

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the high quality of service provided by the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory and the decision by Alberta Health Services to move diagnostic services from the lab to the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert, made a statement recognizing June 21, 2015, as National Aboriginal Day, and May 21 to 24, 2015, as Aboriginal Awareness Week.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, made a statement regarding the outpouring of support shown at the Regimental Funeral for Edmonton Police Service Constable Daniel Woodall held in Edmonton on June 17, 2015, and thanked Hon. Ms Notley, Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, for attending the funeral.

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Ministerial Statements.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Notley, Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of Edmonton Police Service Constable Daniel Woodall, who was killed in the line of duty on June 8, 2015.

Mr. Jean, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) in order to complete Ministerial Statements, and to additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Payne, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Calgary Dream Centre, a faith-based recovery centre for men.

Ms McKitrick, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement congratulating the County Clothes-Line Foundation on receiving the Mayor's Award at the 2015 Pride of Strathcona Awards held on June 15, 2015.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the beliefs and values of the constituents of Olds-Didsbury-Three-Hills that must be pursued in the Legislature in order to make Alberta the best place to work, live, and raise a family.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition:

Canadian Oil Drillers website article dated June 15, 2015, entitled "Canadian Oil Drillers Revise Forecast Amid Sustained Economic Pressure," relating to comments made by Mr. McIver during Oral Question Period on June 17, 2015

Sessional Paper 4/2015

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers website article dated May 14, 2015, entitled "CAPP to strike industry group to work with Alberta government on priorities to protect and grow oil and gas industry jobs," relating to comments made during Oral Question Period on June 17, 2015

Sessional Paper 5/2015

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Letter dated May 11, 2015, from Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, expressing interest in being assigned to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts or the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, relating to comments made by Mr. Clark during debate on Government Motion 3 on June 16, 2016

Sessional Paper 6/2015

Email message dated June 10, 2015, from Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, to Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Ms Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, and Blake Evans, Director of House Business Office, expressing his interest in being assigned to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, relating to comments made by Mr. Clark during debate on Government Motion 3 on June 16, 2016

Sessional Paper 7/2015

Email message dated June 12, 2015, from Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, to Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Ms Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, and Blake Evans, Director of House Business Office, requesting that a Government Motion appearing on the Order Paper be amended to appoint him to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Sessional Paper 8/2015

Hon. Mr. Bilous, 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.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Program from the Regimental Funeral for Edmonton Police Service Constable Daniel Woodall held in Edmonton on June 17, 2015

Sessional Paper 9/2015

Speaker's Statement – Point of Order Concerning Anticipation

Honourable Members, the Official Opposition House Leader raised a point of order yesterday concerning anticipation. The exchange between that Member and the Government House Leader can be found at page 22 of Alberta Hansard for June 16, 2015. I indicated that I would take it under advisement, which I have, and I am prepared to rule on it today.

First, I would like to make a point about practice when points of order are raised. Members should indicate in the Assembly by rising and catching my attention that they wish to raise a point of order. This procedure ensures that notice is provided to the Members, to me, and to the people who assist on these matters, such as the Table Officers and Hansard staff.

With respect to the point of order, it related to a question by the Member for Calgary-Cross to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General about donations to political parties, which is the subject of Bill 1, which can be found at page 19 of Alberta Hansard for yesterday, June 16.

For the benefit of all Members, I will read Standing Order 23(e), which states that:

A Member will be called to order by the Speaker if, in the Speaker's opinion, that Member

(e) anticipates, contrary to good parliamentary practice, any matter already on the Order Paper or on notice for consideration on that day.

Basically, the rule is what it says, that a part of the proceedings should not be on the same subject as something that is scheduled for later in the day. My investigation into the matter demonstrates that it is not necessarily strictly observed in relation to Oral Question Period. Speaker Kowalski stated on March 3, 1998, at page 649 of Alberta Hansard, that questions that were framed so as to ask if something was a matter of Government policy "took it out of the realm of debate on a particular Bill." I note that in a May 8, 2013, ruling on the same issue at page 2194 of Alberta Hansard for that day, Speaker Zwozdesky reaffirmed Speaker Kowalski's ruling on the rule against anticipation not being violated by a question about Government policy in relation to a Bill which was up for consideration that day.

Members may be interested to know that the Canadian House of Commons no longer applies the rule against anticipation during question period, as is discussed on page 561 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, Second Edition.

In this instance, the question asked what the Government was doing about campaign financing which is, of course, the subject of Bill 1. I think the Official Opposition House Leader had a valid point and a legitimate point of order although it could have maybe been brought forward to the Assembly's attention at the appropriate time.

As we move forward together during this session, I am sure that we will now all be more aware of the rule against anticipation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Interim Supply Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Interim Supply Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Government Motion 8 agreed to on June 16, 2015, the question was put on the Estimates for Support to the Legislative Assembly, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 51

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont) Babcock Bilous Carlier Carson Ceci	Gray Hinkley Hoffman Horne Kazim Kleinsteuber	Miranda Nielsen Payne Phillips Piquette Renaud
Clark	Larivee	Rosendahl Sabir
Connolly Coolahan Cortes-Vargas Dach Dang Drever Feehan Fitzpatrick Ganley Goehring	Littlewood Loyola Luff Malkinson Mason McCuaig-Boyd McKitrick McLean McPherson Miller	Sabir Schmidt Schreiner Sigurdson Sucha Swann Sweet Turner Westhead Woollard
Against the motion: 25		
Aheer Anderson (Highwood) Cooper Cyr Drysdale Ellis Fildebrandt Fraser Gotfried	Hanson Hunter Loewen MacIntyre McIver Nixon Orr Pitt	Schneider Smith Starke Stier Strankman Taylor van Dijken Yao

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Pursuant to Government Motion 8 agreed to on June 16, 2015, the question was put on the Estimates for the Department of Treasury Board and Finance, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 51

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Miranda
Babcock	Hinkley	Nielsen
Bilous	Hoffman	Payne
Carlier	Horne	Phillips
Carson	Kazim	Piquette
Ceci	Kleinsteuber	Renaud
Clark	Larivee	Rosendahl
Connolly	Littlewood	Sabir
Coolahan	Loyola	Schmidt
Cortes-Vargas	Luff	Schreiner
Dach	Malkinson	Sigurdson
Dang	Mason	Sucha
Drever	McCuaig-Boyd	Swann
Feehan	McKitrick	Sweet
Fitzpatrick	McLean	Turner
Ganley	McPherson	Westhead
Goehring	Miller	Woollard
Against the motion: 23		
Aheer	Gotfried	Schneider
Anderson (Highwood)	Hanson	Starke
Cooper	Hunter	Stier
Cyr	Loewen	Strankman
Drysdale	MacIntyre	Taylor
Ellis	Nixon	van Dijken
Fildebrandt	Orr	Yao
Fraser	Pitt	

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Gray reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2015-16 Interim Supply Estimates No. 2, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$33,000,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$11,000,000



Office of the Ombudsman	\$1,400,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$1,000,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$425,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$2,852,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$5,632,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$525,000
Aboriginal Relations	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions Agriculture and Forestry	\$84,800,000 \$10,000 \$32,115,000
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$336,121,000 \$9,804,000 \$982,000
Culture and Tourism	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$174,910,000 \$2,092,000 \$3,610,000
Education	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$1,988,400,000 \$671,100,000 \$7,687,000

Energy	
Expense Capital Investment	\$160,000,000 \$2,500,000
Environment and Parks	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$256,378,000 \$111,046,000 \$41,000
Executive Council	
Expense	\$9,475,000
Health	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$7,746,317,000 \$32,494,000 \$27,700,000
Human Services	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$1,803,518,000 \$2,279,000 \$305,000
Infrastructure	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$228,500,000 \$440,000,000 \$28,100,000
Innovation and Advanced Education	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$1,203,669,000 \$21,440,000 \$437,000,000
International and Intergovernmental Relations	
Expense Capital Investment	\$14,680,000 \$10,000
Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour	
Expense Capital Investment	\$74,469,000 \$500,000
Justice and Solicitor General	
Expense Capital Investment	\$473,905,000 \$25,960,000
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Municipal Affairs	
Expense	\$105,402,000
Capital Investment	\$4,246,000
Financial Transactions	\$173,704,000
Seniors	
Expense	\$263,096,000
Financial Transactions	\$10,211,000
Service Alberta	
Expense	\$116,916,000
Capital Investment	\$12,268,000
Financial Transactions	\$6,379,000
Transportation	
Expense	\$339,712,000
Capital Investment	\$641,462,000
Financial Transactions	\$32,552,000
Treasury Board and Finance	
Expense	\$62,840,000
Capital Investment	\$1,135,000
Financial Transactions	\$4,197,000
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	\$386,929,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 3 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2015 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)

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. Bilous moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 20 and substituting the following:

20 This Act comes into force on July 6, 2015.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 21

Aheer	Hanson	Schneider
Cyr	Hunter	Smith
Drysdale	Loewen	Stier
Ellis	MacIntyre	Strankman
Fildebrandt	Nixon	Swann
Fraser	Orr	van Dijken
Gotfried	Pitt	Yao

Against the amendment: 50

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Miranda
Babcock	Hinkley	Nielsen
Bilous	Hoffman	Payne
Carlier	Horne	Phillips
Carson	Kazim	Piquette
Ceci	Kleinsteuber	Renaud
Clark	Larivee	Rosendahl
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Dang	Mason	Sucha
Drever	McCuaig-Boyd	Sweet
Feehan	McKitrick	Turner
Fitzpatrick	McLean	Westhead
Ganley	McPherson	Woollard
Goehring	Miller	

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (A1) Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 10/2015

Amendment to Bill 1 (A2) (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 11/2015

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:03 p.m. until Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 17, 2015