



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

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Wednesday, March 9, 2016

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

### **Election of Deputy Chair of Committees**

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Ms Sweet, nominated by MLA Cortes-Vargas;

Mr. Panda, nominated by Mr. Cooper.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Acting Clerk (Procedure), Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

## Election Results

The Acting Clerk (Procedure) then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 59; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 30; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Ms Sweet. Ms Sweet is hereby declared Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 29th Legislature.

Ms Sweet thanked the Assembly for electing her Deputy Chair of Committees.

## Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

### **Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund** (9 Members)

Miller (Chair)	Dang	McKitrick
Schreiner (Deputy Chair)	Ellis	Taylor
Cyr	Horne	Turner

### **Standing Committee on Legislative Offices** (11 Members)

Shepherd (Chair)	Horne	Nixon
Malkinson (Deputy Chair)	Jabbour	van Dijken
Cooper	Kleinsteuber	Woollard
Ellis	Littlewood	

### **Standing Committee on Private Bills** (15 Members)

McPherson (Chair)	Drysdale	McKitrick
Connolly (Deputy Chair)	Fraser	Rosendahl
Anderson (Highwood)	Hinkley	Stier
Babcock	Kazim	Strankman
Drever	Kleinsteuber	Sucha

**Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (15 Members)**

Fitzpatrick (Chair)	Ellis	McPherson
Babcock (Deputy Chair)	Goehring	Nielsen
Carson	Hanson	Schneider
Coolahan	Kazim	Starke
Cooper	Loyola	van Dijken

**Standing Committee on Public Accounts (15 Members)**

Fildebrandt (Chair)	Fraser	Malkinson
Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont) (Deputy Chair)	Goehring	Miller
Barnes	Gotfried	Renaud
Cyr	Hunter	Turner
Dach	Luff	Westhead

**Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)**

Wanner (Chair)	Fildebrandt	Nixon
Cortes-Vargas (Deputy Chair)	Jabbour	Piquette
Cooper	Luff	Schreiner
Dang	McIver	

**Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (15 Members)**

Sucha (Chair)	Coolahan	Jansen
Schneider (Deputy Chair)	Dach	Panda
Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Fitzpatrick	Piquette
Carson	Gotfried	Schreiner
Connolly	Hunter	Taylor

**Standing Committee on Families and Communities (15 Members)**

Goehring (Chair)	Jansen	Rodney
Smith (Deputy Chair)	Luff	Shepherd
Drever	McPherson	Swann
Hinkley	Orr	Westhead
Horne	Pitt	Yao

**Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (15 Members)**

Loyola (Chair)	Dang	MacIntyre
Loewen (Deputy Chair)	Drysdale	Malkinson
Aheer	Hanson	Nielsen
Babcock	Kazim	Rosendahl
Clark	Kleinsteuber	Woollard

**Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee (17 Members)**

Littlewood (Chair)	Cyr	Renaud
Miller (Deputy Chair)	Drever	Starke
Anderson (Highwood)	Jansen	Sucha
Clark	Loyola	Swann
Connolly	Nielsen	van Dijken
Cortes-Vargas	Nixon	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:**

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:**

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:**

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on Monday, March 14, 2016, for consideration of Government business.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:**

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2016 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following documents, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-21, s4(5):

2015-16 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 2/2016

2015-16 Third Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement, February 2016  
Sessional Paper 3/2016

Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, also tabled the following:

2016-17 Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government  
Sessional Paper 4/2016

## **Government Motions**

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2016-17 Interim Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2016-17 Interim Supply Estimates for three hours on Thursday, March 10, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2015-16 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Bilous on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2015-16 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for three hours on Monday, March 14, 2016, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mrs. Littlewood and seconded by Mr. Westhead:

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.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE**

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) in order to complete Ministerial Statements.

The Speaker offered a prayer, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Dr. Ian Reid, Member for Edson, 1979 to 1986, and West Yellowhead, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on January 18, 2016, and Hon. Mr. Donald Getty, OC, AOE, Member for Strathcona West, 1967 to 1971, Edmonton-Whitemud, 1971 to 1979 and from 1985 to 1989, and Stettler, 1989 to 1993, who served as Premier of Alberta from 1985 to 1992, and who passed away on February 26, 2016

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Notley, Premier, made a statement recognizing the long and distinguished career of former Premier Hon. Mr. Donald Getty.

Mr. Jean, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, the Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and the Member for Calgary-Elbow to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, then commented on the statement.

### **Apology by Government House Leader**

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, made a statement apologizing for events that took place during the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees earlier today.

### **Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotation**

Honourable Members, before we proceed with Oral Question Period, I would like to outline the rotation that will apply for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements.

As noted in my March 3, 2016, procedural memo to all Members, the Speaker's office received a document from the three House Leaders confirming their agreement to the rotation of oral questions and of Members' Statements. The projected rotations for the Oral Question Period rotation and a Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which outlines the Members' Statements rotation, were attached to the procedural memo.

With respect to Oral Question Period, the new agreement stems from the House Leaders' Agreement agreed to in June 2015 and last used in the Fall Sitting. It continues to follow an eight-day rotation and provides for 20 questions each day. However, question five on days four and eight, which was assigned to the former independent Member, is now allocated to a private Member from the Government caucus. Questions seven through 20 from the rotation used in the fall have been moved up one spot, and question 20 is allocated to the Official Opposition.

The current allocation of questions provides the Official Opposition a total of two more questions over the eight-day, 20-question rotation. The remaining caucuses retain the same number of total questions. I find the rotation of oral questions as proposed in the House Leaders' Agreement to be a fair allocation of questions amongst private Members of this Assembly.

With respect to the two one-Member caucuses, I am not of the view that continuing to have three questions over eight sitting days is unjust or disproportionate. This averages out to 1.5 questions per week. In fact, if one looks at previous Legislatures, the pattern was to have one-Member caucuses treated the same as independent Members with one question every four sitting days.

On the subject of the asking and answering of questions, I would ask respectfully that Members keep their questions and responses concise and that they do not use preambles for supplementary questions after the first four sets of questions on day four and day eight and the first five sets of questions on all other days so that private Members may ask as many questions as possible during the time allocated for Oral Question Period.

With respect to Members' Statements, the House Leaders' Agreement continues to be based on a three-week rotation. According to Standing Order 7(4), each day, up to six private Members may make a statement of no more than two minutes in duration.

The changes incorporated into the new Members' Statements rotation are as follows. The Official Opposition receives one more statement on Thursday for weeks one and two and on Wednesday in week three. Private Members from the Government caucus are entitled to one additional statement on Thursday of week three of the rotation. The number and scheduling of Members' Statements for the Third Party caucus, the Liberal Member, and the Alberta Party Member remain the same as during the First Session of the 29th Legislature.

Thank you, Honourable Members. I will table a copy of the House Leaders' Agreement at the appropriate time in the Daily Routine today.

Hon. Mr. Mason, 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.



## **Members' Statements**

Mr. MacIntyre, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the effects of the Government's energy and fiscal policies, particularly in Hanna.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2016, as International Women's Day.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal policies in comparison to those of the Progressive Conservative party.

Ms Miller, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the Turning Point community outreach organization in Red Deer and the work they do to prevent deaths resulting from drug overdoses.

Mr. Sucha, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Humanities 101 program at St. Mary's University in Calgary, which addresses barriers to education for disadvantaged students.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Premier's lack of support for new pipeline construction and the Wildrose caucus's support for such projects.

## **Privilege – Briefing for the Speech From the Throne**

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15, regarding a technical briefing for journalists from the Alberta Legislature press gallery, who were provided with copies of the Speech From the Throne before copies were provided to Opposition Members.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

House Leaders' Agreement for the Second Session of the 29th Legislature, effective March 9, 2016, regarding Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotation

Sessional Paper 5/2016

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 01/16, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 12)

Sessional Paper 6/2016

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 02/16, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 31)

Sessional Paper 7/2016

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 03/16, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 13)

Sessional Paper 8/2016

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 04/16, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 32)

Sessional Paper 9/2016

Pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s44(1):  
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Failure to Eliminate a Campaign Deficit for the 2015 Provincial General Election

Sessional Paper 10/2016

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The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Bilous, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Nixon.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement and rule on Monday, March 14, 2016.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Luff speaking.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

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Hon. Robert E. Wanner,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 9, 2016