



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, March 12, 2018

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

The Speaker offered a prayer, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Garth Alphonse Turcott, Member for Pincher Creek-Crowsnest, 1966 to 1967, who passed away on January 11, 2018.

Speaker's Statements

Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement and read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2018.

Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Hon. Ms Notley, Premier, and Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 3, 2008. Both Members were presented with a 10-year Mace pin.

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) in order to complete Introduction of Guests.

Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, I would like to make some remarks on the rotation of oral questions and Members' Statements before the Assembly proceeds to Oral Question Period.

As noted in the procedural memorandum dated February 22, 2018, sent to all Members, I encouraged House Leaders to come up with an agreement on these rotations. At 12:09 p.m. on March 8, 2018, my office received a House Leaders' Agreement outlining new Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations to reflect caucus changes since the Fall Sitting. At the appropriate time I will be tabling the House Leaders' Agreement. I have reviewed and accepted the Agreement. Accordingly, on March 9, my office sent to all Members a chart showing the Oral Question Period rotation, and a Projected Sitting Days Calendar to reflect the allotment of Members' Statements, among other things.

Concerning the details of the Oral Question Period rotation, the Third Party Opposition will continue to receive question four. It is also allocated question 11 on days three and seven, in addition to on days one and five, for a total of 12 questions over the eight-day rotation.

There have been changes at question six. The Member for Strathmore-Brooks is now allotted question six on days four and eight, and the Official Opposition receives question six on days three and seven. There is a change at question 10 as well. The Government caucus is allocated question 10 on each day except for day five, when the Official Opposition is entitled to ask that question. Lastly in terms of changes to the rotation, the Official Opposition is allocated question 12 on each day.

In terms of the total number of questions over the eight-day rotation, the number of questions remains the same for each of the caucuses and the independent Member except the Third Party Opposition, which, as mentioned, receives two more questions.

A few changes have been made to the allocation of Members' Statements.

The Third Party Opposition is now allocated a Member's Statement each Thursday. Furthermore, each of the single-Member caucuses and the Member for Strathmore-Brooks retains one statement over the three-week rotation. That statement is allocated on a Thursday.

The change is that the Liberal caucus receives its statement on week one, the Progressive Conservative caucus on week two, and the Member for Strathmore-Brooks on week three.

I will implement these new rotations starting today, the first regular day of the Fourth Session of the 29th Legislature. Today is day one in the Oral Question Period rotation.

Members' Statements

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2018, as International Women's Day, with this year's theme being Press for Progress, and regarding Government action concerning injustices experienced by women.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement paying tribute to Mr. Brian Jean, former Member for Fort McMurray-Conklin and former Leader of the Official Opposition, who resigned his seat in the Legislative Assembly on March 5, 2018.

Mr. Rosendahl, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Challenge in the Rockies, to be held in Hinton and Jasper from March 29 to April 1, 2018.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding how in the past year women have become engaged concerning sexual assault and harassment, running for public office, and holding key corporate positions.

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.

Mrs. Littlewood, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding her recent visit, along with Fire Chief Dave Oleksyn of the Beaver Emergency Services Commission, to join a firefighter training session in Tofield, and regarding the need for specific compensation benefits for first responders.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding his recent heart surgery, urging awareness of the symptoms of an oncoming heart attack, and thanking the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Mazankowski Heart Institute and the Wainwright Health Centre.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View presented a petition from 3,244 Albertans urging the Government to reassess, update, and complete written protocols for all species on which restrictions on rehabilitation or fostering are placed under the standard terms and conditions (Schedule "A") to wildlife rehabilitation permits, so that orphaned and injured animals may be assisted, and allow for the rehabilitation and release back into the wild.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

List of approximately 14,000 names from an online petition sponsored by Change.org regarding medical assistance for an injured wild black bear

Sessional Paper 2/2018

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

Memorandum dated March 9, 2018, from Hon. Mr. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the Projected Sitting Days Calendar and Oral Question Period rotation, with attached Oral Question Period rotation chart effective March 12, 2018, the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, and the signed House Leaders' Agreement dated March 7, 2018

Sessional Paper 3/2018

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

Document, undated, entitled "Regional Crime Survey Results"

Sessional Paper 4/2018

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock:

Report dated October 2006, entitled "Project Administration Manual, Transportation and Civil Engineering," prepared by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

Sessional Paper 5/2018

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Document dated February 2, 2016, entitled "Resource Management and Environmental Stewardship, Integrated Research Strategy Final Report"

Sessional Paper 6/2018

Mr. Panda, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

Report dated January 12, 2018, entitled "The Tar Sands Campaign Against the Overseas Export of Canadian Oil: Activism or Economic Sabotage?" prepared by Vivian Krause

Sessional Paper 7/2018

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to consideration of Government Motion 2.

Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Ms Notley:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support the Government of Alberta's fight on behalf of Albertans' interests to ensure the lawfully approved Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion is built;

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call for the federal government to continue to take all necessary legal steps in support of the pipeline's construction;

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly reaffirm its support for the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion as a key component of Alberta's energy future.

A debate followed.

Mr. Nixon, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) in the first recital by striking out "the Government of Alberta's fight on behalf of Albertans' interests" and substituting "the efforts by the Government of Alberta to fight on behalf of Albertans' interests";
- (b) in the second recital
 - (i) by striking out "continue to";
 - (ii) by adding ", including putting before Parliament a declaration that the pipeline is in the national interests pursuant to section 92(10)(c) of the Constitution Act, 1867" after "construction".

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 12, 2018