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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding a recent example of theft in Lac La Biche and the actions of small business owners to replace stolen hockey equipment.

Mr. Coolahan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2018, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the entrepreneurial and hard-working spirit of Albertans and the challenges they face resulting from Government debt, overtaxation, and regulatory burden.

Mrs. Schreiner, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the announcement on March 1, 2018, that Red Deer College will have an opportunity to grant university degrees and regarding the benefits this will have for central Alberta.

Mr. Nixon, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the crime epidemic in rural Alberta and how Government actions and statements on crime fail to acknowledge the underlying problems with law enforcement and the justice system.

Mr. Sucha, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the views of several Official Opposition Members concerning climate change.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Cyr, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following reports:

2016 Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Ninth Legislature, Fourth Session, March 2018

Sessional Paper 27/2018

2017 Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Ninth Legislature, Fourth Session, March 2018

Sessional Paper 28/2018

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report, undated, entitled “Shadow Budget 2018,” prepared by the Alberta Party Caucus

Sessional Paper 29/2018

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

Report, undated, entitled “Alternative Budget 2018-2019,” prepared by Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks

Sessional Paper 30/2018

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon:

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 22, 2016, entitled “Alberta schools won’t be hurt financially by carbon levy, says education minister,” relating to comments made by Mr. Smith in the Assembly on March 20, 2018

Sessional Paper 31/2018

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

8 pieces of recent correspondence from Albertans to Hon. Ms Notley, Premier, Hon. Ms Hoffman, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health, and Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, regarding proposed changes to the pharmacy funding framework

Sessional Paper 32/2018

Privilege – Statements by the Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office

The Speaker invited Members to speak to the purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 raised by Mr. Nixon, Official Opposition House Leader, on March 20, 2018, regarding misleading statements made on March 19, 2018, during Oral Question Period by the Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Mason and Mr. McIver and advised that he would defer his ruling to tomorrow morning.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Growth and Diversification Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Bilous

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2018 (\$) — Hon. Min. Ceci

Bill 4 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2018 (\$) — Hon. Min. Ceci

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Energy Diversification Act — Hon. Ms McCuaig-Boyd

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie, on March 20, 2018, that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 1, Energy Diversification Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 5)

Moved by Ms Sweet and seconded by Mr. Malkinson:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m. until Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker