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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 3(1) to allow the Assembly to immediately recess and reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Bill 2, Growth and Diversification Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government should pursue other measures to reduce the cost of doing business in the province, including the introduction of legislation to eliminate the carbon levy, which, if implemented, would make the measures proposed in the Bill unnecessary.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 — 1:30 PM

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

While awaiting the arrival of Her Excellency, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

Preceded by the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, CC, CMM, COM, CQ, CD, Governor General of Canada, the Aide-de-Camp to Her Excellency, and the Premier entered the Chamber. Her Excellency took her place upon the Throne.

The Speaker invited Mr. R.J. Chambers to lead Members and guests in the singing of the National Anthem, O Canada.

Speaker's Statement

On behalf of all Members and Albertans I am honoured to welcome you, Your Excellency, to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Your Excellency is an outstanding Canadian, whose exceptional achievements range across a number of fields. You worked as an astronaut, you flew two missions in space, and you served for many years as a Capsule Communicator for NASA. You are a scientist and an engineer of considerable repute and have been active in the educational, sports, and cultural matters of our nation.

Your Excellency, you are a role model for young Canadians and most especially for young Canadian women. Do not underestimate your influence and your voice, that needs to be heard. You reinforce our confidence and hope in the future of our province and of this great nation we call Canada. We are proud of your appointment as Canada's 29th Governor General.

It is truly a momentous occasion to have the Governor General here with us in our Chamber. It is only the third time in the history of our province that a Governor General has addressed the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Representing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Your Excellency's presence here today strengthens the connection between the Crown and our Assembly. The Governor General continues to play an essential role in our constitutional democracy. Official visits such as this help to bring us together as Canadians, a bond that is not hampered by boundaries but which celebrates our diversity and our strengths from sea to sea.

With great respect for you, your accomplishments, and the esteemed position you hold, I wish to extend to Your Excellency the best wishes from all Members of this Assembly as you make your way through our great province and as you travel through our beloved country.

I am pleased to invite the Premier to make her remarks to Your Excellency and to all Albertans. Thank you.

Premier's Statement

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Your Excellency, colleagues, distinguished visitors, ladies, and gentlemen, what a great pleasure it is for me today to welcome Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, to this assembly.

While she is still relatively new to the Vice-Regal role, having been installed as our 29th Governor General only last October, Mme Payette is very well known to Canadians. We know her best, as the Speaker already mentioned, of course, as one of Canada's most accomplished astronauts. She flew two space shuttle missions and was the first Canadian to board the International Space Station. She served for many years as Capsule Communicator at NASA's Mission Control Centre in Houston. And from 2000 to 2007 she was Chief Astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency.

Her down-to-earth accomplishments, to name only a few of them, are no less impressive. She was a scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, D.C. She served as Chief Operating Officer of the Montréal Science Centre. A long-time member of the board of Own the Podium, she was recently appointed to the International Olympic Committee's Women in Sport Commission. She is also a gifted musician and singer and has sung with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal and Toronto's Tafelmusik Chamber Choir.

Mr. Speaker, Her Excellency's experience as an astronaut has given her the rare privilege of looking upon our wonderful nation in its entirety, from the vantage point of outer space. She has seen Canada, Mr. Speaker, as we all should strive to see it: as a precious and beautiful gift, without lines or divisions.

In her unifying role as representative of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Excellency is travelling the nation to meet Canadians of all backgrounds, to learn the stories and aspirations of Canada's greatest resource, its people. We are honoured, Mr. Speaker, that Her Excellency has chosen to visit Alberta so soon in her tenure as Governor General.

Your Excellency, all Albertans are honoured to receive you as our guest. We hope that you enjoy your visit to our province, and we know that you will experience the great warmth of Alberta hospitality. You will find that Albertans are, to the core of their being, proud and committed Canadians.

Merci, votre Excellence, et bienvenue.

Address from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada

Merci. Thank you. Mesdames et messieurs, ladies and gentlemen, I first would like to acknowledge that I am on Treaty 6 territory, and very proudly so. Because I cannot speak all the languages of the First Nations of Alberta, I can speak a greeting in the First Nation language of the Algonquins, where Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General, is located. (Remarks in Algonquin)

I would like to go down here, if you don't mind, because I am so humbled by the invitation to address this venerable institution and all of you distinguished guests. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Madam Premier, M. chef de l'opposition. I am humbled because I never thought in a hundred years that I would be standing here, truly, addressing you.

The good reason is that I have a long-standing relationship, actually a love relationship with western Canada and Alberta in particular and for many decades. From the moment I could buy an airplane ticket on my own, I flew from the east because the real skiing is right here. I came to ski, and I discovered something that was really similar to where I came from, the same kind of warmth of people.

Then I got chosen in 1992 to become an astronaut, and they sent us to – you know that province next door? Saskatchewan. They sent me to become a pilot in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and they sent me to survival training in Jasper Lake, Alberta. It was in November 1993. You may not remember; I do. In November 1993 we went from plus 10 to minus 25 in, like, a day, and we weren't acclimatized. They left us in the forest out there to survive with the contents of the seat pack of an ejection seat to demonstrate that we can actually survive until the rescue folks can come to us. We did. They plucked us out of the forest after a little while, and they took us to Hinton. I have this memory of the best hamburger ever in Hinton, Alberta. It was just so amazing, because we hadn't eaten. It was just Alberta beef, the best. The best.

But that was not the end. I was so impressed by Alberta that when I flew in space in 1999, there were places where I needed to take my crew, and this province was one of them. In 1999, after our flight, which occurred in May and June, we came in the summer here to Alberta. We, of course, went to those places like Ottawa, Montreal, and we even ended up in Iqaluit. Iqaluit in 1999 had just become a new territory, and we had brought the flag with us into space to honour the new territory.

We came back down, and we landed in Edmonton. We went to see our friends at the science centre, Telus World of Science. We gave a presentation, and then there was a local person who lent us a 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass, and we took off on Highway 2, drove down from Edmonton to Calgary. Six astronauts, five Americans, in one Cutlass. We stopped at the Dairy Queen in Red Deer. Is it still there? It was in the middle of summer. The chinook was there, so it was a really, really nice day. Everybody was out there having an ice cream, so we came out of the car and we had an ice cream, and it was just amazing, because it is exactly what this is about. Then we ended up in Calgary, being received with full honours, for the Calgary Stampede and receiving, you know, the warmest of welcomes.

One of the newspapers in Calgary had taken a photo of me and the pilot of my crew. His name was Rick Husband. We were sitting somewhere. They had a caption underneath that said: Canadian astronaut Julie Payette and rich husband are coming to Calgary. I was, like: all right; I'm getting there. Unfortunately, you may know that Rick Husband was the commander of the space shuttle Columbia, that failed to re-enter the atmosphere in 2003. But he had fond memories of his trip to Alberta.

You're probably wondering why I'm telling you all this. I came again and again and again; I've been everywhere in this province. I've been to Coutts. I've been to Grande Prairie. I've been to Lethbridge. I've been to Fort Smith. That was my last – oh. That's true: Fort Smith is not in Alberta, right? Well, we played a game with my son. Fort Smith, yes, on the map is in the Northwest Territories, but we played that game where we had one foot in Alberta and one foot in the Northwest Territories. Of course, you can't distinguish, right? It's the same soil, the same planet.

That's exactly why I'm talking about this. It's because when we fly in space, that's exactly what we see. We see no distinction. Often the planet makes little distinction except if it's a geographical one. We share a vast, diverse, spectacular country, all of us, and we work together to accomplish things. You do so in this very room every day. We work together so that we can move forward and improve things and so that we can ensure prosperity for all Canadians, including our children, in the future. That's who we are in this country. That's who you are in Alberta, an incredible place.

You have here in this province, more than anywhere else I've ever seen, a culture of open innovation, a resilience, a leadership, a will to move forward no matter what happens. Yet when I think of Alberta, because I've been here so many times, it's mostly the people that I think of. I think of the warmth, of the pride, of the hard-working people of Alberta, and they remind me of other people throughout this country. Then I think of the fact that you're really, really good – I was at the University of Alberta just an hour ago – at developing and exporting talent, excellence, resourcefulness, highly qualified personnel. I know that for a fact.

Actually, I know this first-hand now in this new position. Just last week we had five Albertans that received the Order of Canada, the highest distinction in this country. One of them you might have heard of, Mark Messier, a guy who exemplifies almost alone exactly what this province is all about: hard work, teamwork, and sharing, always.

Ce qui me mène aussi à dire que je suis maintenant dans une nouvelle position, Gouverneure générale, mais un prédécesseur, Roland Michener, from Lacombe, Alberta, was the 20th Governor General. Roland Michener a été le premier décoré de l'Ordre du Canada au monde. Puisque l'ordre a été créé en 1967 et qu'il était le Gouverneur général, donc il a reçu le premier insigne de l'Ordre du Canada. So now, if you did not know this before, then please use that at the next cocktail hour. Yes, the first person that was decorated with the Order of Canada was an Albertan, Roland Michener.

Let me go back to perspective, if I can, for a minute. I know I only have five minutes, so I'm going to go fast. Perspective. One of the greatest privileges that we get when we see the planet from above is to see with perspective, to realize how important and precious home is and how much we need to put in some work.

La planète, c'est tout ce qu'on a. C'est la seule qu'on a encore aujourd'hui, et donc on doit s'en occuper et travailler ensemble pour répondre à ses besoins et à ses défis. Because challenges we have. You know this more than anybody else in this room. There are a lot of challenges, and they're not going to go away. It's through collaboration and it's through the will to make things happen that we move forward.

Oh, by the way, I do have another link with Alberta. You might know that I flew my second mission in space in 2009. At the time, when I arrived onboard the space station, there were people onboard, including a Canadian. The only time so far – this will be rectified in the future – that there have been two Canadians orbiting the planet at the same time was me and the Chancellor of the University of Calgary. So, again, another connection.

Certainly, you know more than anybody else, because you serve the people of Alberta every day, that we have to be very careful. Things move fast in today's world. Things change. We can't be complacent. We have to always keep our guard up. I know that you will continue to do what you do so well in this room, that you will continue to look out for those who have less, that you will stand up for those who can't, just like those Famous Five, whose mural is right in the middle of the City of Edmonton, who stood up at a time when there was a need for that; that you will continue to do what you do particularly well in this province, welcome people who seek harbour; that you will continue to use, exploit, and share your land intelligently; that you will continue to reach across differences and also seek opportunities for more collaboration and team work; and that you will never cease to base your judgment on facts and evidence, to be curious, and to ask questions, because that is the premise by which we find solutions.

Let's not forget, of course, because that's what we are, to celebrate who we are and what we'd like to become. There is no doubt that this province, in particular, the economic powerhouse of Canada, has made a tremendous contribution in the past to the well-being of our country. Without a strong Alberta, Canada could never reach its full potential in the future.

Thank you for welcoming me into these venerable walls. I actually do feel at home. Merci de m'avoir accueilli si chaleureusement. Thank you for the service that you do for this province and for the entire country.

In closing, I hope you will allow me to use a parting phrase that we flyers use to send each other off on a really important and challenging mission, and that's God speed to you all. Merci beaucoup. Merci.

I wanted to do this at the beginning, but of course I forgot because I was too impressed. Mr. Speaker, who was so kind to lend me his Chair for a few minutes, I brought something that astronauts bring. It's what we do get to see. This here is a picture taken by a colleague of mine two years ago onboard the International Space Station. We see in its entirety, at night, bathed in the beautiful Northern Lights, the entire Province of Alberta. This is the highway we travelled right here. This is Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary. There's Grande Prairie, and then there's Fort McMurray. We see a little bit of Saskatoon, but don't tell. This is, hopefully, something that will remind you that you inhabit a fantastic world. Thank you.

Speaker's Statement

Your Excellency, you said that you had five minutes left. Actually, I would be prepared to give you far more time than any other individual in this room. If you were surprised that you were sitting here as our Governor General in this place, you would almost be as surprised as myself, who is a Speaker welcoming the Governor General of Canada. You used the word "spectacular." We do have a spectacular country, and I think we have a spectacular Governor General. Thank you, Your Excellency.

The Speaker invited Mr. R.J. Chambers to lead Members and guests in the singing of the Royal Anthem, God Save the Queen.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing May 2018 as Ramadan and regarding Alberta Muslims' long history in the province, especially with respect to volunteerism.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the privilege of public service, his commitment to his constituents, and the need for legislators to represent the best interests of their constituents with passion and humility.

MLA Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the leadership and action taken by the Government on flood resilience and emergency preparedness initiatives, including three projects in Calgary.

Mr. Gill, Hon. Member for Calgary-Greenway, made a statement regarding the productivity of Alberta's agricultural economy and the work ethic of farmers, including those in the United Conservative Party caucus.

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Northern Hills, made a statement regarding Northern Hills Connect, a group that furthers the business plans of entrepreneurs with innovative ideas for social enterprises.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the tragic deaths of Serenity, Ezekiel, Ryan, and Alex, his vow to Serenity's mother to seek justice and protection for children, and the need for the Assembly to do better in this regard.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Article dated June 14, 2017, entitled "The Birth of Canada's Armed, Anti-Islamic 'Patriot' Group," prepared by Mack Lamoureux, relating to comments made by Ms Renaud during Second Reading consideration of Bill 206, Societies (Preventing the Promotion of Hate) Amendment Act, 2018, on May 14, 2018

Sessional Paper 158/2018

Edmonton Journal website article dated August 21, 2017, entitled "After Charlottesville, police and activists look to counter Alberta's extreme right," relating to comments made by Ms Renaud during Second Reading consideration of Bill 206, Societies (Preventing the Promotion of Hate) Amendment Act, 2018, on May 14, 2018

Sessional Paper 159/2018

Ms McKitrick, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Medicine Hat News website article dated April 27, 2018, entitled "Louisiana gets Methanex expansion"

Sessional Paper 160/2018

ICIS News website article dated April 26, 2018, entitled "Methanex planning third US methanol unit in Louisiana"

Sessional Paper 161/2018

CHAT News Today website article dated April 27, 2018, entitled "Methanex focused on potential Louisiana expansion; Medicine Hat facility expansion still possible"

Sessional Paper 162/2018

Mr. Coolahan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs Certificate of Incorporation dated February 27, 1980, for the Invisible Empire Association of Alberta, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, relating to comments made by Mr. Coolahan during Second Reading consideration of Bill 206, Societies (Preventing the Promotion of Hate) Amendment Act, 2018, on May 14, 2018

Sessional Paper 163/2018

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Feehan, Minister of Indigenous Relations:

Responses to questions raised by MLA McPherson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, and Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, Ministry of Indigenous Relations, 2018-19 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 164/2018

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, and Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, Ministry of Seniors and Housing, 2018-19 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 165/2018

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 5 An Act to Strengthen Financial Security for Persons with Disabilities — Hon. Mr. Sabir

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, on May 7, 2018, that the Bill amended in section 1(2) by striking out the proposed section 3.1 and substituting the following:

Exemptions

- 3.1(1) For the purposes of section 3(3)(c), the income of a person and the person's cohabitating partner must not include income, to a maximum of \$800 per month, that is derived from a trust in which the person or the person's cohabitating partner has a beneficial interest.
- (2) For the purposes of section 3(3)(d), the value of all assets of a person and the person's cohabitating partner must not include
 - the value of any assets that are held in a trust in which the person or the person's cohabitating partner has a beneficial interest, or
 - (b) money received where the money is
 - not income as determined in accordance with the regulations, and
 - (ii) invested within 365 days from the date of receipt of the money in an asset designated in the regulations for the purposes of this section.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 16

Panda Aheer Gill Anderson (Highwood) Hunter Starke Clark Loewen Stier Drysdale McPherson Swann Fildebrandt Nixon Yao Fraser

Against the amendment: 34

Carlier Ganley McKitrick Carson Goehring Miller Ceci Hinkley Miranda Hoffman Connolly Nielsen Coolahan Kazim Piquette Kleinsteuber Renaud Cortes-Vargas Dach Larivee Schmidt Littlewood Schreiner Dang Drever Loyola Shepherd Eggen Luff Sucha Woollard Feehan Mason Fitzpatrick

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 9 Protecting Choice for Women Accessing Health Care Act — Hon. Ms Hoffman

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 7

- (a) in subsection (3) by striking out "160 metres" and substituting "10 metres", and
- (b) in subsection (5) by adding ", not to exceed 10 metres from the boundaries of the parcel on which a residence is located" after "physicians or service providers".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 1

Fildebrandt

Against the amendment: 37

Miller Carlier Ganley Goehring Carson Miranda Hinkley Nielsen Clark Hoffman Piquette Connolly Coolahan Kazim Renaud Cortes-Vargas Kleinsteuber Sabir Schmidt Dach Larivee Dang Littlewood Schreiner Drever Loyola Shepherd Eggen Luff Starke Feehan McKitrick Sucha Fitzpatrick McPherson Woollard Fraser

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2(1) by striking out clause (b).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 1

Fildebrandt

Against the amendment: 37

Carlier Goehring Miranda Carson Hinkley Nielsen Clark Hoffman Piquette Connolly Kazim Renaud Coolahan Kleinsteuber Sabir Schmidt Cortes-Vargas Larivee Dach Littlewood Schreiner Dang Loyola Shepherd Drever Luff Starke Sucha Eggen McKitrick Feehan McPherson Swann Woollard Fitzpatrick Miller

Fraser

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 13 by striking out subsection (4).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 1

Fildebrandt

Against the amendment: 37

Miranda Carlier Goehring Hinkley Carson Nielsen Hoffman Clark Piquette Connolly Kazim Renaud Coolahan Kleinsteuber Sabir Cortes-Vargas Larivee Schmidt Littlewood Schreiner Dach Loyola Shepherd Dang Drever Luff Starke Eggen McKitrick Sucha Feehan McPherson Swann Fitzpatrick Miller Woollard Fraser

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5(1) by striking out clause (c).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 1

Fildebrandt

Against the amendment: 37

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Fraser

Mr. Fildebrandt, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 1(d) is amended by striking out ", or" at the end of subclause (iii), by adding "or" at the end of subclause (ii) and by striking out subclause (iv).
- B. Section 15 is amended by striking out clause (a).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Jabbour at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 1

Fildebrandt

Against the amendment: 37

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 9 Protecting Choice for Women Accessing Health Care Act — Hon. Ms Hoffman

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 An Act to Strengthen Financial Security for Persons with Disabilities — Hon. Mr. Sabir

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on May 7, 2018) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 130/2018

Amendment to Bill 9 (A5) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 166/2018

Amendment to Bill 9 (A6) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 167/2018

Amendment to Bill 9 (A7) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 168/2018

Amendment to Bill 9 (A8) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 169/2018

Amendment to Bill 9 (A9) (Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 170/2018

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Larivee, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

- Bill 6 Gaming and Liquor Statutes Amendment Act, 2018 Hon. Ms Ganley
- Bill 7 Supporting Alberta's Local Food Sector Act Hon. Mr. Carlier
- Bill 14 An Act to Empower Utility Consumers Hon Ms McLean

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:35 p.m. until Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 15, 2018