



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 16

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, November 5, 2015

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

Members' Statements

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing the sacrifices of Canadians in the military and Remembrance Day, November 11, 2015.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the challenges faced by Alberta farmers this growing season and the many industries and individuals required to get harvests to market.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling on physician-assisted dying and the need for public engagement on the issue.

Mr. Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing the 31st anniversary of the Sikh genocide that occurred on October 31, 1984.

Ms McKittrick, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Green Routine recycling program in Strathcona County and Greenmunch, a business located in Sherwood Park that sells earth-friendly and sustainable products, specializing in compostable dinnerware, food packaging, and event supplies.

Mr. Connolly, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day, November 11, 2015, and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the poem "In Flanders Fields."

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 5 Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act — Hon. Ms Ganley

Bill 204 Residential Tenancies (Safer Spaces for Victims of Domestic Violence) Amendment Act, 2015 — Ms Drever

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon:

Memo dated September 3, 2015, from Rick Massini, First Vice President, Kathy Cooper, Second Vice President, and Kathleen Linder, Director, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, to Member Boards regarding a special levy concerning potential litigation on the matter of separate school district expansion, relating to comments made by Mr. Smith during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2015

Sessional Paper 105/2015

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Minister of Education and Minister of Culture and Tourism:

Email message dated November 5, 2015, from Mary Lynn Campbell, Executive Director, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Eggen, Minister of Education and Minister of Culture and Tourism, providing the text of a quote by Rick Massini, First Vice President, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, concerning litigation to stop Catholic education

Sessional Paper 106/2015

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Service Alberta:

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, cM-26, s708.09, Capital Region Board, 2014/15 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 107/2015

Pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4.1, s64, Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2013

Sessional Paper 108/2015

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 2014

Sessional Paper 109/2015

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2014

Sessional Paper 110/2015

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2014 dated October 31, 2014
Sessional Paper 111/2015

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, 2014/2015
Annual Report
Sessional Paper 112/2015

Authorized Accredited Agency Summary, 2013-2014
Sessional Paper 113/2015

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and
Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Results-based Budgeting Act, c R-17.5, s3:

Results-based Budgeting Report to Albertans dated November 2015
Sessional Paper 114/2015

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

23. Oral notice having been given November 4, 2015, moved by Hon. Ms Phillips on behalf of 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. **The heading preceding Standing Order 78.1 is amended by striking out “Legislative Policy”.**
2. **The heading preceding Standing Order 78.3 and Standing Order 78.3(1) are struck out and the following is substituted:**

Report of committee on a Bill

78.3(1) A standing or special committee to which a Bill has been referred by the Assembly after second reading shall be empowered to report the same with or without amendments or to report that the Bill not proceed.

3. **The heading preceding Standing Order 78.4 is amended by striking out “Legislative Policy”.**
4. **The following Standing Orders are amended by striking out “Legislative Policy Committee” wherever it occurs and substituting “standing or special committee”:**

- (a) 8(7)(c);
- (b) 52.02;
- (c) 74.1(1);
- (d) 74.2(1);
- (e) 78.1(1);
- (f) 78.2(1).

B. And be it further resolved that these amendments come into force on passage.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Oral notice having been given November 4, 2015, moved by Hon. Ms Phillips on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly rescind its approval of Amendment A1 to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 203, Election (Restrictions on Government Advertising) Amendment Act, 2015, so that the Bill retains its place at Second Reading on the Order Paper with 68 minutes of time for debate remaining.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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.

Debate continued on amendment A1 introduced by Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury-Three Hills, on October 28, 2015, 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.”.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, moved that amendment A1 to Government Motion 19 be amended by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

- (a) in the proposed suborder (1) by striking out “Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – noon” and substituting “Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – noon”;**

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie, moved that Government Motion 19 be amended in Part A, section 1, in Standing Order 3 by adding the following after the proposed suborder (1.1):

(1.2) Notwithstanding Standing Order 4(1), on any day that the Assembly meets in the morning, the Assembly shall not meet for an evening sitting.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Ms McPherson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, moved that the Government Motion 19 be amended by striking out Part C and substituting the following:

C. And be it further resolved that the amendments to Standing Order 3 in section 1 of Part A shall take effect on November 24, 2015, the amendments to Standing Orders 59.01 and 59.02 in sections 9 and 10 of Part A shall take effect on January 1, 2016, and the remaining amendments in this motion shall come into force on passage.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended 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.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. McIver speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 15 agreed to by the Assembly on October 28, 2015, and Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 16, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 5, 2015