



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 25

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, November 30, 2015

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

Members' Statements

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding NutraPonics Canada Corporation, an innovative and sustainable business operating in the constituency of Strathcona-Sherwood Park.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, and the need for consultation with family farms prior to passage of the Bill.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative caucus wanting the Government to delay passage of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

Ms Miller, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing December 1, 2015, as World AIDS Day and the start of Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week.

Mr. Coolahan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the 29th anniversary of the Lions' Club Festival of Lights in the constituency of Calgary-Klein and recognizing the many volunteers and sponsors who help to create it.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding family farmers and ranchers wanting the Government to delay passage of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr2 Bethesda Bible College Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Nielsen

Bill Pr3 Rosary Hall, Edmonton Repeal Act — Mr. Shepherd

Bill Pr4 Canadian University College Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Orr

Bill Pr6 Covenant Bible College Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Fildebrandt

Bill Pr7 Living Faith Bible College Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Nixon

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr1 The King's University College Amendment Act, 2015 — Mr. Schmidt

Bill Pr5 Concordia University College of Alberta Amendment Act, 2015 —
Ms McLean

Ms McPherson, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr1, The King's University College Amendment Act, 2015

Sessional Paper 168/2015

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr5, Concordia University College of Alberta Amendment Act, 2015

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Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

4 recent letters from Calgary Housing Company, Calgary Counselling Centre, Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation, and The Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary to Ms Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, expressing support for Bill 204, Residential Tenancies (Safer Spaces for Victims of Domestic Violence) Amendment Act, 2015

Sessional Paper 170/2015

Letter dated November 13, 2015, from Elsbeth Mehrer, Director, External Relations, YWCA Calgary, to Ms Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, regarding Bill 204, Residential Tenancies (Safer Spaces for Victims of Domestic Violence) Amendment Act, 2015, and regarding the need for an adequate supply of safe, appropriate, and affordable housing for women experiencing violence

Sessional Paper 171/2015

Letter dated November 23, 2015, from Leslie Hill, Executive Director, HIV Community Link, to Ms Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, regarding Bill 204, Residential Tenancies (Safer Spaces for Victims of Domestic Violence) Amendment Act, 2015, regarding intimate partner violence, and HIV-related policy issues

Sessional Paper 172/2015

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Mr. Hunter:

Copy of a petition signed by several hundred Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to immediately withdraw its proposed Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, from the legislative agenda and Order Paper, and cease all further readings and debate of its content

Sessional Paper 173/2015

Hon. Mr. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta, Annual Report 2014-2015

Sessional Paper 174/2015

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2014-2015 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 175/2015

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2015

Sessional Paper 176/2015

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Asked for by Mr. Barnes:

As of April 1, 2015, how many Alberta Health Services employees earned more than \$200,000 per year in salary and total benefits?

WQ6. Asked for by Mr. Smith:

How much has the Government spent on the Student Learning Assessment pilot projects for the fiscal years 2010-11 to 2014-15, and from April 1, 2015, to November 30, 2015, and what are the details of what the money was spent on?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ2. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

For the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15, how many surgeries and procedures were postponed in each Alberta Health Services facility?

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors, moved that the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15, how many surgeries were postponed in each Alberta Health Services *high volume surgery site due to system capacity issues*?

WQ3. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

What was the total cost of overtime payments to all part-time employees of Alberta Health Services for the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15?

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What was the total cost of overtime payments to all part-time employees of Alberta Health Services for the fiscal years *2013-14 and 2014-15*?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Cyr:

How many tickets were issued for distracted driving violations pursuant to sections 115.1 to 115.4 of the Traffic Safety Act, broken down for the period from September 1, 2011, to December 1, 2011, the calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014, and from January 1, 2015, to August 31, 2015?

Hon. Mr. Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many *convictions resulted from tickets that were* issued for distracted driving violations pursuant to sections 115.1 to 115.4 of the Traffic Safety Act, broken down for the period from September 1, 2011, to December 1, 2011, the calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014, and from January 1, 2015, to August 31, 2015?

WQ5. Moved by Mr. Cooper:

For the fiscal years 2009-10 to 2014-15, what was the total amount, and the amount at each level, paid to employees at the management and executive levels in the Alberta Health Services Central Zone?

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors, moved that the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2009-10 to 2014-15, what was the total amount, and the amount at each level, paid to employees at the *executive level* in the Alberta Health Services Central Zone *and what was the total amount paid to management in the Alberta Health Services Central Zone commencing the fiscal year that Zone reporting and the single, province-wide payroll system (E-People) took effect up to and including the fiscal year 2014-2015?*

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for a Return was accepted:

MR2. Proposed by Mr. Barnes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A list of all severance payments made to Alberta Health Services employees at the management and executive levels, broken down by each individual position, for each of the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15.

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR1. Moved by Mr. van Dijken:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For the period from April 1, 2007, to March 31, 2015, a list of all the projects identified in each of the published Alberta Transportation three-year Tentative Major Construction Projects lists that have not yet been contracted.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Feehan, Deputy 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 204 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 179/2015

Amendment to Bill 204 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia on behalf of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Service Alberta) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 180/2015

Amendment to Bill 204 (A3) (Hon. Member for Airdrie) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 181/2015

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Feehan:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the necessary regulations and policies to encourage micro-generators to contribute more renewable electricity to the grid, such as locally generated wind and solar.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion 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 5:57 p.m. until Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 30, 2015