



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, December 2, 2015

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 4 An Act to Implement Various Tax Measures and to Enact the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci

A debate followed.

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in Schedule 1 in section 2 by adding the following after subsection (2):

(2.1) The Contingency Account may only be used for the purpose outlined in subsection (2) if it has not already been used for that purpose in each of the two immediately preceding years.

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: 11

Barnes	Hanson	Panda
Cooper	Hunter	Pitt
Cyr	Loewen	Smith
Fildebrandt	Orr	

Against the amendment: 48

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gotfried	Miranda
Babcock	Gray	Nielsen
Bilous	Hinkley	Payne
Carson	Hoffman	Piquette
Clark	Horne	Renaud
Connolly	Jansen	Rodney
Coolahan	Kleinsteuber	Rosendahl
Cortes-Vargas	Littlewood	Sabir
Dach	Loyola	Schreiner
Dang	Luff	Shepherd
Drever	Malkinson	Starke
Drysdale	McIver	Sucha
Eggen	McKitrick	Sweet
Ellis	McLean	Turner
Feehan	McPherson	Westhead
Fitzpatrick	Miller	Woollard

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in Schedule 1 in section 3(1) by striking out “15%” and substituting “7%”.

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: 17

Barnes	Gotfried	Panda
Cooper	Hanson	Pitt
Cyr	Hunter	Rodney
Drysdale	Loewen	Schneider
Ellis	McIver	Starke
Fildebrandt	Orr	

Against the amendment: 41

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Nielsen
Babcock	Hinkley	Payne
Bilous	Hoffman	Piquette
Carson	Horne	Renaud
Clark	Kleinstauber	Rosendahl
Connolly	Littlewood	Sabir
Coolahan	Loyola	Schreiner
Cortes-Vargas	Luff	Shepherd
Dach	Malkinson	Sucha
Dang	McKitrick	Sweet
Drever	McLean	Turner
Eggen	McPherson	Westhead
Feehan	Miller	Woollard
Fitzpatrick	Miranda	

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, moved that the Bill be amended in in Schedule 1 as follows:

- A. Section 1(1) is amended by renumbering clause (a) as clause (a.2) and by adding the following before clause (a.2):
- (a) “actual operational expense” means, with respect to a fiscal year, the actual operational expense of the Government and prescribed Provincial agencies as reported in the fiscal plan analysis for that year, but does not include changes in liabilities respecting pensions;
 - (a.1) “actual operational revenue” means, with respect to a fiscal year, actual revenue of the Government and prescribed Provincial agencies, less
 - (i) revenue received for capital purposes,
 - (ii) commencing with the 2015-16 fiscal year, the prescribed savings,
 - (iii) commencing with the 2015-16 fiscal year, the amounts retained in the Heritage Fund under the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act
 - (iv) other planned savings referred to in the fiscal plan, and
 - (v) revenue allocated for debt-servicing costs of the Government in respect of capital borrowing, as reported in the fiscal plan analysis for that year;
- as reported in the fiscal plan analysis for that year;
- B. The following is added after section 1:
- No operational deficit
- 1.1 At the end of a fiscal year, actual operational expense must not exceed actual operational revenue plus any amount allocated from the Contingency Account under section 2(2).

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: 17

Barnes	Fildebrandt	Orr
Clark	Gotfried	Panda
Cooper	Hanson	Rodney
Cyr	Hunter	Schneider
Drysdale	Loewen	Starke
Ellis	McIver	

Against the amendment: 42

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hinkley	Nielsen
Babcock	Hoffman	Payne
Bilous	Horne	Piquette
Carson	Kleinsteuber	Renaud
Connolly	Littlewood	Rosendahl
Coolahan	Loyola	Sabir
Cortes-Vargas	Luff	Schmidt
Dach	Malkinson	Schreiner
Dang	McCuaig-Boyd	Shepherd
Drever	McKitrick	Sucha
Eggen	McLean	Sweet
Feehan	McPherson	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Miller	Westhead
Gray	Miranda	Woollard

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 4 An Act to Implement Various Tax Measures and to Enact the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci

MLA Miranda, 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 4 (A1) (Minister of Economic Development and Trade on behalf of the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 190/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A2) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 191/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A3) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 192/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A4) (Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 193/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A5) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 194/2015

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Bilous, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015 — 1:30 PM

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement as a tribute to farmers.

Ms Payne, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement recognizing the 26th anniversary of the December 6, 1989, murder of 14 women at l'École Polytechnique in Montréal, recognizing December 6, 2015, as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and regarding the need to end gender-based violence and gender inequality.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the economic success of Hong Kong, comparing it to Alberta, and advocating for the Alberta Advantage.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding newly-named Autism Edmonton, previously known as Autism Society of Edmonton Area, which provides services and supports to families and individuals living with autism spectrum disorder.

Ms Jabbour, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and the importance of ensuring women are represented more fairly in government and in public office.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding 26-year-old Bo Cooper, a constituent who is suffering from acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and asking Alberta Health Services to pay for specialized treatment available only in the United States.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled “Agenda, Teacher Bargaining Model, School Board Consultations – September to October 2015,” relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Eggen during consideration of Bill 8, Public Education Collective Bargaining Act, on December 1, 2015

Sessional Paper 195/2015

Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Email message dated December 1, 2015, from Isabelle Fournier to all Members of the Legislative Assembly containing comments about the New Democrat Party and Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors, during consideration of Bill 6 on December 1, 2015

Sessional Paper 196/2015

Mr. Westhead, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane:

Canadian Press website article dated January 23, 2014, entitled “Kevan Chandler Killed in Grain Elevator: Alberta Family Gets Compensation Six Years Later”

Sessional Paper 197/2015

CBC news website article dated September 24, 2012, entitled “Alberta farm worker fights to change labour laws”

Sessional Paper 198/2015

Hon. Mr. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 29th Legislature, First Session, Fall 2015

Sessional Paper 199/2015

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

GoFundMe webpage entitled “Bo Cooper Leukemia Treatment Fund”

Sessional Paper 200/2015

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

Report, undated, entitled “Cultivating Safe, Fair & Healthy Workplaces for Alberta’s Farms & Ranches, Overview of Proposed Changes,” prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 201/2015

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

Letter, undated, from Coral Robinson to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concerns about Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, relating to comments made by Mr. McIver during consideration of Bill 6 on December 1, 2015

Sessional Paper 202/2015

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Letter, undated, from Michelle Bates of Airdrie to Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors, expressing concern about the lack of 24-hour health care services in Airdrie

Sessional Paper 203/2015

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Copy of a petition signed by over 400 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to investigate, make public, and work with patients' rights organizations regarding physician-assisted dying

Sessional Paper 204/2015

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 30, 2015, entitled "Edmonton affordable housing projects left to die on the order paper"

Sessional Paper 205/2015

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

A debate followed.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, moved that the Bill be amended in section 7 by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) The Minister shall aggregate and republish all of the information disclosed in accordance with this Act and such information shall be made available to the public including on the public website of the Minister's department.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During consideration of amendment A5 to Bill 5, Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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: 20

Aheer	Fraser	Rodney
Anderson (Highwood)	Gotfried	Smith
Clark	Hanson	Starke
Cooper	Jansen	Swann
Cyr	MacIntyre	van Dijken
Drysdale	McIver	Yao
Fildebrandt	Orr	

Against the amendment: 39

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

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 4 An Act to Implement Various Tax Measures and to Enact the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, on December 2, 2015, that Bill 4 be amended in Schedule 1 in section 3 by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) A Bill that proposes to increase the ratio of debt to GDP referred to in subsection (1) may not be introduced in the Legislative Assembly unless the increase in the ratio is approved by a majority of the electors who vote in a referendum under this section.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may order a referendum under this section and sections 4 to 11 of the Constitutional Referendum Act are deemed to apply.

(5) An order under subsection (4) is deemed to be an order under section 5 of the Constitutional Referendum Act.

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: 11

Aheer	Fildebrandt	Rodney
Clark	Fraser	van Dijken
Cooper	Gotfried	Yao
Cyr	MacIntyre	

Against the amendment: 41

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Horne	Nielsen
Babcock	Kazim	Payne
Ceci	Larivee	Piquette
Connolly	Littlewood	Renaud
Cortes-Vargas	Loyola	Rosendahl
Dach	Luff	Sabir
Drever	Malkinson	Schmidt
Eggen	Mason	Schreiner
Feehan	McCuaig-Boyd	Shepherd
Fitzpatrick	McKitrick	Sweet
Goehring	McLean	Turner
Gray	McPherson	Westhead
Hinkley	Miller	Woollard
Hoffman	Miranda	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 4 An Act to Implement Various Tax Measures and to Enact the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci

Mr. Nielsen, 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 5 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and Minister of Aboriginal Relations) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 206/2015

Amendment to Bill 5 (A2) (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 207/2015

Amendment to Bill 5 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 208/2015

Subamendment to Bill 5 (A4-SA1) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks)
— Agreed to

Sessional Paper 209/2015

Amendment to Bill 5 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-North West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 210/2015

Amendment to Bill 5 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays) — Defeated
on division

Sessional Paper 211/2015

Amendment to Bill 5 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 212/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A5) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Strathmore-
Brooks on December 2, 2015) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 194/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A6) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 213/2015

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Pursuant to Government Motion 17, at 5:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion:

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, LLD, 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion 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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 4 An Act to Implement Various Tax Measures and to Enact the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Ceci

Ms Woollard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 4 (A6) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) —
Adjourned

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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 6 Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act — Hon.
Ms Sigurdson

A debate followed.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Bilous moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Bilous, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:03 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 2015, until 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker