



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 2 An Act to Remove Barriers for Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence
— Hon. Ms Ganley
- Bill 3 Voluntary Blood Donations Act —Hon. Ms Hoffman

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Carlier, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:27 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the second Working in Your Community Employment Information Fair, which she organized for the Edmonton-Manning constituency and northwest Edmonton jobseekers looking for a first job or to transfer into a new career.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding a policy known as the Sixties Scoop, in which an estimated 20,000 First Nations, Metis, and Inuit children were removed from their families against their will, and asking the Alberta Government to apologize for its role in the policy.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the deterioration of civility in political debate and the disservice done to Albertans when Members of the Legislative Assembly stop listening to each other and use over-the-top rhetoric.

Mr. Rosendahl, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding a lack of information technology infrastructure in rural areas and the resulting disadvantages, and voicing his support for the Government reviewing its vision for SuperNet and rural broadband Internet access.

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Northern Hills, made a statement regarding the opening of Buffalo Rubbing Stone School in the Calgary-Northern Hills constituency on February 9, 2017

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the contributions of immigrants to rural Alberta and the employers, churches, and individuals that help immigrants and refugees settle in rural Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

CBC News website article dated December 22, 2016, entitled "Canadian Blood Services says paid plasma clinics are harming voluntary donations," relating to comments made by Mr. Westhead during Second Reading debate on Bill 3, Voluntary Blood Donations Act, on March 16, 2017

Sessional Paper 75/2017

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

Report dated April 10, 2013, entitled “Round Table Discussion on Payment of Plasma Donors in Canada – Summary Report,” prepared by Intersol and Health Canada, relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during Second Reading debate on Bill 3, Voluntary Blood Donations Act, on March 16, 2017

Sessional Paper 76/2017

Report dated August 2013 entitled “The Cruelty Connection: The Relationships between Animal Cruelty, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence,” prepared by Alberta SPCA, relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during Second Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Remove Barriers for Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence on March 16, 2017

Sessional Paper 77/2017

MLA McPherson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill:

The Globe and Mail website article dated February 3, 2017, entitled “Unfounded: Why Police Dismiss 1 in 5 Sexual Assault Claims as Baseless,” relating to comments made by MLA McPherson during Second Reading debate on Bill 2, An Act to Remove Barriers for Survivors of Sexual Domestic Violence on March 15, 2017

Sessional Paper 78/2017

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(3):

Spring 2017 Budget Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 79/2017

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Page 61 of the Service Alberta 2015-2016 Annual Report, relating to comments made by Mr. Cyr during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2017

Sessional Paper 80/2017

Page 10 of the Service Alberta 2015-2016 Annual Report, relating to comments made by Mr. Cyr during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2017

Sessional Paper 81/2017

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, Mr. Hinkley, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, and Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on May 2, 2016, Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General, 2016-17 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 82/2017

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:06 p.m. until 3:18 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

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

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

Hon. Min. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2017-18 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 83/2017

2017-18 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 84/2017

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s1(2), s5(4):
Budget 2017, 2017-20 Government of Alberta Strategic Plan
Sessional Paper 85/2017

Budget 2017, Ministry Business Plans
Sessional Paper 86/2017

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 13, Hon. Min. Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s1(2), s4(4):

Budget 2017, Fiscal Plan
Sessional Paper 87/2017

13. Moved by Hon. Min. Ceci:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:01 p.m. until Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker