

No. 26

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Thursday, March 26, 2015

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing the many accomplishments of Dr. Cy Frank, who recently passed away.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal policies over the past three years and the Wildrose Official Opposition's commitment to fight for Albertans.

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement announcing he will not be seeking re-election and reflecting on his three years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement reflecting on her 10 years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the 2015 World Sledge Hockey Challenge held in Leduc from February 1 to 7, 2015.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement thanking the many Legislature and Government staff that are involved in the day-to-day operations of the Legislative Assembly and who serve the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Scott, 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.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2015 – Mr. Pedersen

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

Bill 26 Fiscal Sustainability Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Commission to Safeguard Albertans' Interests in Natural Resources Act — Mr. Mason on behalf of Ms Notley

On motion by Hon. Mr. Scott, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 25 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2015 – Mr. Pedersen

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Scott, Deputy Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(3):

Final 2015 Budget Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 323/2014-15

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 21, 2015, from Ann Campbell to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the arts in Alberta and requesting that proposed cuts to arts funding be reconsidered

Sessional Paper 324/2014-15

Letter dated March 19, 2015, from Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, to Jill Clayton, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, requesting an update on the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's investigation of Service Alberta concerning the leak of a former Cabinet Minister's cellular phone bill

Sessional Paper 325/2014-15

Letter dated March 19, 2015, from Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, to the Calgary Police Service, inquiring into the Calgary Police Service's investigation concerning the alleged fraudulent impersonation of a Calgary resident's identity in order to leak a cellular phone bill of a former Cabinet Minister to the media and requesting a copy of their report

Sessional Paper 326/2014-15

Edmonton Sun website article dated March 25, 2015, entitled "Minister named by two more staffers"

Sessional Paper 327/2014-15

Metro News website article dated March 25, 2015, entitled "Alberta Minister Bhullar doesn't deny asking opposition to seek Lukaszuk's cellphone bill"

Sessional Paper 328/2014-15

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

Copy of a petition signed by over 1,600 Albertans requesting sufficient funds for necessary public services, such as education and health care, by introducing tax and royalty reforms

Sessional Paper 329/2014-15

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter, undated, from Kevan Hunter of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Fawcett, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the Government's lack of commitment to adequately fund education

Sessional Paper 330/2014-15

# Speaker's Statement - Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall

The Speaker recognized Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, and asked the Assembly to thank him for his service as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:08 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

# Budget Address / Messages From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 331/2014-15

2015-16 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund Sessional Paper 332/2014-15

Pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s8(2), s10(3), Budget 2015 Ministry Business Plans and Government Performance Plan

Sessional Paper 333/2014-15

Pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s10(1), s10(3), Putting Things Right, A Responsible, Strategic Plan to Secure Alberta's Future

Sessional Paper 334/2014-15

#### **Government Motions**

Prior to moving Government Motion 24, Hon. Mr. Campbell, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s8:

Budget 2015 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 335/2014-15

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

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Monday, April 13, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 26, 2015