



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 11

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed Budget 2015.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Heroes of 107th Avenue Project, a collaborative work that will share stories of new immigrants living in communities along 107th Avenue in Edmonton.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta and the intentions of the Progressive Conservative caucus to advocate for effective Government policies.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding a ride-along she participated in with St. Albert emergency medical services crew Adam Colameco and Steve Murdoch, and recognizing the work of all first responders who serve our communities.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the grand opening of the Academy of Learning Career College, Edmonton West Campus, held on September 29, 2015.

Mr. Malkinson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms McPherson, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Tuesday, October 27, 2015, and can advise the House that all the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Privilege – Proposed Salary Freeze

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance and a Government press release stating that Executive Council be responsible for a salary freeze for Cabinet Ministers and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, which infringes on his rights as a Member of the Assembly and as a member of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Election (Restrictions on Government Advertising) Amendment Act, 2015
— Mr. Strankman

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Fall 2015 Budget Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 90/2015

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

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Party Caucus 2015-2016 Alternative Budget," prepared by the Alberta Party Caucus

Sessional Paper 91/2015

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The Speaker heard from Mr. Cooper, Hon. Mr. Mason, Dr. Starke, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Fildebrandt, and Mr. van Dijken.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement and rule at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective November 18, 2014, be amended as follows:

1. **Standing Order 3(1) is struck out and the following is substituted:**

Sitting times and sessional calendar

3(1) Subject to suborder (1.1) and unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Monday:	1:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(1.1) From the first day of main estimates consideration by the Legislative Policy Committees until the day for the vote on the main estimates in Committee of Supply, the Assembly shall not meet in the morning from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

2. **Standing Order 4 is amended**

(a) by adding the following after suborder (2):

(2.1) When there is a morning sitting, at noon the Speaker adjourns the Assembly until 1:30 p.m.

(b) in suborder (3) by adding “or (2.1)” after “suborder (2)”.

3. **Standing Order 7 is amended in suborder (1) by adding “shall commence at 1:30 p.m. and” after “Assembly”.**

4. **Standing Order 8(2) is amended by adding “During morning sittings and” before “On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons”.**

5. **Standing Order 15(2) is amended by adding “afternoon” before “sitting”.**

6. **Standing Order 30(1) is amended by adding “afternoon” before “sitting”.**
7. **Standing Order 32 is amended**
 - (a) **in suborder (2) by striking out “10 minute” and substituting “15 minute”;**
 - (b) **by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:**
 - (3) Subject to suborder (3.01) and (3.1), a Member may, after at least one division has been called in Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply, request unanimous consent for the interval between division bells on any subsequent division during that morning, afternoon or evening sitting, as the case may be, to be reduced to one minute.
 - (3.01) After the first division is called in Committee of the Whole during consideration of a Bill, the interval between division bells on all subsequent divisions relating to that Bill shall be reduced to one minute for the remainder of Committee of the Whole consideration for that morning, afternoon or evening sitting, as the case may be.
8. **Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended**
 - (a) **in clause (a)**
 - (i) **by striking out “Culture and Tourism,”;**
 - (ii) **by striking out “and Service Alberta” and substituting “, Service Alberta and Status of Women”;**
 - (b) **in clause (b)**
 - (i) **by striking out “Agriculture and Rural Development” and substituting “Agriculture and Forestry”;**
 - (ii) **by striking out “International and Intergovernmental Relations, , Innovation and”;**
 - (iii) **by striking out “and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour” and substituting “Economic Development and Trade, Culture and Tourism and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour”;**
 - (c) **in clause (c) by striking out “Environment and Sustainable Resource Development” and substituting “Environment and Parks”.**

9. Standing Order 59.01 is amended

(a) by adding the following after suborder (3):

(3.1) During consultation with the Government House Leader under suborder (3), the Official Opposition may designate 4 ministries for which estimates shall be considered for a maximum of 6 hours per ministry provided that the Official Opposition also designates 3 ministries, not including the Executive Council, for which estimates consideration shall be set at 2 hours.

(b) in suborder (5)

(i) in clause (a)(ii), (iii) and (iv) by striking out “noon” and substituting “12:15 p.m.”;

(ii) in clause (d) by adding “subject to suborder (3.1),” before “the estimates”;

(c) in suborder (6) by striking out clause (d);

(d) by striking out suborder (7) and substituting the following:

(7) If a ministry’s estimates are scheduled to be considered for 2 hours, the speaking times shall be as follows:

(a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, may make opening comments not to exceed 10 minutes,

(b) for the next 50 minutes, members of the Official Opposition and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, may speak,

(c) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the third party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, may speak,

(d) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent Members and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, may speak,

(e) for the next 20 minutes, private members of the Government caucus and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, may speak, and

(f) if there is any time remaining, to the extent possible, the rotation outlined in clauses (b) to (e) shall apply with the speaking times set at 5 minutes as provided in Standing Order 59.02(1)(c).

10. Standing Order 59.02(1)(b) is amended by adding “and 59.01(7)(a) to (e)” after “59.01(6)(a) to (e)”.

- B.** And be it further resolved that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing shall meet to review and assess the operation of the morning sittings of the Assembly brought into force by Part A of this motion and report to the Assembly with its recommendations by October 27, 2016, and the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued.
- C.** And be it further resolved that the amendments to Standing Order 3 in section 1 of Part A of this motion shall take effect on November 24, 2015, and the remaining amendments in this motion shall come into force on passage.

A debate followed.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, moved that the motion be amended in Part A, section 1, in Standing Order 3 as follows:

- (a) in the proposed suborder (1) by striking out “9:00 a.m.” wherever it appears and substituting “10:00 a.m.”;
- (b) in the proposed suborder (1.1) by striking out “9:00 a.m.” and substituting “10:00 a.m.”.

A debate followed on the amendment (A1).

Mr. Schmidt moved adjournment of debate on amendment A1. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Wanner in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Horne	Miranda
Bilous	Jabbour	Nielsen
Carlier	Jansen	Payne
Connolly	Kazim	Piquette
Cortes-Vargas	Kleinstauber	Renaud
Dach	Larivee	Rosendahl
Dang	Littlewood	Sabir
Drever	Loyola	Schmidt
Feehan	Luff	Schreiner
Fitzpatrick	Malkinson	Shepherd
Ganley	Mason	Sucha
Goehring	McKitrick	Sweet
Gray	McLean	Turner
Hinkley	McPherson	Westhead
Hoffman	Miller	Woollard

Against the motion: 31

Aheer	Gotfried	Pitt
Anderson (Highwood)	Hanson	Rodney
Barnes	Hunter	Schneider
Bhullar	Jean	Smith
Clark	Loewen	Starke
Cooper	MacIntyre	Stier
Cyr	McIver	Strankman
Drysdale	Nixon	Taylor
Ellis	Orr	van Dijken
Fildebrandt	Panda	Yao
Fraser		

Mr. Schmidt moved adjournment of debate on the main motion, which was agreed to.

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, notwithstanding Standing Order 3(6), the only constituency week for the 2015 Fall Sitting shall be held the week of November 9, 2015, with the Assembly reconvening on Monday, November 16, 2015.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing November 23, 2015, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2015 Fall 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.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that Standing Order 19(1)(c) be waived and that the Speaker put every question necessary to dispose of the motion for an address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech of June 15, 2015, on December 2, 2015, at 5:45 p.m. unless the debate on the motion is previously concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Ceci:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker