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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, April 19, 2018

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

Members' Statements

Ms Babcock, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding The Equal Suffrage Statutory Law Amendment Act, unanimously agreed to in the Assembly on April 19, 1916, and barriers to equality that women still face.

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the short-sightedness of the Government's strategy for getting the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion built.

Mr. Piquette, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, made a statement regarding progress on the Sturgeon Refinery project.

Ms Fitzpatrick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2018, as the National Day of Mourning, to remember workers who were killed, injured, or disabled on the job.

Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding a request from constituent Kira Palmer to meet with Hon. Ms Hoffman, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health, concerning her son Evan, who suffers from a rare physical disorder.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, presented a petition from 235 Albertans urging the Government to reinvest at least 50 per cent of any savings anticipated from generic drug cost reductions resulting from the 5-year agreement recently negotiated between the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance and the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association effective April 1, 2018, into frontline pharmacy services and programs to ensure the delivery of better healthcare for Albertans and the sustainability and job security of the thousands of Albertans employed in pharmacies and drugstores across our province, including Alberta pharmacists who have a demonstrably positive impact on the healthcare outcomes of Albertans and do save the healthcare system money.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 13 An Act to Secure Alberta's Electricity Future (\$) — Hon. Ms McCuaig-Boyd

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated April 2018, entitled "Putting Alberta's Financial Future in Focus, A Commentary by the Auditor General," prepared by the Auditor General of Alberta

Sessional Paper 104/2018

Mr. W. Anderson, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Excerpt from a document entitled "RFP: AHS-2016-2199, Aviation Services (Aircraft and Flight Crew) CanWest Aviation Response," relating to comments made by Mr. W. Anderson during Oral Question Period

Sessional Paper 105/2018

Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

CBC News website article dated April 14, 2018, entitled " 'Catastrophic' overland flooding shuts down southern Alberta highway, threatens Taber homes"

Sessional Paper 106/2018

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

Letter, undated, from Irene Mines of Grande Cache, to whom it may concern, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Autumn Lodge in Berwyn

Sessional Paper 107/2018

Newspaper article, undated, entitled "Flag at Autumn Lodge lowered to half-mast"

Sessional Paper 108/2018

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Sucha, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2018-19 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education, Agriculture and Forestry, Culture and Tourism, Economic Development and Trade, Executive Council, Infrastructure, and Labour.

Ms Goehring, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2018-19 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children's Services, Community and Social Services, Education, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Seniors and Housing, Service Alberta, and Status of Women.

MLA Loyola, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2018-19 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Parks, Indigenous Relations, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(b), and in accordance with notice provided by Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on April 18, 2018, the question was put to grant the sum of \$2,810,299,000 (Expense), \$298,366,000 (Capital Investment), and \$669,500,000 (Financial Transactions) to the Ministry of Advanced Education, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 40

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Piquette
Babcock	Hinkley	Renaud
Carlier	Hoffman	Rosendahl
Carson	Horne	Sabir
Ceci	Loyola	Schmidt
Clark	Luff	Schreiner
Cortes-Vargas	Malkinson	Shepherd
Dach	Mason	Sigurdson
Dang	McCuaig-Boyd	Sucha
Drever	McKitrick	Sweet
Eggen	McLean	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Nielsen	Westhead
Fraser	Payne	Woollard
Goehring	-	
Against the motion: 19		
Aheer	Hunter	Pitt

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Anderson (Highwood)	Kenney
Barnes	Loewen
Ellis	McIver
Fildebrandt	Nixon
Gill	Orr
Hanson	

Pitt Schneider Smith Strankman van Dijken Yao

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(b), and in accordance with notice provided by Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on April 18, 2018, the question was put to grant the sum of \$1,348,552,000 (Expense) to the Ministry of Children's Services, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Piquette
Babcock	Hinkley	Renaud
Carlier	Hoffman	Rosendahl
Carson	Horne	Sabir
Ceci	Loyola	Schmidt
Clark	Luff	Schreiner
Cortes-Vargas	Malkinson	Shepherd
Dach	Mason	Sigurdson
Dang	McCuaig-Boyd	Sucha
Drever	McKitrick	Sweet
Eggen	McLean	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Nielsen	Westhead
Fraser	Payne	Woollard
Goehring	Phillips	
Against the motion: 19		
Aheer	Hunter	Pitt
Anderson (Highwood)	Kenney	Schneider
Barnes	Loewen	Smith
Ellis	McIver	Strankman
Fildebrandt	Nixon	van Dijken
Gill	Orr	Yao
Hanson		

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(b), and in accordance with notice provided by Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on April 18, 2018, the question was put to grant the sum of \$4,822,460,000 (Expense), \$116,345,000 (Capital Investment), and \$15,034,000 (Financial Transactions) to the Ministry of Education, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Goehring	Phillips
Babcock	Gray	Piquette
Carlier	Hinkley	Renaud
Carson	Hoffman	Rosendahl
Ceci	Horne	Sabir
Clark	Loyola	Schmidt
Cortes-Vargas	Luff	Schreiner
Dach	Malkinson	Shepherd
Dang	Mason	Sigurdson
Drever	McCuaig-Boyd	Sucha
Eggen	McKitrick	Sweet
Feehan	McLean	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Nielsen	Westhead
Fraser	Payne	Woollard

Against the motion: 18

Aheer	Hanson	Pitt
Anderson (Highwood)	Hunter	Schneider
Barnes	Kenney	Smith
Ellis	Loewen	Strankman
Fildebrandt	McIver	van Dijken
Gill	Nixon	Yao

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(b), and in accordance with notice provided by Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on April 18, 2018, the question was put to grant the sum of \$20,696,101,000 (Expense), \$191,447,000 (Capital Investment), and \$74,200,000 (Financial Transactions) to the Ministry of Health, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Clark

Ellis Fildebrandt

Gill

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Piquette
Babcock	Hinkley	Renaud
Carlier	Hoffman	Rosendahl
Carson	Horne	Sabir
Ceci	Loyola	Schmidt
Cortes-Vargas	Luff	Schreiner
Dach	Malkinson	Shepherd
Dang	Mason	Sigurdson
Drever	McCuaig-Boyd	Sucha
Eggen	McKitrick	Sweet
Feehan	McLean	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Nielsen	Westhead
Fraser	Payne	Woollard
Goehring	Phillips	
Against the motion: 20		
Aheer	Hanson	Pitt
Anderson (Highwood)	Hunter	Schneider
Barnes	Kenney	Smith

Loewen

McIver

Nixon

Orr

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(b), and in accordance with notice provided by Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on April 18, 2018, the question was put to grant the sum of \$1,391,988,000 (Expense) and \$9,932,000 (Capital Investment) to the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Strankman

van Dijken

Yao

For the motion: 42

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Goehring	Phillips
Babcock	Gray	Piquette
Carlier	Hinkley	Renaud
Carson	Hoffman	Rosendahl
Ceci	Horne	Sabir
Clark	Loyola	Schmidt
Cortes-Vargas	Luff	Schreiner
Dach	Malkinson	Shepherd
Dang	Mason	Sigurdson
Drever	McCuaig-Boyd	Sucha
Eggen	McKitrick	Sweet
Feehan	McLean	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Nielsen	Westhead
Fraser Against the motion: 16 Anderson (Highwood)	Payne Kenney	Woollard
Barnes	Loewen	Smith
Ellis	McIver	Strankman
Fildebrandt	Nixon	van Dijken
Gill Hanson	Orr	Yao

The question being put on the remaining resolutions for the 2018-19 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 40

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hinkley	Piquette
Babcock	Hoffman	Renaud
Carlier	Horne	Rosendahl
Carson	Loyola	Sabir
Ceci	Luff	Schmidt
Cortes-Vargas	Malkinson	Schreiner
Dach	Mason	Shepherd
Dang	McCuaig-Boyd	Sigurdson
Drever	McKitrick	Sucha
Eggen	McLean	Sweet
Feehan	Nielsen	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Payne	Westhead
Goehring	Phillips	Woollard
Gray	-	

Against the motion: 18

Anderson (Highwood)	Gill	Orr
Barnes	Hanson	Schneider
Clark	Kenney	Smith
Ellis	Loewen	Strankman
Fildebrandt	McIver	van Dijken
Fraser	Nixon	Yao

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Dang reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2018-19 Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the 2018-19 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$67,639,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$27,834,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$4,291,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$38,949,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$970,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$6,916,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$15,425,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$1,149,000
Office of the Election Commissioner	\$1,321,000
Advanced Education	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$2,810,299,000 \$298,366,000 \$669,500,000
Agriculture and Forestry	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$773,547,000 \$14,705,000 \$1,310,000

Children's Services	
Expense	\$1,348,552,000
Community and Social Services	
Expense Capital Investment	\$3,713,582,000 \$547,000
Culture and Tourism	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$360,713,000 \$2,041,000 \$909,000
Economic Development and Trade	
Expense Capital Investment	\$356,009,000 \$2,615,000
Education	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$4,822,460,000 \$116,345,000 \$15,034,000
Energy	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$262,029,000 \$899,000 \$67,063,000
Environment and Parks	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$751,430,000 \$63,394,000 \$100,000
Executive Council	
Expense	\$18,642,000
Health	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$20,696,101,000 \$191,447,000 \$74,200,000

Indigenous Relations	
Expense	\$243,478,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Infrastructure	
Expense	\$547,902,000
Capital Investment	\$1,494,970,000
Financial Transactions	\$40,496,000
Justice and Solicitor General	
Expense	\$1,391,988,000
Capital Investment	\$9,932,000
Labour	
Expense	\$230,030,000
Capital Investment	\$1,900,000
Municipal Affairs	
Expense	\$1,116,499,000
Capital Investment	\$5,911,000
Financial Transactions	\$148,595,000
Seniors and Housing	
Expense	\$554,698,000
Capital Investment	\$182,947,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,700,000
Service Alberta	
Expense	\$468,697,000
Capital Investment	\$101,132,000
Financial Transactions	\$10,150,000
Status of Women	
Expense	\$6,830,000
Capital Investment	\$50,000
Transportation	
Expense	\$1,210,896,000
Capital Investment	\$1,099,105,000
Financial Transactions	\$97,957,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense	\$201,953,000
Capital Investment	\$2,273,000
Financial Transactions	\$3,617,000
Transfer from the Lottery Fund	\$1,439,443,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given, on the motion that the following Bill be now read a First time:

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2018 (\$) — Hon. Min. Ceci

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Gill

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Goehring	Payne
Babcock	Gray	Piquette
Carlier	Hinkley	Renaud
Carson	Hoffman	Rosendahl
Ceci	Horne	Sabir
Cortes-Vargas	Loyola	Schmidt
Dach	Luff	Schreiner
Dang	Malkinson	Sigurdson
Drever	McCuaig-Boyd	Sucha
Eggen	McKitrick	Turner
Feehan	McLean	Westhead
Fitzpatrick	Nielsen	Woollard
Against the motion: 15		
Anderson (Highwood)	Hanson	Schneider
Barnes	Kenney	Smith
Clark	Loewen	Strankman
Fildebrandt	McIver	van Dijken

Nixon

Yao

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given April 18, 2018, moved by Hon. Mr. Carlier on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), commencing May 1, 2018, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the Fourth Session of the 29th Legislature 2018 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.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Horne replace MLA Connolly, Ms Luff replace Mrs. Schreiner, and MLA McPherson replace Mr. Clark;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Ms Woollard replace Mr. Horne, MLA Connolly replace Ms Luff, and Mr. Fraser replace MLA McPherson;
- C. on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mrs. Schreiner replace Ms Woollard, Mr. Westhead replace Mr. Kleinsteuber, Mr. Fildebrandt replace MLA McPherson, Mr. Clark replace Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Panda be appointed to the vacant position;
- D. on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Ms Luff replace Ms McKitrick and MLA McPherson replace Mr. Clark;
- E. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Ms McKitrick replace MLA Drever and Mr. Sucha replace Mr. Kleinsteuber;
- F. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that MLA Drever replace Ms Luff, Mr. Westhead replace Ms Jabbour, and Ms Babcock replace Mrs. Schreiner;
- G. on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Clark replace Mr. Fildebrandt.

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- A. Part A is amended by striking out "MLA Connolly, Ms Luff replace";
- B. Part B is amended by striking out "MLA Connolly replace Ms Luff,";
- C. Part C is amended by striking out "Mr. Westhead replace Mr. Kleinsteuber,";
- D. Part E is amended by striking out "and Mr. Sucha replace Mr. Kleinsteuber";
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E. The following is added after Part F:

F.1 on the Subcommittee established by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services on October 25, 2016, that Ms Babcock replace Ms Luff, MLA Cortes-Vargas replace Ms Jabbour, and MLA Cortes-Vargas replace Ms Jabbour as Chair of the Subcommittee, subject to any subsequent changes in membership made by motion of the Committee;

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the motion be amended in Part G by striking out "Mr. Fildebrandt" and substituting "Mr. Carson".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements — Hon. Mr. S. Anderson

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

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

Bill 11 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2018 — Hon. Ms Gray

Hon. Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), the Assembly adjourned at 4:25 p.m. until Monday, April 30, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 19, 2018