



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 8

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, June 25, 2015

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

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.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Notley, Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the long and distinguished career of former Premier Mr. David Hancock, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmonton-Whitemud from 1997 to 2014.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, the Member for Calgary-Mountain View, the Member for Calgary-Elbow, and himself to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, and Hon. Mr. Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, then commented on the statement.

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.

Members' Statements

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Crêpe and Shake Café, a small business in Beaumont, and recognizing the café's owners for their efforts on working with and strengthening their community.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the former Government's practice of centralized decision-making that led to a large bureaucracy and advocating for a grassroots approach to governing, which is more aligned with the Wildrose Party's policies.

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding 211 Alberta, a telephone-based information and referral service for community, social, health, and government-related services, that is mainly available in urban areas of the province, and asking the Government to make this service available to the whole province.

Ms Woollard, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the newly opened Meadows Library and Meadows Community Recreation Centre, which are housed in the same building.

Mr. Malkinson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the upcoming 60th anniversary of the Killarney-Glengarry Community Association.

Ms Larivee, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding her godson Vincent Glover, who was killed by a drunk driver in a motor vehicle accident on October 28, 2011, her involvement with MADD Canada, and urging people to not drive impaired.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, presented a petition from approximately 1,300 Albertans urging the Government to mandate the inclusion of the topic of legal, responsible, healthy, and affirmative sexual consent as part of the sexual education curriculum developed by the Ministry of Education.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Document, undated, entitled "Table 281-0024 Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), employment by type of employee and detailed North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), annual (persons)(4,15,17)," relating to comments made by Mr. Anderson during Third Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, on June 24, 2015

Sessional Paper 34/2015

Article, undated, entitled “Worthwhile Canadian Initiative,” prepared by Stephen Gordon, relating to comments made by Mr. Anderson during Third Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, on June 24, 2015
Sessional Paper 35/2015

Maclean’s website article dated February 19, 2013, entitled “Want to help the poor? Don’t waste your time with the minimum wage,” prepared by Stephen Gordon, relating to comments made by Mr. Anderson during Third Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, on June 24, 2015
Sessional Paper 36/2015

Journal of Labour Research website article dated April 3, 2012, entitled “The (Non) Impact of Minimum Wage on Poverty: Regression and Simulation Evidence for Canada,” prepared by Michele Campolieti, Morley Gunderson, and Byron Lee, relating to comments made by Mr. Anderson during Third Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, on June 24, 2015
Sessional Paper 37/2015

Canadian Public Policy website article Volume XXXV, No. 3 2009, entitled “Minimum Wage Increases as an Anti-Poverty Policy in Ontario,” prepared by Allison Mascella, Shahzia Teja, and Brennan Thompson, relating to comments made by Mr. Anderson during Third Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, on June 24, 2015
Sessional Paper 38/2015

The University of Warwick, Department of Economics Warwick Economic Research Paper, undated, entitled “The other margin: do minimum wages cause working hours adjustments for low-wage earners?,” prepared by Mark Stewart and Joanna Swaffield, relating to comments made by Mr. Anderson during Third Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, on June 24, 2015
Sessional Paper 39/2015

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

Report dated January 23, 2013, entitled “211 Alberta, Discussion and Options Paper,” prepared by Safe Communities, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, relating to comments made by Mr. Clark during his Member’s Statement on June 25, 2015
Sessional Paper 40/2015

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Employment advertisements posted on Facebook and on the Edson Leader website for the positions of constituency assistant for eight current Members of the Legislative Assembly
Sessional Paper 41/2015

LinkedIn profile for Brian Stokes, Executive Director, Alberta New Democratic Party
Sessional Paper 42/2015

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Letter dated June 25, 2015, from Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, to Dr. McNeil, Clerk of the Assembly, regarding advertisements for employment opportunities at constituency offices across the province in which the applicants are directed to send their resumes to Brian Stokes, Executive Director of the Alberta New Democratic Party

Sessional Paper 43/2015

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education and Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour:

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 44/2015

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, L-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fifth Annual General Meeting (2014)

Sessional Paper 45/2015

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), Workers' Compensation Board – Alberta, 2014 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 46/2015

Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages. The Deputy Speaker then made a statement, and the Deputy Chair of Committees presented the Pages with a gift.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the First Session of the 29th Legislature 2015 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007, be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the amendments to legislation made by that Act;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
3. In accordance with section 54 of the Mental Health Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Personal Information Protection Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 63 of that Act;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
3. In accordance with section 63(2) of the Personal Information Protection Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within 18 months after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Oral notice having been given June 24, 2015, moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to review the Election Act, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, the Conflicts of Interest Act, and the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, consisting of the following Members, namely,

Gray (Chair)	Jansen	Nixon
Payne (Deputy Chair)	Loyola	Renaud
Anderson (Highwood)	McLean	Starke
Clark	Miller	Swann
Cortes-Vargas	Miranda	van Dijken
Cyr	Nielsen	

2. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may travel throughout Alberta and undertake a process of consultation with all interested Albertans;

3. The Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, as provided for in section 37 of that Act;
4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may solicit written submissions from experts in the field;
5. The Committee is deemed to continue beyond prorogation and may meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
6. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;
7. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Legislative Assembly Office and the Officers of the Legislature;
8. The Committee must submit its report, including any proposed amendments to the Acts, within one year after commencing its review;
9. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 9 agreed to by the Assembly on June 25, 2015, and Standing Order 3(4)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until Monday, October 26, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker