



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

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Thursday, June 11, 2015

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

COLONEL (RETIRED) DONALD S. EHELL,  
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada,  
and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth,  
Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of  
Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

Kim Armstrong, QC  
Deputy Attorney General and  
Associate Deputy Minister,  
Justice and Solicitor General

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Thursday, the 11th day of June, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 3rd day of June in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

KATHLEEN GANLEY,  
Provincial Secretary.

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The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by Her Honour the Administrator and having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats.

Her Honour the Administrator entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

### **Statement by the Provincial Secretary**

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Ms Ganley, then said:

Honourable Members, I am commanded by Her Honour the Administrator to inform you that she does not see fit to declare the causes of her summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until the Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.

She therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent hour on the next sitting day, to declare the causes of her calling of this Legislature.

Her Honour the Administrator then retired from the Assembly.

## **Election of Speaker**

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Speaker:

Mr. Wanner, nominated by Mr. Hinkley;

Mr. Rodney, nominated by Dr. Starke.

The following Members were nominated but declined the nomination:

Ms Jansen, nominated by Mrs. Pitt;

Ms McLean, nominated by Mrs. Pitt;

Ms Renaud nominated by Mrs. Aheer.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

## **Election Results**

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 86; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 44; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Wanner. Mr. Wanner is hereby declared Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the 29th Legislature.

## **Speaker's Address to the Assembly**

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him and thanked the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose for putting his name forward.

A moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of Edmonton Police Service Constable Daniel Woodall who was killed in the line of duty on June 8, 2015.

The Speaker took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table.

The Speaker delivered the prayer.

Let us pray and let us reflect together on this day of a new beginning. We ask for guidance in the responsibility we have undertaken and help in fulfilling our duties. As Members of this Legislative Assembly may we faithfully serve all Albertans and, in serving them, serve you. Amen.

The Speaker then made the following speech:

This building has tradition, heritage, and history buried in the very oak and marble that surround us. It is important to remember that this Assembly started in a school, with wooden floors and wooden desks and chalkboards. The building that we are in now in all its splendour, however, is simply a symbol, a symbol of what well-intentioned people can do when they choose to decide to work together to make a better world. Hard work, cooperation, persistence, and a dedication to a freedom of thought and life, a freedom that sees diversity as a strength and compassion and public good as the critical veins of our democracy: it is, my fellow Assembly Members, these values that give us all hope and confidence in our future, hope that our children will build upon what we may have made and, more importantly, that the long term will build investments for our grandchildren. It is hope and confidence that binds us all together.

Our belief in the Westminster model of parliamentary democracy is what brings us all together in this room as representatives of our citizens. It is not a perfect institution. It has had its failings. It has, however, a tradition that has passed the test of time. As an Assembly of representatives we must together find the balance between preserving that tradition while at the same time judiciously managing the change that is necessary. Change sometimes requires courage. Our freedom of rights brings with it a humbling sense of responsibility, the responsibility to use our collective good judgment to make decisions, to respect this institution, the people we serve, and each other. People have died for our freedom. Our words and our actions and our engagement with each other must always represent our respect for those who have paid the ultimate price. That is the reason that we are here.

It is these essential interests and values that I believe all 86 of us share together. We must find new ways to set aside our positions and focus on our collective interests. I feel privileged beyond any words that I might be able to find to say that I feel truly honoured to be one of you. I would humbly ask for your patience, your support, and your advice as we move through the next four years together. We must find a way of working together and making this great province and its great people a better place than when we found it. Thank you.

## **Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees**

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

Ms Jabbour, nominated by Mr. Shepherd;

Mr. Rodney, nominated by Dr. Starke.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

### **Election Results**

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 84; the number of spoiled ballots, 2; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 43; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Ms Jabbour. Ms Jabbour is hereby declared Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 29th Legislature.

Ms Jabbour thanked the Assembly for electing her Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees.

### **Election of Deputy Chair of Committees**

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mr. Feehan, nominated by Ms Gray;

Mr. Rodney, nominated by Mr. McIver.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

### **Election Results**

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 84; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 43; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Feehan. Mr. Feehan is hereby declared Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 29th Legislature.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, requested a point of clarification regarding a potential conflict of interest concerning Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, in his roles as Deputy Chair of Committees and chair of the New Democrat caucus.

The Speaker indicated the matter would be taken under advisement and he would comment at a later date.

Mr. Feehan thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Chair of Committees.

The Speaker made some closing remarks.

## **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned at 3:42 p.m. until Monday, June 15, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

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Hon. Robert Wanner,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, June 11, 2015