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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, June 16, 2015

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 Members Mr. John Gogo, Member for Lethbridge-West, 1975 to 1993, who passed away on April 4, 2015; Mr. Frank Appleby, Member for Athabasca, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on May 18, 2015; and Mr. Norman Weiss, Member for Lac La Biche-McMurray, 1979 to 1992, who passed away on June 2, 2015.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, before we proceed to our first Oral Question Period, I want to outline the rotation that will apply for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements. As noted in the procedural memo that I sent out to all Members yesterday, the Speaker's Office received a document on June 15, 2015, signed by the three House Leaders confirming their agreement on the rotation of oral questions and of Members' Statements. Copies of the Oral Question Period rotation are on Members' desks along with the Projected Sitting Days calendar that outlines the Members' Statements rotation. With respect to Oral Question Period the agreement is based on 20 questions each day and follows an eight-day rotation.

I want to say at the outset that I take to heart the very first section of Beauchesne's, 6th Edition, which lists as the first principle of parliamentary law "to protect a minority and restrain the improvidence or tyranny of a majority." I have reviewed the agreement amongst House Leaders of the three largest caucuses and find that the allotment of questions to the single-Member parties and the independent Member is reasonable.

By having three questions every eight days, the single-Member party Leaders have more questions than was the case when this situation arose before, such as on February 8, 2012, in the Fifth Session of the 27th Legislature. If there are concerns, I would encourage House Leaders to meet and see if further refinements are necessary or possible.

With respect to the agreement reached by the House Leaders, I want to articulate the sequence so that it is clear in the record of the proceedings and to let people who are following the proceedings know what to expect. Flowing from the agreement, the Official Opposition is entitled to the first three main questions each day, and the PC caucus is entitled to the fourth question each day. Question five is allocated to the Liberal caucus on days one, three, and six; to the Alberta Party caucus on days two, five, and seven; and to the independent Member on days four and eight. Private Members of the Government caucus are entitled to the sixth question each day. In addition to the first three questions each day, the Official Opposition is entitled to ask the seventh, ninth, 10th, 13th, 16th, 18th, and 20th questions. In addition to the fourth question each day, the PC caucus is allocated the eighth, 11th, 14th, and 17th questions. Apart from question six each day, private Members of the Government caucus may ask the 12th, 15th, and 19th questions.

I want to remind Members that questions and responses should be 35 seconds in length and that preambles to supplementary questions are only allowed for the first five rounds of questions each day.

With respect to Members' Statements, the House Leaders' Agreement is based on a three-week rotation. According to Standing Order 7(4), each day up to six private Members may make a statement of no more than two minutes in duration.

Private Members of the Government caucus are entitled to three statements on Monday and Tuesday each week and on Wednesday of weeks one and two, and four statements on Thursday each week and on Wednesday of week three. The Official Opposition is entitled to two statements on Monday and Tuesday each week and on Wednesday of weeks one and two, and one statement on Thursday each week and on Wednesday of week three. The PC caucus is allocated one statement on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week.

Under the House Leaders' Agreement the Liberal, Alberta Party, and independent Members will each have an opportunity to make a Member's Statement once in the three-week rotation. The Leader of the Liberal caucus is allocated a statement on Thursday of week one, the Leader of the Alberta caucus on the Thursday of week two, and the independent Member on the Thursday of week three.

Thank you, Honourable Members. I will table a copy of the House Leaders' Agreement at the appropriate time in the Daily Routine today.

Members' Statements

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing Edmonton Police Service Constable Daniel Woodall, who was killed in the line of duty on June 8, 2015, Edmonton Police Service Sergeant Harley, who was injured during the same incident, and regarding an unrelated shooting on the property of Our Saviour Lutheran Church a week earlier, and the community prayer walk organized by Pastor Philip Penrod.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement recognizing Jaydon Sommerfeld of Chestermere, who died in a traffic accident at the intersection of Highways 1 and 791, and regarding the need for an overpass at that intersection.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement offering condolences to the family of Edmonton Police Service Constable Daniel Woodall, who was killed in the line of duty on June 8, 2015, and regarding the threat of the unknown faced by police officers.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding her work to create inclusive communities for people with disabilities, commitments in the Speech From the Throne for an inclusive future, and the leadership of Hon. Ms Notley, Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

Hon. Mr. Mason, 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.

Mr. Coolahan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement recognizing Maryam Rashidi of Calgary, who was killed while attempting to stop a robbery at the gas station where she worked, and regarding workplace safety.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing the second anniversary of the floods in High River and southern Alberta in June 2013, and the recovery efforts still to be done in collaboration with Hon. Mr. Bilous, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Service Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

House Leaders' Agreement for the First Session of the 29th Legislature, effective June 15, 2015, regarding Oral Question Period Rotation and Members' Statements Rotation

Sessional Paper 2/2015

Speaker's Statement – Point of Clarification

Honourable Members, there is one outstanding item of business carried over from the election of Presiding Officers on June 11, 2015. The Official Opposition House Leader raised what he termed a point of clarification concerning the Deputy Chair of Committees and whether that Member could continue in a caucus position. His intervention and that of the Government House Leader is found at pages 5 and 6 of Alberta Hansard for June 11, 2015.

Let me address a few preliminary matters. First, it is inappropriate for the Speaker to address any points of order or questions of privilege on the day the Presiding Officers are elected as the causes for summoning the Assembly have not yet been given. That is the purpose of the Speech from the Throne. Secondly, there is no item known as a point of clarification, but I appreciate that the expression has been used in connection with a request under Standing Order 13(2) to explain a Speaker's decision.

Having said that, I undertook to address this matter. As Members know, on June 11th they elected the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford as Deputy Chair of Committees for the 29th Legislature. He was duly nominated and elected. As he is not a member of the Executive Council, there was no impediment to his nomination or subsequent election.

It is my view that the Speaker has no jurisdiction over this matter. There is nothing in the Legislative Assembly Act or the Standing Orders that addresses this matter and the authorities are silent on this specific point. Accordingly, the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford is the Assembly's choice for Deputy Chair of Committees and there is no reason for the Speaker to intervene with respect to that decision.

Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election on June 12, 2000. The Speaker then presented Hon. Mr. Mason with a 15-year Mace pin.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that

A. Select Standing Committees for the present Legislature be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing,
- (2) Public Accounts,
- (3) Private Bills,
- (4) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, and
- (5) Legislative Offices

and, in addition thereto, there be appointed for the present Legislature a Special Standing Committee on Members' Services;

B. Legislative Policy Committees for the present Legislature be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) Standing Committee on Families and Communities,
- (2) Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, and
- (3) Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

A. Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select Standing Committees and one Special Standing Committee:

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

Miller (Chair)	Ellis	Piquette
Nielsen (Deputy Chair)	Malkinson	Renaud
Cyr	Miranda	Taylor

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Woollard (Chair)	Cooper	Shepherd
Dach (Deputy Chair)	Cortes-Vargas	Sweet
Bhullar	Kleinsteuber	van Dijken
Connolly	Nixon	

Standing Committee on Private Bills (15 Members)

McPherson (Chair)	Dang	Littlewood
Kleinsteuber (Deputy Chair)	Drever	McKitrick
Anderson (Highwood)	Drysdale	Rosendahl
Babcock	Fraser	Stier
Connolly	Hinkley	Strankman

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

Turner (Chair)	Ellis	McPherson
Fitzpatrick (Deputy Chair)	Hanson	Schneider
Carson	Kazim	Starke
Coolahan	Larivee	van Dijken
Cooper	Loyola	Woollard

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (15 Members)

Fildebrandt (Chair)	Dach	Miller
Gray (Deputy Chair)	Gotfried	Payne
Barnes	Hunter	Renaud
Bhullar	Loyola	Turner
Cyr	Malkinson	Westhead

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)

Wanner (Chair)	Goehring	Nielsen
Schmidt (Deputy Chair)	Luff	Nixon
Cooper	McIver	Piquette
Fildebrandt	McLean	

- B. Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's three Legislative Policy Committees:

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

Coolahan (Chair)	Gotfried	Larivee
Schneider (Deputy Chair)	Hanson	McKitrick
Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Horne	Schreiner
Carson	Hunter	Sucha
Fitzpatrick	Jansen	Taylor

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (15 Members)

Sweet (Chair)	Littlewood	Rodney
Smith (Deputy Chair)	Luff	Shepherd
Goehring	Orr	Swann
Hinkley	Payne	Westhead
Jansen	Pitt	Yao

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (15 Members)

Kazim (Chair)	Clark	Rosendahl
Loewen (Deputy Chair)	Drysdale	Schreiner
Aheer	Horne	Stier
Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Kleinsteuber	Sucha
Babcock	MacIntyre	Woollard

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

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.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

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.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the First Session of the 29th Legislature 2015 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 Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

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

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

Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following document:

2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates No. 2, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund,
Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government

Sessional Paper 3/2015

Government Motions

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates No. 2, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates No. 2 for three hours on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Ms Kazim:

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

To Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, 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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 An Act to Renew Democracy in Alberta — Hon. Ms Ganley

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:37 p.m. until Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker

Tuesday, June 16, 2015