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#### Monday, March 3, 2014

This being the first Day of the Second Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 26th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL] CANADA PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

COLONEL (RETIRED) DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

#### **PROCLAMATION**

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you,

#### GREETING ...

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the First Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of Alberta:

Kim Armstrong, Deputy Attorney General WE DO hereby prorogue, effective March 1, 2014, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 2014, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 26th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the Sixty-third Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JONATHAN DENIS, Provincial Secretary.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer he invited Mr. Robert Clark to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took his seat on the Throne.

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

#### **Speech From the Throne**

To the people of Alberta, Honourable Premier and Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, distinguished visitors and guests, it is my privilege to deliver the Speech from the Throne as we celebrate the opening of the Second Session of the 28th Alberta Legislature.

Today we live in the most open, unabashedly confident, and forward-looking province in Canada, an Alberta asserting itself proudly on the world stage.

You told your Government to work with determination to build an even stronger, safer, healthier, more innovative, and prosperous Alberta. You chose a clear path forward, grounded in our proud Western values, that have built the Alberta we know today, where hard work and bold, innovative ideas are rewarded, where we enjoy well-paying jobs and continue to have the lowest taxes in Canada while at the same time supporting our most vulnerable citizens, a place where being a good neighbour still matters, where we work together to build caring communities that are as tolerant and welcoming as our people, and a place where families have confidence that their Government will stay true to its word and be there with the education, health care, and infrastructure they need.

Your Government has an unwavering belief that while our quality of life is great, it can be even better, and that core principle is the very foundation of the Building Alberta Plan.

#### The Building Alberta Plan

Almost two years ago I delivered this Government's first Speech from the Throne. It contained the following passage.

Over the next four years this Government will... deliver and fulfill a clear, focused, target-driven mandate. Albertans will know where the province is headed and how progress is being made because this is a government that will stay true to its promises.

The Building Alberta Plan is your Government's answer to that commitment, the blueprint for action focused clearly on the three priorities you told your Government are most important: investing in families and communities, opening new markets for Alberta's resources, and ensuring Government lives within its means.

Since 2012 your Government has made tremendous progress on all three fronts despite the challenges our province faced from the worst flood in Canadian history and the deep discount Alberta receives for its oil and gas. But neither nature's wrath nor economic fury stood in the way of your Government's plan to build an even better quality of life for Albertans.

Investing in families means your Government is making good on its key promise to build 50 new schools and modernize 70 more over the next three years, keeping class sizes low with over 86,000 new spaces for our children.

Your Government is already working with communities across Alberta to develop the first wave of family care clinics that are open later and provide health care closer to home. More FCCs will follow.

Just last month new neonatal intensive care beds at the Alberta Children's Hospital were opened to help give parents peace of mind and more newborns a healthy start in life.

From the Calgary film studio, the new seniors' care home in Strathmore, and the new training labs in Lethbridge to the new nurse training program in Grande Prairie, the final mile initiative to connect our rural and remote regions, and our partnership on affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity in Edson, the largest rural build in Canada, under the Building Alberta Plan your Government is making the investments today that matter to Albertans.

Last fall your Government signed an agreement 50 years in the making to complete Calgary's ring road. This Government is three years ahead of schedule in finishing Edmonton's ring road and will twin Highway 63 from Grassland to Fort McMurray in full and on time by 2016.

To support these initiatives and investment in the quality services Albertans expect, your Government is opening new markets. Key to the Building Alberta Plan, new markets mean higher royalties, better jobs, and fairer prices for our products.

In November the Governments of Alberta and British Columbia signed a landmark agreement to move Alberta's oil and gas to the B.C. coast while protecting Alberta's royalties. The first-ever provincial energy agreement with China was signed last year. To increase agriculture exports, already Alberta's second-largest industry, we signed trade agreements with the states of Meghalaya and Punjab in India this January. Over the last year alone this Government's focus on building new markets in Asia resulted in at least \$460 million in new investment and trade for Alberta in addition to major new investments in our province by companies like CNOOC and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.

Your Government will continue to fight for Alberta's producers and against unfair country of origin labelling rules in the United States while leading the charge for better rail service so our rural farm families can get their grain to international markets. This includes pushing the federal government to impose real penalties for those shippers who fail to meet their grain delivery obligations to our producers.

To meet the commitment under the Building Alberta Plan to live within its means, your Government made difficult decisions in Budget 2013, decisions that helped Alberta turn the corner, putting our province on the path to a balanced budget. Some 375 programs have already been reviewed under results-based budgeting, with the third phase set to begin and be fully completed this year.

Last year MLAs froze their pay for four years, following an eight per cent MLA pay cut in 2012. Your Government negotiated long-term wage agreements with Alberta's hard-working teachers and doctors to ensure stability in learning and care.

Through a new single energy regulator, a new environmental monitoring agency, and a refocused Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission your Government has acted on many years of consultation and hard work to make Alberta more competitive. With the commitment to keep royalties steady and partner with our oil and gas industry on innovative solutions to enhance Alberta's position as a responsible energy producer, your Government continues to build our competitive advantage.

And, clearly, the Building Alberta Plan is working.

#### The Building Alberta Plan is Working

Alberta is Canada's economic engine. We led the country in economic growth for the last two years. TD Bank says that we will do so again this year, Statistics Canada shows that we have the highest rate of job creation and the highest family incomes in Canada with the lowest taxes, and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business says that we have the friendliest small business climate in Canada.

It's no secret why Alberta saw our highest rate of population growth since 1981 last year, when we proudly welcomed over 100,000 new Albertans to our province. Our population will grow from four million people today to five million in the next decade. That's equivalent to adding a new city the size of Red Deer to our province every year for the next 10 years.

While new Albertans bring skills and innovative new ideas, pressures will continue to mount on our schools, health facilities, roads, and transit systems. The actions we take today under the Building Alberta Plan will have a direct bearing on life in Alberta 20 years from now. Building nothing would sacrifice Alberta's future. That's clearly not an option. Today marks the beginning of the next phase of the Building Alberta Plan, focused on meeting Alberta's enormous growth head-on while having the courage to invest in innovation and in future generations to set our province up for long-term success.

#### The Next Phase: Investing in Families and Communities

Our cities and towns are at the forefront of dealing with Alberta's explosive growth, and we know that Alberta's success depends on all regions of the province, no matter how small, being able to meet that growth head-on.

To keep building communities, your Government will complete the review of the Municipal Government Act, working with municipal leaders and partners like Bob Barss, president of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, and Helen Rice from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, who have joined us today.

Your Government recognizes the unique challenges faced by our two largest cities and will finalize the Calgary and Edmonton city charters with Mayor Nenshi and Mayor Iveson, who is also here today.

To help our rural towns and urban communities keep up with growth, your Government will renew the long-term funding commitment to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative and GreenTRIP funding in Budget 2014.

Standing with those communities hard hit by last June's floods, this Government will make firm the commitment to build community mitigation projects and to undertake new flood hazard mapping throughout the province, starting with southern Alberta watersheds.

The next phase of the Building Alberta Plan will continue to invest in families. This Government will invest in better seniors' care, focusing funding on aging in place and on innovative new technology that allows patients to recover in their own homes. Your Government will consider options, including using provincial land, to meet the commitment to build new continuing care beds.

For a healthier and more prosperous Alberta your Government will implement Alberta's wellness strategy to lower acute health costs and improve quality of life, working closely with champions like Jim Gray who have done much to promote the importance of wellness in our province.

To give Alberta's kids the best start in life, your Government will invest in additional newborn screening, support for parents, and child mental health, working across government departments to ensure our families receive the help they need.

To ensure Alberta's kids are able to compete in a dynamic, highly competitive world, your Government is developing a new, student-centred curriculum that will ensure a strong understanding of basic literacy and numeracy. Your Government is replacing provincial achievement tests with new student learner assessments to better identify areas of strength and areas where children may require additional supports throughout the school year.

Your Government is committed to building a culture of transparency, quality care, and continuous improvement in Alberta's child intervention system on the foundation of changes made to date and the recent childcare round-table. These changes will include extending support for young adults in care by two years, to age 24, to help youth transition more successfully to adulthood.

And your Government will challenge Albertans, including businesses, non-profit organizations, and employers, to provide mentorship opportunities for young people and connect those who are already driving these initiatives to ensure our kids have positive influences to help shape their future.

To better protect families, this Government reaffirms its commitment to projects like I-TRAC to bring together police, specialized court officers, and counselling for Albertans facing domestic violence, including immediate protection for victims and punishment for offenders.

Your Government will take the long view when it comes to investments in higher education, working on innovative new ways to ensure Albertans have the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge they need to become the entrepreneurs, skilled workers, and researchers we need to thrive. To ensure rural residents have quality education opportunities without having to leave home, your Government will work to ensure that distance education is an important part of Campus Alberta.

With the support of industry partners your Government will build Canada's first and only dedicated pipeline training facility to train more heavy equipment operators and those who work in pipeline construction and land reclamation. Your Government will also work to diversify Alberta's own domestic energy mix and will introduce an alternative and renewable energy framework that empowers consumers to exercise choice within the market-based electricity system.

#### The Next Phase: Living Within Our Means

And while this Government will continue to invest in programs, services, and infrastructure to build a better quality of life for Albertans, it reaffirms the commitment under this next phase of the Building Alberta Plan to live within its means and balance the budget. By expanding the results-based budgeting process and holding spending below population and inflation growth until 2016, your Government is keeping its commitment.

The first Bill of this Session will create new supports, funded from Alberta's growing savings, for research and world-leading innovation to drive growth and economic diversification for decades to come.

The Agriculture and Food Innovation Endowment will fund research in rural Alberta and help new made-in-Alberta agricultural solutions get to market.

The Social Innovation Endowment will invest in new research and coordinate action between small businesses, cultural organizations, and non-profits to address social issues, including poverty and family violence.

The Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund will be expanded to support excellence in the apprenticeship, trade, and technology systems and encourage training to build the skilled workforce Alberta needs.

To further set our future leaders up for success, your Government will fund the creation of the Lougheed Leadership Institute, working with the University of Alberta and the Banff Centre.

And your Government will create the Alberta Institute for Research and Commercialization as a clearing house to help solve challenges and turn Alberta's best ideas into tomorrow's solutions.

#### The Next Phase: Opening New Markets

What makes all of this possible, indeed what your Government has deemed job one, is an unrelenting focus on selling Alberta to the world. The next phase of the Building Alberta Plan continues to build new markets for our products and welcomes the world's investment in Alberta so your Government can keep investing in what matters most.

Building on the success of the Premier's Canadian Energy Strategy, your Government will advocate for a Canada free trade zone, seizing the opportunity to have provinces reduce internal trade barriers that often make it more difficult to trade within our own borders than outside.

To increase trade, business, and tourism, this Government will support open skies, building on the work being done by both the Calgary and Edmonton airports. This week marks the inaugural Icelandair flight out of the Edmonton International, an initiative led by the airport's past President Reg Milley. Alberta's doors are open, and we are ready to welcome the world and tell our story.

To support rural families in communities like Peace River, Slave Lake, and Whitecourt, your Government will continue to support innovation in the forestry sector, Alberta's fifth-largest industry, that today employs 13,000 people. By opening new markets for our forestry products, even more jobs will be created.

The Government of Alberta will continue to work with the federal government on areas of shared interest, making sure Alberta has the skilled workers it needs while standing up for our province by seeking clarity on foreign direct investment rules and improvements in aboriginal consultation and care.

And no matter where or when it arises, your Government will continue to advocate for important projects like Keystone XL, which are so vital to our long-term prosperity, while meeting misunderstanding with fact in promoting our record as a responsible energy producer.

#### Conclusion

Under the next phase of the Building Alberta Plan our province will continue to stand as a beacon of opportunity, where we work every day to build a stronger, modern, better province together. Your Government will rise above the daily fray and remain squarely focused on what truly matters to Albertans. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. May God bless you all.

God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

#### **Tabling Documents**

The Speaker informed the Assembly he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2014

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Ordered, that the Honourable Ms Redford have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Savings Management Act (\$)." Hon. Ms Redford accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

#### **Government Motions**

**1.** Moved by Hon. Ms Redford:

Be it resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration March 4, 2014.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **Intersessional Deposits**

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Human Services, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated Annual Report 2012-13, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1232/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Financial Statements, Year Ended September 30, 2012, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1233/2012-13

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2012-13, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1234/2012-13

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2012-13, June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2013, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1235/2012-13

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2010-2011, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1236/2012-13

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2011-2012, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1237/2012-13

College of Opticians of Alberta, 2012 Annual Report, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1238/2012-13

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2012-2013 Annual Report, deposited on December 19, 2013

Sessional Paper 1239/2012-13

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ41, asked for by Mr. Bikman on October 28, 2013, deposited on January 9, 2014:

What are the amounts for which the Crown has settled legal actions for each fiscal year commencing April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2012, where the Minister or Ministry of Energy is the defendant, and what were the causes of action in those legal actions?

Sessional Paper 1240/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on January 17, 2014

Sessional Paper 1241/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013, deposited on January 21, 2014

Sessional Paper 1242/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End: June 30, 2013, with attached Financial Statements of the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors dated June 30, 2013, deposited on February 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 1243/2012-13

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2012 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, with attached Financial Statements dated December 31, 2012, deposited on February 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 1244/2012-13

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Radiation Protection Program, 2012 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated October 31, 2012, deposited on February 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 1245/2012-13

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, deposited on February 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 1246/2012-13

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2012-2013, deposited on February 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 1247/2012-13

University of Calgary Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013, with attached Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2013, deposited on February 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 1248/2012-13

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, February 2014, deposited on February 13, 2014

Sessional Paper 1249/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2013 Annual Report, deposited on February 19, 2014

Sessional Paper 1250/2012-13

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ36, asked for by Mr. McAllister on May 6, 2013, deposited on February 27, 2014:

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Infrastructure to determine where new schools are constructed?

Sessional Paper 1251/2012-13

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:52 p.m. until Tuesday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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 Mrs. Muriel Ross Abdurahman, Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, 1993 to 1997, who passed away on December 22, 2013.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, made a statement regarding the current situation in Ukraine.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then commented on the statement.

#### **Speaker's Statement – Rotation of Oral Questions and Members' Statements**

Honourable Members, let us begin the process in just a moment. I want to indicate a couple of brief comments that affect the rotation. Before we proceed with the actual Daily Routine of question period, I want to make this brief statement about that rotation and Members' Statements as well. This statement that I'm about to offer is further to the memo I sent to each of you on February 11, and included there were some attachments that pertained to projected sitting days and to the Oral Question Period rotation for this Second Session. There was a slight change required because of the change in caucus membership when the Member for Edmonton-Manning rejoined the Government caucus in December 2013.

The Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, who is the sole independent Member, receives question six on day four of the Oral Question Period rotation. Accordingly, the Member will have his first opportunity to ask a question next Monday, March 10, 2014. This will give that Member one question every four days, which replicates what happened in the Fall Sitting of 2013, when each independent Member received one question per sitting week. Furthermore, it mirrors what happened the last time there was only one independent Member in this Assembly, during the Fall Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 27th Legislature, when the independent Member at that time was given one question every four days.

Question six on day one, which was asked by an independent Member during the last sitting, will now revert to the Official Opposition. The PC caucus will receive one additional spot for one question on day one.

With respect to the rotation for Members' Statements, this has also been modified to provide for one statement for the independent Member every three weeks. This is reflected on the Projected Sitting Days Calendar that I sent to you under the same aforementioned memo of February 11.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the 16th annual Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie to be held from March 7 to 23, 2014 (comments made in French).

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Wildrose 10-10 Community Infrastructure Transfer Plan.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the work of Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency as well as those across the province.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the lack of rail cars available to haul Alberta grain to market.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the ninth Fallen Four Memorial candlelight ceremony held in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2014.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding family care clinics and health services in Slave Lake.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health:

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Statistical Supplement 2012-2013 Sessional Paper 2/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Evaluation Report dated December 2013 entitled "Schools as Community Hubs (SACH)," prepared by Reach, Edmonton Council for Safe Communities, and Leger, the Research Intelligence Group

Sessional Paper 3/2014

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 11, 2014, entitled "Editorial: Health stats veer off course"

Sessional Paper 4/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Document dated June 17, 2010, entitled "MSA Discussion Paper, Analytical Framework for the Monitoring of Bids, Offers and Market Health"

Sessional Paper 5/2014

Memo dated October 21, 2013, from Deloitte LLP to Alberta Infrastructure, BASCP Project Team, regarding a request for qualifications for the "design-build-finance-maintain" of 19 schools located in Southern and North Central Alberta

Sessional Paper 6/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated February 28, 2014, from David McIntyre to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, requesting protection for Alberta's heritage rangelands as part of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

Sessional Paper 7/2014

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Premier:

Letter dated March 4, 2014, from Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to Merwan N. Saher, Auditor General of Alberta, requesting a review of the Government's Travel and Expense Policy and of the implementation and recommendations of the Auditor General's 2004-05 and 2005-06 review of Alberta's Air Transportation Service

Sessional Paper 8/2014

Letter dated March 4, 2014, from Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, requesting that Hon. Mr. Horner secure preferred providers for air travel, hotel accommodations, and car rental through a competitive request for proposal process

Sessional Paper 9/2014

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 3,000 Albertans requesting the Tri-Council to support certain family doctors in the Slave Lake area and encourage them to remain living and working in the community

Sessional Paper 10/2014

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s9(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 12/13, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 28)

Sessional Paper 11/2014

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 13/13, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 12)

Sessional Paper 12/2014

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 14/13, Members' Services Committee Amendment Order (No. 01)

Sessional Paper 13/2014

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

#### 2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **3.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **4.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2014 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s8(3):

2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 14/2014

#### **Government Motions**

**5.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**6.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund for six hours on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:
  - A Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective March 5, 2013, be amended as follows:
    - 1. Standing Order 18(1)(h) is amended by striking out ", except as provided under Standing Order 52".
    - 2. Standing Order 52 is amended
      - (a) in suborder (1) by striking out "18" and substituting "15" wherever it occurs;
      - **(b)** in suborder **(3)** by striking out ", which shall not be subject to debate or amendment".
    - 3. Standing Order 52.01(1) is amended
      - (a) by striking out "18" and substituting "15";
      - (b) in clause (b)
        - (i) by striking out "Enterprise and Advanced Education" and substituting "Innovation and Advanced Education";
        - (ii) by striking out "and Infrastructure" and substituting "Infrastructure, and Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour".
    - 4. Standing Order 59.01 is amended
      - (a) by striking out suborders (3) and (4) and substituting the following:
        - (3) Following consultation with House Leaders, the Government House Leader shall table in the Assembly the schedule for consideration of main estimates at any time following the announcement of the date of the Budget Address and no later than the Thursday preceding the first meeting scheduled, and such schedule shall be published in the Order Paper for the next sitting day.

- **(b)** in suborder (5)(d) by striking out "for a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 6 hours" and substituting "for a maximum of 3 hours";
- (c) in suborder (6)
  - (i) by adding the following after clause (d):
    - (d.1) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent members and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak;
  - (ii) by striking out clause (f) and substituting the following:
    - (f) for the time remaining, to the extent possible, the rotation outlined in clauses (b) to (e) shall apply with the speaking times set at 5 minutes as provided in Standing Order 59.02(1)(c).
- B Be it further resolved that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee be authorized to meet during the consideration of the 2014-15 main estimates.
- C And be it further resolved that this motion takes effect upon passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**8.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

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

# **Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund** (9 Members)

Casey (Chair)	Barnes	Khan
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Dorward	Sandhu
Amery	Eggen	Sherman

#### **Standing Committee on Legislative Offices** (11 Members)

Jeneroux (Chair)BrownQuadriMcDonald (Deputy Chair)DeLongWilsonBikmanEggenYoung

Blakeman Leskiw

#### **Standing Committee on Private Bills** (15 Members)

Xiao (Chair)	DeLong	Olesen
Leskiw (Deputy Chair)	Fenske	Rowe
Allen	Fritz	Stier
Brown	Jablonski	Strankman
Cusanelli	Notley	Swann

## **Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing** (15 Members)

Kubinec (Chair)	Khan	Pedersen
Rogers (Deputy Chair)	Luan	Saskiw
Calahasen	Notley	VanderBurg
Casey	Olesen	Wilson
Kang	Pastoor	Young

#### **Standing Committee on Public Accounts** (15 Members)

Anderson (Chair)	Bilous	Luan
Dorward (Deputy Chair)	Donovan	Pastoor
Allen	Fenske	Sandhu
Amery	Hehr	Sarich
Barnes	Khan	Young

#### **Special Standing Committee on Members' Services** (11 Members)

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Fritz	McDonald
VanderBurg (Deputy Chair)	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sherman
Casey	Kubinec	Towle

Forsyth Mason

#### **Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future** (15 Members)

Amery (Chair)	Kubinec	Quadri
Fox (Deputy Chair)	Lemke	Rogers
Dorward	Luan	Rowe
Eggen	McDonald	Sarich
Hehr	Pastoor	Stier

#### **Standing Committee on Families and Communities** (15 Members)

Olesen (Chair)	Fritz	Notley
Forsyth (Deputy Chair)	Jablonski	Pedersen
Cusanelli	Jeneroux	Sandhu
DeLong	Leskiw	Swann
Fenske	McAllister	VanderBurg

#### **Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship** (15 Members)

Khan (Chair) Blakeman Hale

Anglin (Deputy Chair) Brown Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)

Allen Calahasen Webber Bikman Casey Xiao Bilous Goudreau Young

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **9.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2014 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **10.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the schedule for the 2014 Spring Sitting (as outlined in the calendar published pursuant to Standing Order 3) be modified to allow for the Spring Sitting to 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.

#### Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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.

Debate adjourned.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

#### Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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.

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

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:37 p.m. until Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the salaries of Cabinet Ministers and the Premier's travel expenses.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding hypocrisy in Government policies and spending.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Jonathon David Wood, who was killed by an impaired driver on November 2, 2013, and the John Wood Memorial Fund which supports programs that ignite passion and caring in young people.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing March 5, 2014, as Wellspring Calgary Toupee for a Day, raising funds and awareness for those suffering from cancer as well as their families and friends.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement recognizing March 2 to 8, 2014, as Agriculture Literacy Week.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the continued temporary shutdown of acute care beds in Consort.

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

- Bill 3 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 4 Estate Administration Act Ms Kubinec
- Bill 201 Agricultural Pests (Fusarium Head Blight) Amendment Act, 2014 Ms Kubinec
- Bill 202 Independent Budget Officer Act Mrs. Forsyth

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 4 Estate Administration Act — Ms Kubinec

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Associate Minister – Recovery and Reconstruction of Southeast Alberta:

176 letters from Lethbridge residents to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, and the Alberta Energy Regulator expressing opposition to the proposed exploratory well drilling by Goldenkey Oil within the municipality of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 15/2014

Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader:

Final 2014 Budget Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 16/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated October 14, 2013, from Dr. Melissa Kehler of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding access to psychological services

Sessional Paper 17/2014

Letter dated February 12, 2014, from Lori Germaine, a youth support worker in Edmonton, to whom it may concern expressing concern regarding the treatment of a youth applying for financial assistance at an Alberta Works office

Sessional Paper 18/2014

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

Email message dated January 30, 2014, from Cliff Bullis of Edmonton to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, requesting assistance to create a safer work environment for tow truck operators

Sessional Paper 19/2014

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

Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 28th Legislature, Second Session, Spring 2014

Sessional Paper 20/2014

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 1)

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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.

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

#### **Committee of Supply** (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

#### Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2013-14 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue 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, 2014, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

#### **Aboriginal Relations**

Operational	\$20,758,000
Culture	
Operational Capital	\$4,393,000 \$500,000
Education	
Operational	\$70,300,000
Capital	\$103,839,000
Energy	
Operational	\$192,000,000
<b>Environment and Sustainable Resource Development</b>	
Operational	\$137,595,000
Capital	\$62,701,000
Health	
Operational	\$209,000,000

Human	Services
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\$81,649,000
\$640,000
\$680,000

#### Infrastructure

Operational \$49,769,000

#### **Innovation and Advanced Education**

Operational \$53,275,000 Capital \$1,680,000

#### **Municipal Affairs**

Operational \$1,141,867,000 Capital \$49,841,000

#### Service Alberta

Operational \$895,000 Capital \$2,600,000

#### Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Operational \$958,000 Capital \$1,382,000

#### **Transportation**

Operational \$51,502,000 Financial Transactions \$10,000,000

Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

Transfer from

**Education** Operational vote

to **Municipal Affairs** Operational vote \$9,050,000

Transfer from

**Executive Council Operational vote** 

to Executive Council Capital vote \$300,000

Transfer from

**Transportation** Capital vote

to **Municipal Affairs** Operational vote \$4,000,000

Transfer from

Municipal Affairs Operational vote

to **Municipal Affairs** Capital vote \$7,200,000

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 His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 2 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 6, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing March 9, 2014, as the bicentenary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko, a Ukrainian national poet, artist, and humanist significant in Ukrainian history.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2014, as International Women's Day.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the second Youth Engagement Think Tank to be held on March 15, 2014.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the current political situation in Ukraine and thanking the Government of Alberta and the federal government for their support on behalf of Ukrainians living in Alberta.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the need to upgrade Highway 3 and asking the Government to prioritize this project.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete Members' Statements.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, on behalf of Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing March 6, 2014, as National Lymphedema Awareness Day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:04 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

# Budget Address / Messages From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 21/2014

2014-15 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund Sessional Paper 22/2014

Pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s10(1), s10(3), Budget 2014: 2014-17 Government of Alberta Strategic Plan

Sessional Paper 23/2014

Pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s8(2), s10(3), Budget 2014: Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 24/2014

#### **Government Motions**

Prior to moving Government Motion 11, Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Management Act, cF-14.5, s1(2), s8:

Budget 2014: Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 25/2014

#### 11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Monday, March 10, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, March 10, 2014

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

#### Speaker's Statement - Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement and read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2014.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding new and existing oil pipelines as part of the Government's Building Alberta Plan.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the Government's debt financing for infrastructure.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing Dr. David Schindler, biologist and professor at the University of Alberta, who recently retired after 34 years of service.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Slave Lake residents' concerns about their health-care services and her support for Family Care Clinics as a new health care model.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement recognizing Michelle Salt, a para-snowboard competitor from Leduc, and Brian McKeever, a para-Nordic skier from Canmore, who are both competing in the 2014 Sochi Paralympic Winter Games.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the non-residential industrial property tax and her Motion Other Than a Government Motion 501.

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

Mr. Khan, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, Review of the Monetization of Natural Gas in the Province of Alberta, 28th Legislature, Second Session, dated March 2014

Sessional Paper 26/2014

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Casey, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s15(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Third Quarter Update 2013-2014 Sessional Paper 27/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 3, 2014, from Jill Sheward of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the proposed privatization of the provincial Land Titles Offices

Sessional Paper 28/2014

Email message dated January 21, 2014, from Lee-Ann Laing to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding apartment rental increases

Sessional Paper 29/2014

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

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

Email message dated March 6, 2014, from Angela Wolgen-Strojwas, Cardston-Taber-Warner constituency assistant, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding constituent Mary Sinclair of Milk River and her dissatisfaction with the Premier's recent travel expenses

Sessional Paper 30/2014

Email message dated March 5, 2014, from Roger Davies of Magrath to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding proposed cuts to generic drug pricing and its effects on pharmacies

Sessional Paper 31/2014

Email message dated February 4, 2014, from Lloyd Morgan of Drumheller to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, requesting that tow trucks be classified as emergency vehicles

Sessional Paper 32/2014

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Copies of receipts and Twitter postings relating to comments made by Mr. Strankman during Oral Question Period on March 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 33/2014

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 201 Agricultural Pests (Fusarium Head Blight) Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Kubinec

A debate followed.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 201, Agricultural Pests (Fusarium Head Blight) Amendment Act, 2014, 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.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

#### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

#### **501.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to distribute revenue from combined low expenditure assessments on a province-wide, per capita basis to municipalities, towns, districts, and counties.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Jablonski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Blakeman Quadri Xiao Brown Sherman Young

Hehr

Against the motion: 37

Allen Olesen Horne Barnes Horner Quest Bhardwaj Jeneroux Rowe Bikman Sandhu Johnson (Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater) Calahasen Khan Sarich Kubinec Campbell Scott Casey Lemke Starke Dallas Leskiw Stier Dorward Luan Towle Drysdale Lukaszuk VanderBurg Fenske McDonald Weadick Goudreau Oberle Wilson

Griffiths

#### Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 4 Estate Administration Act — Ms Kubinec

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

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

- Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 2 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 3 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Horner

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 3)

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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. Oberle moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

#### **Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 17th anniversary of the election of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Premier and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding his fundraising for Kids Cancer Care and his hair donation at l'école Gabrielle-Roy on March 12, 2014.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the new education curriculum and recognizing the efforts of Dr. Tran-Davies, who started a petition to return to classroom basics.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the increases for several programs and services for seniors in Budget 2014.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing March 10 to 16, 2014, as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement thanking the ATCO Electric crews who restored power to customers in northwestern and east-central Alberta following an extreme storm in January 2014.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the difficulties in getting a diagnosis and treatment in Alberta for Lyme disease.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Letter dated February 6, 2014, from Marie Martens of Fort Vermilion to Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, expressing concern regarding staffing budget cuts to La Crete Long Term Care Centre and attaching a list of signatures of concerned citizens

Sessional Paper 34/2014

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 35/2014

Document dated February 19, 2014, entitled "Curriculum Redesign, Alberta Education's Curriculum Development Prototyping Partners," prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 36/2014

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Document dated December 2013 entitled "Alberta's Electricity Market" prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2014

Sessional Paper 37/2014

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Copies of receipts and photographs relating to comments made by Mr. Strankman during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2014

Sessional Paper 38/2014

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock:

Letter dated March 6, 2014, from Lorne Hickey, Reeve, Lethbridge County, to Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, expressing Lethbridge County's support for Bill 201, Agricultural Pests (Fusarium Head Blight) Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 39/2014

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

Letter dated December 9, 2013, from the Innisfail Middle School Grade 6 Team to the elected representatives of the people of Alberta expressing their dismay in the behaviour and lack of respect shown by Members of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislature and advising that they will no longer allow their students to observe Members in the Chamber

Sessional Paper 40/2014

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Procedural letter 2014, Second Session, 28th Legislature, dated February 11, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, referenced by the Speaker in the Assembly on March 10, 2014

Sessional Paper 41/2014

## Privilege – Comments made by the Associate Minister – Electricity and Renewable Energy

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Ms Kennedy-Glans, Associate Minister – Electricity and Renewable Energy, which could constitute a threat to opposition Members.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

#### **Government Motions**

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 4 Estate Administration Act — Ms Kubinec

A debate followed.

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

#### 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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 2 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 3 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Horner

## **Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 4 Estate Administration Act — Ms Kubinec

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 4)

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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. Denis moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:31 p.m. until Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

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

## **Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 13th anniversary of the election of five Members of the Legislative Assembly, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 12, 2001.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Government Ministry travel expenses and Ministry of Health executive employee expenses.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed changes to public sector pension plans.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the end of Canada's 12-year mission in Afghanistan and the lowering of the Province's flags in commemoration of the commitment and sacrifice of Canadian Armed Forces troops.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing the success of MacEwan University and the Government's announcement on March 12, 2014, regarding a \$30 million contribution towards its Centre for Arts and Culture.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing the benefits of the public education system and the importance of the Government's proposed curriculum redesign.

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need for a sustainable and predictable funding model for post-secondary institutions and students.

#### Privilege – Oral Question Period Responses by the Minister of Health

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Minister of Health's responses during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2014, concerning a Government flight to Grande Prairie.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Email message dated February 13, 2014, from Rob Kroetsch to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing frustration with current Government policies

Sessional Paper 42/2014

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

Email message dated February 21, 2014, from Mandy Bretzke, Cardston-Taber-Warner constituency assistant, to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding a constituent's concerns with respect to workers who assisted in the rebuilding efforts following the flood in High River not being paid by the companies by whom they were employed

Sessional Paper 43/2014

Email message dated March 8, 2014, from Brian Hildebrand to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing several concerns regarding the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta

Sessional Paper 44/2014

Email message dated March 10, 2014, from Dale Stuart of Red Deer to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding answers to questions concerning electricity companies given by Hon. Ms Kennedy-Glans, Associate Minister – Electricity and Renewable Energy, during Oral Question Period

Sessional Paper 45/2014

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 46/2014

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Reprint of a letter to the editor, Edmonton Journal, dated March 12, 2014, from Bruce Gajerski, entitled "Pension reform scaled back," relating to comments made by Mr. Eggen during his Member's Statement on March 11, 2014

Sessional Paper 47/2014

## Privilege

#### Comments Made by the Associate Minister – Electricity and Renewable Energy

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Ms Kennedy-Glans, Associate Minister – Electricity and Renewable Energy, which could constitute a threat to opposition Members.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Mason and Hon. Ms Kennedy-Glans.

Hon. Ms Kennedy-Glans apologized and withdrew her comments.

The Speaker ruled that the matter is concluded.

#### Oral Question Period Responses by the Minister of Health

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Minister of Health's responses during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2014, concerning a Government flight to Grande Prairie.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Wilson, Hon. Mr. Denis, Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Drysdale, Mr. Anderson, and Hon. Mr. Horne.

#### Speaker's Ruling

The Deputy House Leader for the Official Opposition, the Member for Calgary-Shaw, has made a very serious statement and comment, in his words, a point of privilege against the Minister of Health regarding some comments that the Minister made yesterday. It pertains to an exchange in this House yesterday dealing with an announcement or not, dealing with a Government airplane, dealing with matters related to that particular event that occurred sometime in October. I think October 25 was the date referenced by several Members.

We have heard now from six different people on this matter, and I listened very carefully. Just so you know, I took my notes as always. I want to begin by saying that the Member for Calgary-Shaw did provide notice in accordance with our rules, and at 10:33 this morning he met the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) with respect to giving at least two hours' notice before the start of the afternoon proceedings.

I hope not to take up too much time on this matter, but when an allegation is made that someone has misled the House and in particular intentionally misled the House, which I believe is what the Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw has said on at least one if not two or three different occasions, that really catches my attention. The reason it does, Honourable Members, is because frequently we will find that one Member sees an event or an activity or a statement one way, hears it one way, and another Member hears it and interprets it in a different way. So you could argue: well, somebody misled. But it could not be argued that you deliberately misled or that you intentionally misled, could it? You have all been on the receiving end of that or on the giving end of it in your own private lives, and it's no different in here.

Nonetheless, I want to remind you of a couple of things before I rule on this. One is that I have reminded Members many times about allegations that you make in this House about this fact, or not a fact, of misleading the Assembly. Quite often it is really a disagreement on facts or a matter of interpretation, as I have said. Please be reminded what the Speaker's role is in the House in general and particularly during question period. It is set out in the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, and it states the following: "The Speaker ensures that replies adhere to the dictates of order, decorum and parliamentary language. The Speaker, however, is not responsible for the quality or content of replies to questions."

Of course, someone else referred to it, and I want to refer to it again. In Beauchesne's, second edition, paragraph 494 – and I have referred to this many times before – it states that the Chair often has to accept "two contradictory accounts of the same incident."

Now, if the Member who raised the point of privilege is alleging that the Minister deliberately misled the Assembly, then that indeed is a very, very high bar and is almost never made out according to the many rulings that you will have researched as part of your preparation for this point of privilege. In order to constitute a contempt and to conclude that a Member deliberately misled the Assembly, three elements must be met, and Members have referred to this in their own words. First, the statement must in fact have been misleading; second, it must be established that the Member making the statement knew at the time the statement was made that it was incorrect; and three, in making such a statement, the Member must have intended to mislead the House. I think the Member for Calgary-Shaw tried very hard to do that. He tried to prove his case, as it were. Of course, the case was then argued by three members from Executive Council to the contrary. Again, we have this contradiction of what people perceive to have been the facts.

Nonetheless, the authorities for this particular test were outlined by me in this House before: in particular, I outlined them on December 3, 2012, when I made a ruling, that you can find at pages 1206 and 1207 of Alberta Hansard for that day. I am not going to take the time of the House to repeat them. But I think it is clear that the wording of this particular purported point of privilege isn't so much a point of privilege even if it was worded somehow else. It could certainly meet the test of having been a point of order, in which case we would have had a clarification not unlike what we just heard, but I cannot see where this, at the moment at least, constitutes a question of privilege.

I did listen very carefully and attentively to everyone who spoke. I have my notes to back this up. I know that there were explanations given about a tragedy that occurred on that day and that that tragedy then led to certain other circumstances having to unfold, certain changes in schedules. I listened carefully when the Member for Airdrie mentioned the issue about the location of where a purported or de facto press conference or media conference or whatever you want to call it may or may not have occurred. Other than the fact that there was a tragedy that day, I think it is still, nonetheless, a fair point to remind Government about the choice of locations for some of the announcements. It is clear from what I have heard that there may not have been a choice in this one if, in fact, what the Member for Airdrie said is true, and I don't know that. It may come up again later in this Session. I'm not sure. Let us be reminded that there are circumstances that occur in our lives that are, generally speaking, beyond our control. As such we must accept that the Members who spoke, spoke, I hope, with honour and with their own conviction and their own belief.

In this case I do not find there to be a prima facie case that would constitute a point of privilege. So that will conclude this matter today.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 2 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 3 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

#### 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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

#### **Government Motions**

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

#### 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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 4 Estate Administration Act Ms Kubinec
- Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 64(2) in order to allow Bill 5, Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$), to advance more than one stage in a day.

## **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:32 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 1 Savings Management Act (\$) Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 2 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2014 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 3 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Horner

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 5)

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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. Campbell moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:19 p.m. until Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Marlin Styner of Red Deer, a volunteer and public speaker on injury prevention and disabilities, who passed away on February 28, 2014.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for occupational health and safety standards and workers' compensation benefits for farm workers.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the need for more schools in the Calgary-Bow constituency.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing the Sherwood Park and District Chamber of Commerce Environment Committee for their role in promoting environmentally friendly and innovative technologies.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, made a statement regarding the Premier's travel expenses.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement congratulating Banff-Cochrane constituents Brian McKeever, on winning two gold medals, and Mark Arendz, on winning a silver and a bronze medal, at the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Childhood Vision Assessment Act — Mrs. Jablonski

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Copy of a petition signed by 4,903 Albertans requesting that the Calgary Board of Education, the Calgary Catholic School District, Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, and Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs, re-evaluate the communities of West Springs, Cougar Ridge, and Aspen Woods to ensure much-needed schools are built

Sessional Paper 48/2014

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

Email message dated February 6, 2014, from Dallas Diamond to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, regarding his belief that the poor treatment his father received at Calgary medical facilities led to his father's death

Sessional Paper 49/2014

Letter dated February 26, 2014, from Honora Thubron of Calgary to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding the care of seniors in long-term care facilities, with several related attachments

Sessional Paper 50/2014

Email message dated October 30, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, former Minister of Human Services, to Jim Miller of British Columbia responding to a request to meet with Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to discuss farm safety

Sessional Paper 51/2014

Email message dated January 29, 2014, from Harry Chase to Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Human Services, requesting a reform of children's services and the child welfare system in a transparent and accountable manner

Sessional Paper 52/2014

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 53/2014

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 4 Estate Administration Act — Ms Kubinec

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

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m. until Monday, March 17, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

## Monday, March 17, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Minister of Municipal Affairs' announcement on March 17, 2014, concerning the Government's support for municipalities in Budget 2014.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing the Newell Foundation and its concept planning for the Bassano Continuing Care Centre.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement congratulating Michelle Hoover on winning the 2013 4-H Premier's Award.

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing Greer Black, who is retiring from a 35-year career in health care on March 28, 2014.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding recent projects and funding announcements under the Building Alberta Plan and Budget 2014.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding support for craft brewers and distilleries in Alberta.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (MLA Public Interest Fee Waiver) Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Barnes

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Document, undated, entitled "Resolution 4-13S, Local Road Bridge Program, Municipal District of Big Lakes," regarding the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties calling upon the Government to ensure a second round of consultation

Sessional Paper 54/2014

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

Bassano Continuing Care Centre, Final Report, dated October 11, 2013, prepared by S2 Architecture

Sessional Paper 55/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated November 2013 entitled "reaching equal justice: an invitation to envision and act," prepared by the Canadian Bar Association Access to Justice Committee

Sessional Paper 56/2014

Report dated June 2010 entitled "Moving Forward on Legal Aid, Research on Needs and Innovative Approaches," prepared by Melina Buckley for the Canadian Bar Association

Sessional Paper 57/2014

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 2012

Sessional Paper 58/2014

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

2011-2012 Authorized Accredited Agencies Summary

Sessional Paper 59/2014

2012/2013 Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report

Sessional Paper 60/2014

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2013, dated October 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 61/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2013 Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Sessional Paper 62/2014

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 Independent Budget Officer Act — Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

AndersonFoxRoweAnglinHaleShermanBikmanHehrSwannBlakemanNotleyTowleFenskePedersenWilson

Forsyth

Against the motion: 32

Olesen Amery Horne Barnes Horner Ouadri Bhardwaj  $Johnson \ ({\it Calgary-Glenmore})$ Quest Casey Khan Rodney Cusanelli Klimchuk Sandhu DeLong Kubinec Sarich Lemke Starke Denis Dorward Leskiw VanderBurg Fritz Woo-Paw Luan Griffiths McIver Xiao Hancock Oberle

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

#### **502.** Moved by Mr. Saskiw:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal section 3(1)(b) of the Alberta Human Rights Act to restore the freedom of speech of all Albertans.

#### A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 4(2) in order to allow the Assembly to sit past 6:00 p.m. to complete consideration of Motion Other Than Government Motion 502.

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 8

Anderson Denis Saskiw Barnes Donovan Wilson

Bikman McAllister

Against the motion: 38

Amery Horner Quest Bhardwai Jeneroux Rodney Bilous Rogers Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) Blakeman Sandhu Khan Brown Klimchuk Sarich Kubinec Casey Sherman Cusanelli Lemke Starke DeLong Leskiw Swann Dorward Luan VanderBurg Fenske Woo-Paw McIver Fritz Notley Xiao Griffiths Oberle Young Hancock Olesen

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:28 p.m. until Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the increased demand for student spaces at the University of Calgary.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding her decision four years ago to leave the Progressive Conservative caucus.

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the St. Albert Family Resource Centre and its objective to be recognized as a Parent Link Centre.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding several Progressive Conservative Party election promises that have not been delivered.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the need to take a wellness approach in developing a new health care framework in order to sustain our public health care system.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the current Russian intervention in Ukraine.

## **Speaker's Statement** – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotation

Honourable Members, before we proceed with the Daily Routine and Oral Question Period, I would like to make a brief statement about the rotation for questions during Oral Question Period and also for Members' Statements. Revisions to the rotations are required due to changes in caucus membership pertaining to the Member for Calgary-Foothills and the Member for Calgary-Varsity, who are now independent Members of this Assembly.

Adapting and applying past practices to this current arrangement of independents, the Member for Calgary-Foothills is entitled to question six on day two of the Oral Question Period rotation. The Member for Calgary-Varsity is entitled to question six on day three of the Oral Question Period rotation. For each of these sitting days in the rotation the remaining caucuses move down one position for questions seven, eight, and nine. The PC caucus, which was at question nine, is moved to question 21, and subsequently the Wildrose question moves from question 21 down to question 22. The remainder of the rotation on days two and three does not change. This will give the Member for Calgary-Varsity, the Member for Calgary-Foothills, and the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo one question every four days, which replicates the Oral Question Period rotation in the Fall Sitting of 2013, where each independent Member was entitled to one question per week. Honourable Members, please be advised that today is day one in terms of question period.

With respect to the rotation for Members' Statements, this has also been modified to provide for one statement for each independent Member every third week. Applying this principle, the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo is entitled to the first of these Members' Statements on Thursday, March 20. Calgary-Foothills will then be recognized on Thursday, April 10, and Calgary-Varsity on Thursday, April 17.

Honourable Members, you will find the revised Oral Question Period rotation on your desks, and I will be distributing shortly to each of your offices a revised Projected Sitting Days Calendar to reflect the changes in the Members' Statements rotation, which I just explained.

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 10, 2014, from Dale Swaré of Sherwood Park to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding the length of time it is taking for his wife to receive back surgery and regarding Government spending

Sessional Paper 63/2014

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 64/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated August 23, 2013, from Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to Dr. Sherman's letter dated July 29, 2013, requesting the appointment of a special auditor to the Flood Recovery Task Force

Sessional Paper 65/2014

Letter dated February 12, 2014, from Karen Lindgren, FOIP Coordinator, Executive Council, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to a request for access to general information concerning Navigator Ltd. and ENsight Canada Inc.

Sessional Paper 66/2014

CNW Newswire website article dated January 31, 2014, entitled "Navigator Ltd. Releases Contracts with Government of Alberta"

Sessional Paper 67/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated February 25, 2014, from Jason Woo of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to public sector pension plans

Sessional Paper 68/2014

Email message dated March 4, 2014, from Rodger Oakley to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to public sector pension plans

Sessional Paper 69/2014

Letter, undated, from Rhonda van Heyst to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 70/2014

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

Document, undated, entitled "Proposed Repairs – Completed?" regarding the McKinnon Flats and access to the lower Bow River, relating to comments made by Mr. Hale during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2014

Sessional Paper 71/2014

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

Email message dated March 16, 2014, from Dr. Ian Armstrong of Taber to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding access to psychological services

Sessional Paper 72/2014

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:57 p.m. until Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 19, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the Government's promise in 2008 to build a long-term care facility in downtown Fort McMurray rather than in Parsons Creek.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the systemic gap in existing mental health services and the need for Alberta Health Services, the Government, and contracted agencies to standardize the way they define these services.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding how the Government's 2014 Capital Plan will address the province's growing population and infrastructure needs.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Government's curriculum redesign and Inspiring Education, Alberta's Vision for Education.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the need for children to receive visual testing as part of an early prevention program and to prepare them for school.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Government bureaucracy, policies, and regulations.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 73/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated January 31, 2014, from Karen Lindgren, FOIP Coordinator, Executive Council, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to Dr. Sherman's request for "all correspondence between the Office of the Premier and Jamie Watt," with related attachments, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on March 19, 2014

Sessional Paper 74/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Our Team" relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on March 19, 2014

Sessional Paper 75/2014

Copies of online biographies of Jamie Watt, Executive Chairman, Randy Dawson, Managing Principal, Jason Hatcher, Managing Principal, and Dr. Carol Anderson, Senior Consultant, all with Navigator Ltd., relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on March 19, 2014

Sessional Paper 76/2014

Hon. Mr. Scott, Associate Minister – Accountability, Transparency and Transformation:

Letter dated March 18, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Scott, Associate Minister – Accountability, Transparency and Transformation, to Hon. Jason Kenney, Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism, regarding the outstanding transfer of land for a piece of property in the Fort McMurray-Conklin constituency known as Willow Square, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 77/2014

#### Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont:

Copy of the first page of a petition to the Government of Canada calling for tougher laws and mandatory minimum sentencing for persons convicted of impaired driving causing death

Sessional Paper 78/2014

Mr. Saskiw, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 6,100 Albertans urging the Government not to move forward with their plan to build a seniors' long-term care facility in Parsons Creek, Fort McMurray but to consider instead immediately building such a facility in downtown Fort McMurray near the hospital on land currently owned or controlled by the Province

Sessional Paper 79/2014

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:02 p.m. until Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

## Thursday, March 20, 2014

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

## Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 20, 1989. The Speaker then presented Ms Calahasen with a 25-year Mace pin.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing the important work of the Alberta Economic Development Authority.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement thanking Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, for her service to the Province and regarding the need for new leadership that will support public servants and their rights.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Northern Leaders' Summit held in Athabasca on March 14, 2014.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Premier's recent trade mission to India, a Memorandum of Understanding with the states of Punjab and Meghalaya, and the opening of the Alberta International Office in New Delhi.

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding bridge safety concerns in rural Alberta and funding cuts to the bridge component of the Government's Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, presented a petition from over 11,000 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that would prohibit oil and gas development in the City of Lethbridge.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Premier and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 2013-2014 Sessional Paper 80/2014

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 81/2014

Letter dated February 2014 from Paulina Ross of Spruce Grove to Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 82/2014

Leaflet, undated, entitled "Alberta's New Democrats know we can do better," prepared by Alberta's NDP

Sessional Paper 83/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Email message dated March 13, 2014, from Nicholas Ternes to Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, regarding policies and funding to promote public awareness of and the treatment of sexually transmitted infections

Sessional Paper 84/2014

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock:

Calgary Herald website article dated March 14, 2014, entitled "Brandon and Gereluk: Let's strengthen education through evidence, not fads," relating to Ms Kubinec's Member's Statement on March 19, 2014

Sessional Paper 85/2014

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Email message dated March 18, 2014, from John Emmons and Maria Farmer to Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, expressing concern regarding their difficulties in dealing with the Workers' Compensation Board and the Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation for the past several years

Sessional Paper 86/2014

#### Speaker's Statement – MLA for a Day

The Speaker made a statement regarding Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day to be held on May 5 and 6, 2014.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 4 Estate Administration Act — Ms Kubinec

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Weadick on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hughes

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

# **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 10)

Moved by Ms Kubinec and seconded by Mr. McDonald:

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

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **Government Motions**

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:08 p.m. until Monday, April 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

## Monday, April 7, 2014

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. Jonathan Joseph Lord, Member for Calgary-Currie, 2001 to 2004, who passed away on March 26, 2014.

#### Speaker's Statement – Welcome to the New Premier, Hon. Mr. Hancock

Honourable Members, I want to take a moment to officially welcome Alberta's 15th Premier, the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Whitemud. First elected to this Assembly in 1997, the Honourable Member has served as Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Advanced Education, Minister of Health and Wellness, Minister of Education, Minister of Human Services, and is currently serving as Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education. He has also held the role as Government House Leader or Deputy Government House Leader in 16 out of the 17 years he has served in this Assembly.

On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta I welcome the first Premier of Alberta to be born in the Northwest Territories. He is now Alberta's 15th Premier. Please join me in welcoming the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, Mr. Premier.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) and begin Oral Question Period at the conclusion of Ministerial Statements.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, made a statement regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Alberta National Event held in Edmonton from March 27 to 30, 2014.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then commented on the statement.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, also requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly and then commented on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the YWCA's annual Keep a Roof Over Their Heads event to take place on May 1, 2014, and the YWCA's Winter Emergency Response Program.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding issues surrounding the renovation of the Edmonton Federal Building.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing Red Deer College for several athletic accomplishments.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing April 6 to 12, 2014, as National Volunteer Week, and regarding Volunteer Alberta's Volunteerville website.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the earthquake that took place off the coast of Chile on April 1, 2014, and recognizing Edmonton-Mill Woods constituents of Chilean descent.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement in support of Motion Other Than Government Motion 503 regarding the need to permit students to form gay-straight alliances to reduce homophobic bullying.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Report dated February 2012 entitled "Visual Impediments to Learning," prepared by Dr. Noëlla Piquette and Dr. Charles Boulet

Sessional Paper 87/2014

Recent email messages between Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer North, and John J. McDonald, Executive Director, CNIB Alberta-NWT, regarding specific language in Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 88/2014

Letter from Dr. Kenneth Romanchuk, President, Eye Physicians and Surgeons Association of Alberta, and Dr. Paul Rafuse, President, Canadian Ophthalmological Society, expressing concern regarding the approach proposed in Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 89/2014

Letter dated March 31, 2014, from Dr. Gordon Hensel, Registrar, Alberta College of Optometrists, suggesting amendments to Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 90/2014

Letter dated March 25, 2014, from Dr. Aaron Patel, President, Alberta Association of Optometrists, offering suggestions to strengthen Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 91/2014

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2), Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, Annual Report 2013

Sessional Paper 92/2014

Document dated March 27-30, 2014, entitled "Government of Alberta, Expression of Reconciliation for the Legacy of the Indian Residential School System," prepared by the Office of the Minister of Education

Sessional Paper 93/2014

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2012 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 94/2014

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Victims Services Status Report, 2012-2013 Sessional Paper 95/2014

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 96/2014

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Document dated November 1, 2010, entitled "Parent Covenant 2013/2014," prepared by Heritage Christian Academy, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 97/2014

Article from the International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies (2014) entitled "School-based Strategies to Reduce Suicidal Ideation, Suicide Attempts, and Discrimination Among Sexual Minority and Heterosexual Adolescents in Western Canada"

Sessional Paper 98/2014

Email message dated April 7, 2014, from Rob Wells, Co-Chair, Southminster Steinhauer United Church Affirm Committee, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 503

Sessional Paper 99/2014

Metro News website article dated April 6, 2014, entitled "Calgary junior high and high schools embrace LGBT clubs"

Sessional Paper 100/2014

Calgary Herald website article dated April 4, 2014, entitled "Wells: Let's support all our children to thrive"

Sessional Paper 101/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors, Legal Aid Alberta, held on December 3, 2013

Sessional Paper 102/2014

2 recent email messages from Alexandra Hope and Mary Cornet, both to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter to the Premier urging that the attack on public sector pensions be stopped

Sessional Paper 103/2014

2 recent email messages from Robin Charlesworth and Laurie Fisher to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed pension sustainability reforms

Sessional Paper 104/2014

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 6, 2014, entitled "Energy East Pipeline plan worse than Keystone, Pembina Institute says," relating to comments made by Mr. Hale during Oral Question Period on April 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 105/2014

Taxpayer.com news release, undated, entitled "Alberta Cultural Grants Funding Anti-oil Pembina Institute"

Sessional Paper 106/2014

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 203 Childhood Vision Assessment Act — Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Towle speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

#### **503.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation, like Manitoba's and Ontario's, requiring all school boards to develop policies to support students who want to lead and establish gay-straight alliance activities and organizations, using any name that is consistent with the promotion of a positive school environment that is inclusive, welcoming, and respectful for all students regardless of sexuality, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

#### A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Rogers in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 19

Bilous Lukaszuk Fawcett Blakeman Hehr Notley Brown Hughes Scott Calahasen Jansen Sherman Dallas Klimchuk Swann DeLong Luan Woo-Paw Eggen

Against the motion: 31

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## Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:13 p.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

## Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 12th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election held on April 8, 2002.

## **Speaker's Statement** – Speaking Times for Ministerial Statements and Members' Statements

Honourable Members, yesterday was a very historic day in this Assembly. Not only was it the first day for Alberta's new Premier, Alberta's 15th Premier, but it was also very noteworthy to hear his very important message delivered at a time called Ministerial Statements, as it was important to hear from other Members when everyone spoke about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Your Chair knows of the deeply held emotions that are triggered by the subject of residential schools because I grew up very near to the Alexis reserve, and I saw some of what was talked about yesterday occurring.

