



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, April 18, 2016

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

Speaker's Statement – Alberta Legislature Press Gallery

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Legislature Press Gallery.

Members' Statements

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding AdaptAbilities, a non-profit organization that offers one-of-a-kind programs and services for people with disabilities, which recently received a \$65,000 Community Facility Enhancement Program grant.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the effect the Government's proposed carbon levy will have on Albertans, especially those who are already facing financial hardship.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the role of the Opposition and the Progressive Conservative caucus's common-sense solutions to the issues facing Albertans.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Austin Post, an 11-year-old heart transplant recipient, recognizing April 18 to 25, 2016, as National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week, and urging people to register to be organ and tissue donors.

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Northern Hills, made a statement regarding the history of the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, 1,300 hectares of parkland, river, and forest along the Bow River that was donated to the Alberta Government by the Harvie family in 2008.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding Horizon School in the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency, a leader in educating special-needs students, and the hope that the province will work with stakeholders to provide inclusive opportunities for these students once they graduate.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled “Where Will Alberta’s Carbon Tax Revenues Go? (Using 2018/19 Fiscal Year)”

Sessional Paper 95/2016

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Report, undated, entitled “2016-2017 Alternative Budget, A Better Way,” prepared by the Alberta Party Caucus

Sessional Paper 96/2016

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks:

Schedule of upcoming hockey games between the Brooks Bandits and the Spruce Grove Saints

Sessional Paper 97/2016

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert:

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Sessional Paper 97/2016

Hon. Ms Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office:

Letter dated April 14, 2016, from Vanessa Foran, President and CEO, Asthma Society of Canada, to Hon. Ms Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office, expressing support for the phase-out of coal-fired electricity generation and advising Hon. Ms Phillips that she has been chosen to receive a Leadership in Public Policy award

Sessional Paper 98/2016

Hon. Ms Gray, Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal:

Document, undated, entitled “WCB-Alberta Agriculture Sector Information Package for the 14 Weeks Ending April 9, 2016”

Sessional Paper 99/2016

Ms McKittrick, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

News release dated April 18, 2016, applauding the Government’s decision to increase training and employment transition opportunities in the energy sector, prepared by Iron and Earth

Sessional Paper 100/2016

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 204 Alberta Tourism Week Act — Mr. Dang

Hon. Mr. Carlier, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. McIver:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to affirm its commitment to allowing parents the choice of educational delivery for their children, including home, charter, private, francophone, separate, or public education programs.

A debate followed.

Ms Luff, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- a) by striking out “affirm” and substituting “support public education, including francophone and separate schools, while affirming”;
- b) by adding “and” after “charter,”;
- c) by striking out “francophone, separate, or public”;
- d) by adding “in such instances where they offer alternatives not available in the public system” after “programs”.

Dr. Starke, Third Party House Leader, raised a point of order concerning the admissibility of the amendment proposed by Ms Luff, Hon. Member for Calgary-East.

Hon. Mr. Carlier, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rodney, and Mr. McIver, commented on the point of order.

The Speaker ruled on the point of order. Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, objected to the ruling. The Speaker invited Mr. McIver to take his seat. Mr. McIver advised the Speaker that he would not. The Speaker requested that Mr. McIver withdraw from the Assembly. Mr. McIver was then escorted out of the Chamber by the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Cooper speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker