



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 39

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

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Thursday, May 25, 2017

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 An Act to Cap Regulated Electricity Rates (\$) — Hon. Ms McCuaig-Boyd

## **Government Motions**

**20.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Carlier on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing May 29, 2017, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the Third Session of the 29th Legislature 2017 Spring Sitting unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**21.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Carlier on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Third Session of the 29th Legislature 2017 Spring Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond the first Thursday in June until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 An Act to Cap Regulated Electricity Rates (\$) — Hon. Ms McCuaig-Boyd

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Carlier, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

## **ROUTINE**

### **Members' Statements**

MLA McPherson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing the 25th of each month as Orange Day, part of the United Nations Unite to End Violence Against Women campaign, and regarding how the Government has supported equality for women and girls.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding Servants Anonymous Society of Calgary, a non-profit organization that helps women and girls escape sexual exploitation and rebuild their lives, which has both social and economic benefits.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the opioid crisis in Alberta and how the Government's approach is not working.

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding her experience as a member of a diverse caucus, and the value of diversity in developing Government policy and legislation.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the meaning and traditions of the sacred month of Ramadan.

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the Government's failure to change the policy of minimum tax in some Alberta municipalities, which is widening the gap between the rich and poor.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Shepherd, Chair, Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee, presented the following:

Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee,  
Report of the Committee, 29th Legislature, Third Session, May 2017  
Sessional Paper 304/2017

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Shepherd, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Better Healthcare for Albertans, A Report by The Office of the Auditor General  
of Alberta, May 2017

Sessional Paper 305/2017

MLA Connolly, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood:

Calgary Herald article dated February 15, 2005, entitled “Gays can marry – but not each other: Calgary MP”

Sessional Paper 306/2017

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Minister of Community and Social Services:

Pursuant to the Premier’s Council on Alberta’s Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2), Alberta’s Promise, 2015-2016 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 307/2017

Pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, 2014-2015 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 308/2017

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, 2015-2016 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 309/2017

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Calgary Herald website article dated May 25, 2017, entitled “Nelson: Politicians may run, but they can’t hide from voters”

Sessional Paper 310/2017

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 22, 2017, entitled “New studies find Alberta Métis face heightened burden of disease, injuries,” relating to comments made by Dr. Swann during Oral Question Period on May 25, 2017

Sessional Paper 311/2017

Email message dated May 20, 2017, from Harry Chase, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-Varsity, 2004 to 2012, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concerns regarding clear-cutting in Alberta

Sessional Paper 312/2017

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

Toronto Sun website article dated May 7, 2017, entitled “The next NDP leader needs Western support – here’s how to earn it,” relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during his Member’s Statement on May 25, 2017

Sessional Paper 313/2017

Report dated April 7, 2017, entitled “Progress Summit 2017: Progress in the Age of Trump, Polling Presentation for the Broadbent Institute,” prepared by Stratcom Strategic Communications, relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during his Member’s Statement on May 25, 2017

Sessional Paper 314/2017

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

Prairie Manifesto Project document obtained from the Provincial Archives of Alberta, entitled “Provincial Program of the Alberta New Democratic Party by the Provincial Leadership Convention, January 26, 27, 1963, MacDonald Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta”

Sessional Paper 315/2017

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

2016-17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta, Interim Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 316/2017

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, and Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on April 12, 2017, Ministry of Infrastructure, 2017-18 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 317/2017

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 17 Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act — Hon. Ms Gray

A debate followed.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, May 29, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Robert E. Wanner,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 25, 2017