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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker's Statement – Admissibility of Amendment

Honourable Members, I would like to address the situation that arose in the Assembly yesterday afternoon during the debate on Motion 504. While I consider that this matter is concluded, I do think it is important to clarify the events that transpired for the information of all.

During the debate on Motion 504 a confidential document containing advice from the Table Officers for the Speaker was inadvertently delivered to the Leader of the Third Party. For those Members who may not be aware, Table Officers anticipate issues that may be arising in the Assembly, and they routinely advise the Speaker on those matters. Yesterday was no different except that the advice went mistakenly to the Leader of the Third Party. For clarity, the draft ruling that the Leader received addressed the admissibility of an amendment to Motion 504. I want to assure Members that I had not seen the amendment before it was introduced in the Assembly.

With respect to decisions, let me be clear that I did listen and will always listen to the arguments very carefully and any decisions on rulings in this Assembly are mine and mine alone.

Finally, my ruling on the admissibility of the amendment stands and debate on Motion 504 and the proposed amendment will continue on May 2, 2016.

As Members are aware, there are a lot of notes and documents that are delivered by Pages in this Assembly. Sometimes Members receive documents not intended for them. I hope this assists the Assembly in getting clarity on the events that took place and that we might together move forward in a more constructive content and desire, which we all share.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 An Act to Modernize Enforcement of Provincial Offences — Hon.
Ms Ganley

A debate followed.

Dr. Turner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 7 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2016 — Hon.
Ms Ganley

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Bilous, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 — 1:30 PM

ROUTINE

Statement by Member

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, made a statement regarding his actions in the Assembly on April 18, 2016, concerning a proposed amendment to his Motion Other Than a Government Motion 504.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms McLean, Minister of Service Alberta and Minister of Status of Women, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the passing of the Equal Suffrage Statutory Law Amendment Act, which granted women the right to vote in provincial elections.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie, commented on the statement.

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

Ms Jansen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Woollard, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in Alberta.

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the proposed amendment to Motion Other Than a Government Motion 504 and Speakers' rulings on the admissibility of amendments to private Members' motions.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding procedures for private Members' business.

Hon. Mr. Carlier, 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.

Ms McPherson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding new opportunities available to investors as a result of the Alberta Investor Tax Credit announced by Hon. Mr. Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, on April 18, 2016

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding a collection of stories written by English-as-a-second-language students from Dickinsfield Amity House entitled "... and War Shall Be No More."

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the rights of parents to choose the best educational option for their children and the proposed amendment to Motion Other Than a Government Motion 504.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

Copy of several Twitter postings from Nic Rivers regarding his study on a national carbon tax

Sessional Paper 101/2016

Report dated November 2014 entitled “Canada 2020, The Case for a Carbon Tax in Canada,” prepared by Nicholas Rivers

Sessional Paper 102/2016

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

List of 15 amended Motions Other Than Government Motions, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Bilous, Deputy Government House Leader, during a request for clarification from the Speaker on April 19, 2016

Sessional Paper 103/2016

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

News release dated April 15, 2016, entitled “Alberta Jobs Plan Spells Pain for Job Creators and Passes the Buck Down the Line,” prepared by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce, relating to comments made by Mr. McIver in the Assembly on April 19, 2016

Sessional Paper 104/2016

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Erratum for page 124 of the Budget 2016 Fiscal Plan tabled on April 14, 2016

Sessional Paper 105/2016

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Ceci:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Mr. Westhead moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2016 — Mr. Sucha on behalf of Hon.
Ms McLean

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Carlier moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 10 Fiscal Statutes Amendment Act, 2016 — Hon. Mr. Ceci

A debate followed.

Mr. Hanson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 7 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2016 — Hon.
Ms Ganley

Bill 8 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2016 — Hon. Ms McLean

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Carlier, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker