

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 28

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, December 3, 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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, on December 2, 2015, that the Bill be amended in Schedule 1 in section 3

- (a) in subsection (2) by striking out "subsection (1)" and substituting "subsections (1) and (3)";
- (b) by adding the following after subsection (2):
  - (3) If in any fiscal year Crown debt exceeds 15% of GDP for Alberta, notwithstanding section 43(1)(a) of the Legislative Assembly Act, no member of the Executive Council shall receive any salary prescribed under that section until Crown debt is reduced to 15% of GDP for Alberta or less.

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

Ellis	McIver	Smith
Fildebrandt	Nixon	Stier
Hanson	Orr	Taylor
MacIntyre	Schneider	-

Against the amendment: 42

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Miranda
Bilous	Hinkley	Nielsen
Ceci	Hoffman	Payne
Connolly	Horne	Piquette
Coolahan	Jansen	Rosendahl
Cortes-Vargas	Kazim	Sabir
Dach	Kleinsteuber	Schmidt
Dang	Larivee	Schreiner
Drever	Loyola	Shepherd
Drysdale	Luff	Sucha
Eggen	Malkinson	Sweet
Feehan	McLean	Turner
Fraser	McPherson	Westhead
Goehring	Miller	Woollard

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed 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

Mr. Westhead, 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 (A6) (introduced the Hon. Member for Strathmore Brooks on December 2, 2015) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 213/2015

Amendment to Bill 4 (A7) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 214/2015

#### Adjournment

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 — 1:30 PM

# ROUTINE

#### **Members' Statements**

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2015, as Human Rights Day, which commemorates the 67th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2015, as Human Rights Day, which commemorates the 67th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2015, as Human Rights Day, which commemorates the 67th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the responsibility of legislators to advance and protect human rights in Alberta.

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.

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2015, as Human Rights Day, which commemorates the 67th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

Mr. Rosendahl, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding family farms and expressing support for Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

## Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Fildebrandt, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2014 Activities, Twenty-ninth Legislature, First Session, November 2015

Sessional Paper 215/2015

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, presented a petition from 50 Albertans urging the Government to immediately withdraw its proposed Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, from the legislative agenda, request its withdrawal from the order paper, and petition the Government to cease all further readings and debate of its content.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

Chief Electoral Officer, 2014 Annual Report on the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the 2014 Calendar Year

Sessional Paper 216/2015

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Minister of Health and Minister of Seniors:

Pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2), Helping Bridge the Gaps: Annual Report of the Alberta Health Advocate 2014-2015

Sessional Paper 217/2015

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate, 2014-2015 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 218/2015

Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Document dated December 3, 2015, entitled "Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act, Summary of public access to compensation disclosure," prepared by Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

Sessional Paper 219/2015

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, and Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on November 18, 2015, Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General, 2015-16 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 220/2015

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

Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Public Fatality Inquiry, dated December 29, 2008, regarding the accidental death of Kevan Chandler on June 18, 2006, relating to comments made by Mr. Westhead during consideration of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, on December 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 221/2015

Mountain View Gazette news article, undated, entitled "Alberta's farm workers seeking legislative equality," relating to comments made by Mr. Westhead during consideration of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, on December 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 222/2015

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Letter, undated, from Isabelle to Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, regarding an apology from Peter, relating to comments made by Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, during consideration of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, on December 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 223/2015

Mr. Schneider, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

7 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to Members of the Legislature Assembly expressing concerns regarding the implications of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, relating to comments made by Mr. Schneider during consideration of Bill 6 on December 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 224/2015

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

4 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concerns regarding the implications of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during consideration of Bill 6 on December 2, 2015

Sessional Paper 225/2015

Hon. Mr. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, 2014 Annual Report, and 2014 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch and Interparliamentary Relations

Sessional Paper 226/2015

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

8 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concerns regarding the implications of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act

Sessional Paper 227/2015

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright:

34 pieces of correspondence expressing concerns regarding the implications of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act

Sessional Paper 228/2015

Mr. MacIntyre, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Letter dated December 2, 2015, from Colleen Butler, Chair, Board of Education, Chinook's Edge School Division, to Hon. Mr. Eggen, Minister of Education and Minister of Culture and Tourism, expressing concerns regarding Bill 8, Public Education Collective Bargaining Act

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# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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(Assembly in Committee)

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

(3.1) The consolidated fiscal plan must clearly state a projected consolidated cash balance for each fiscal year included in the plan.

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: 13

Aheer Barnes Cooper Fildebrandt Gotfried Hanson MacIntyre McIver Nixon

Orr Rodney Schneider Starke Against the amendment: 36

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Goehring	Miller
Babcock	Gray	Nielsen
Bilous	Hinkley	Piquette
Carson	Hoffman	Renaud
Connolly	Horne	Rosendahl
Cortes-Vargas	Kazim	Sabir
Dach	Kleinsteuber	Schmidt
Dang	Littlewood	Schreiner
Drever	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen	Luff	Sucha
Feehan	Mason	Sweet
Ganley	McKitrick	Woollard

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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Mr. Nielsen, 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 (A7) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks on December 3, 2015) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 214/2015

#### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:03 p.m. until Monday, December 7, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Thursday, December 3, 2015

