herald website article dated April 4, 2014, entitled "Wells: Let's support all our children to thrive"
Sessional Paper 101/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors, Legal Aid Alberta, held on December 3, 2013
Sessional Paper 102/2014

2 recent email messages from Alexandra Hope and Mary Cornet, both to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter to the Premier urging that the attack on public sector pensions be stopped
Sessional Paper 103/2014

2 recent email messages from Robin Charlesworth and Laurie Fisher to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed pension sustainability reforms
Sessional Paper 104/2014

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 6, 2014, entitled “Energy East Pipeline plan worse than Keystone, Pembina Institute says” relating to comments made by Mr. Hale during Oral Question Period on April 7, 2014
Sessional Paper 105/2014

Taxpayer.com news release, undated, entitled “Alberta Cultural Grants Funding Anti-oil Pembina Institute”
Sessional Paper 106/2014

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Childhood Vision Assessment Act — Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Towle speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation, like Manitoba’s and Ontario’s, requiring all school boards to develop policies to support students who want to lead and establish gay-straight alliance activities and organizations, using any name that is consistent with the promotion of a positive school environment that is inclusive, welcoming, and respectful for all students regardless of sexuality, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 19

Bilous	Fawcett	Lukaszuk
Blakeman	Hehr	Notley
Brown	Hughes	Scott
Calahasen	Jansen	Sherman
Dallas	Klimchuk	Swann
DeLong	Luan	Woo-Paw
Eggen		

Against the motion: 31

Amery	Fraser	Oberle
Anderson	Fritz	Pastoor
Barnes	Goudreau	Rodney
Bikman	Johnson <small>(Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater)</small>	Rowe
Campbell	Johnson <small>(Calgary-Glenmore)</small>	Saskiw
Casey	Kubinec	Starke
Cusanelli	Leskiw	Strankman
Donovan	McAllister	Towle
Dorward	McDonald	VanderBurg
Drysdale	McQueen	Weadick
Fenske		

Adjournment

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:13 p.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 7, 2014