The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission allows and empowers people to tell their stories. In keeping with that theme, yesterday there were some very emotional statements made in this Assembly. As Speaker I was proud to preside over an Assembly, over a Chamber, where, for example, the Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake was able to stand and tell her personal story involving residential schools. The speeches that were given by other Members and by the Leader of the Official Opposition also spoke to many outside these walls who know that their stories have resonance with all of us.

As I mentioned yesterday, at page 351 of Alberta Hansard for April 7, 2014, there were some complaints by some Members forwarded to me regarding the time that was given by me to Members who asked to participate in responding to the Ministerial Statement. I indicated that I would provide some guidelines with respect to the speaking times for Ministerial Statements today, including responses to Ministerial Statements.

In reviewing the background and rulings on this subject over the years, I found the most succinct statement to be in a document that I sent to House Leaders on January 23, 2014, entitled "Proposed Changes to Assembly Procedures: Comments Prepared by Table Officers." To quote from that document, I said the following:

There is nothing in the Standing Orders that provides for the length of time that a Minister may take in delivering a Ministerial Statement. Likewise, there is nothing about the length of responses by the Official Opposition or by any other opposition Member. The practice of allowing a Member of the Official Opposition a response of three minutes has been followed since the June 13, 1986, ruling by former Speaker David Carter. As there is nothing in that ruling or in the Standing Orders, a further practice has evolved of seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to have a Member of any other opposition party respond for three minutes. In the interest of certainty, House Leaders may wish to consider amending the Standing Orders to either codify the existing practice or modify it.

Some Members may recall a ruling I gave on May 14, 2013, at page 2391 of Alberta Hansard for that day, that dealt with the topic of Ministerial Statements, especially the length of them.

I also want to point out that one of the most important jobs of the Speaker, although not much is written about it, is to sense the mood of the Assembly and to apply the rules in light of those circumstances. That is what I did yesterday with respect to the speaking times that I allowed in responding to the Ministerial Statement.

In fact, the Premier spoke for exactly five minutes according to what I have been provided by way of timing. The Leader of the Official Opposition spoke for three minutes and 47 seconds, 47 seconds over the traditional allotted time, but well worth it. Same with the Premier, bang on. The Leader of the Liberal opposition spoke for three minutes and five seconds. The Leader of the New Democrats spoke for one minute and 54 seconds. The Member for Calgary-Foothills spoke for a minute and 38 seconds. The Member for Lesser Slave Lake spoke for five minutes and 41 seconds. The Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo spoke for two minutes and 40 seconds. So I granted the appropriate amount of leeway, judging the mood of the House at the time.

Moving on to another subject, that being the subsequent order of business. Specifically, for those who are participating in Members' Statements, we have a different rule, which is why I enforced the speaking times found in Standing Order 7(4). Unfortunately, I had to cut off two people at least because they ran over the time, more than two minutes. Members will know that these statements are part of the Daily Routine and are not unique. Members know the rules on speaking times and also should know the anxiety caused when one Member is seen to be allowed more time than another, which is in direct violation of the rules. I have no choice but to enforce those rules and to try and be as fair and as impartial in my rulings as possible when doing so.

I am sorry to have taken up a couple of minutes of your time from the Assembly on this point, but it was of great concern to me, as it was to some Members who wrote to me, sought clarification, and, as I mentioned earlier, even complained. If there are any further questions on this or any other matter, I encourage you to please contact me privately if you wish. Many of you have been in, and we have spoken about numerous items over the past nearly two years. I would welcome you to come in again and we can pursue the conversation even further.

Thank you for your kind attention and your adherence.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding rural homelessness.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding several Government and Wildrose policies.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the First Nations Interpretation Internship Program at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Government's April 8, 2014, announcement of the Open Educational Resources Initiative.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the work of the Sonshine Centre, a second-stage women's shelter in Calgary.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement congratulating Sylvan Lake, winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2014.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 107/2014

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

Reprint of a Stettler Independent article dated March 26, 2014, entitled "Redford agriculture legacy sparse at best"

Sessional Paper 108/2014

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

Document entitled "Public response via email, Facebook and telephone with regard to the question posed on January 28, 2014" regarding Motion Other Than a Government Motion 504 to be proposed by Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo

Sessional Paper 109/2014

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

CBC News website article dated January 16, 2014, entitled "Husky, kitten found dead, muzzled in Calgary alley," Calgary Herald website article dated January 16, 2014, entitled "Pet owners warned after attacks on animals in Willow Park," and Calgary Herald website article dated January 29, 2014, entitled "Home searched in case of dog, cat found with muzzles taped shut"

Sessional Paper 110/2014

Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals webpage outlining its core values and beliefs

Sessional Paper 111/2014

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Infrastructure:

Excerpt from Budget 2009, Capital Plan 2009-12

Sessional Paper 112/2014

Excerpt from Budget 2010, 2010-13 Capital Plan

Sessional Paper 113/2014

Biography of Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, from the robanderson.ca website

Sessional Paper 114/2014

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Email message dated December 26, 2013, from Tom Filgas of Lethbridge to Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, expressing several concerns regarding resource royalties and Government policies

Sessional Paper 115/2014

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b) the Assembly adjourned at 3:24 p.m. until Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, April 9, 2014

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 lives of Canadian military personnel lost in service to their country.

## Speaker's Statements

#### **Battle of Vimy Ridge**

The Speaker made a statement recognizing April 9, 2014, as the National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

#### **Order Paper Modification**

I would like to point out a minor change that will be made to the Order Paper due to recent changes to Executive Council. Today's Order Paper shows the former Minister of Municipal Affairs by name as the sponsor of Bill 6, New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014. The Order Paper will be changed to simply indicate that the sponsor of this Bill is the Minister of Municipal Affairs, period, which is how the Bill has been printed. Hence, the sponsor of this Bill will be the current member of Executive Council who has responsibility for this particular Ministry.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding an Alberta Health Services consulting contract awarded to a private consulting company belonging to a former Alberta Health Services senior executive.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Alberta New Democrats' solutions to problems in Alberta's education system.

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Marmot Basin in Jasper, the Edmonton Ski Club, and the City of Edmonton's Winter City Strategy.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the creation of the Peter Lougheed Leadership Institute at the Banff Centre, part of the Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative in collaboration with the University of Alberta.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Sue Higgins, former Calgary City Councillor, who passed away on February 16, 2014.

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding a visit he made to the Canadian National Vimy Memorial.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy 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.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

List of over 26,000 names of people who are requesting that Alberta Education stop consulting with Syncrude, Suncor, and Cenovus on redesigning Alberta's curriculum for kindergarten to Grade 12

Sessional Paper 116/2014

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Press release dated April 8, 2014, entitled "Rocky View Teachers Disappointed in Defeat of Motion 503," prepared by Rocky View teachers

Sessional Paper 117/2014

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Letter dated February 4, 2014, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding sustainable and adequate federal funding for legal aid

Sessional Paper 118/2014

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

Email message dated March 13, 2014, from Thaine Olsen of Magrath to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, regarding the value of the now suspended Summer Temporary Employment Program

Sessional Paper 119/2014

Letter dated April 1, 2014, from Brian Fozzard, President, Crowfoot Courier Ltd., to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding small businesses in communities

Sessional Paper 120/2014

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Perry Reese and Brant Reese of Milk River regarding an emergency protection order for greater sage grouse

Sessional Paper 121/2014

4 recent email messages from parents whose children attend schools in Raymond to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding overcrowding and opposition to the use of portables

Sessional Paper 122/2014

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:42 p.m. until Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, April 10, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Dorward, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's decision to demolish houses in the flood prone neighbourhood of Beachwood in High River.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement recognizing Project Brock and the Ruether family for their efforts in educating people about automated external defibrillators and encouraging communities to place automated external defibrillators in all areas of public use.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing the University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team on winning its 51st Canada West title and record 14th national championship and regarding the success of all University of Alberta Golden Bears and Panda teams.

Mr. Jeneroux, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Edmonton-South West constituents' concerns with respect to reliable childcare and their desire to have daycare services at their places of work.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding excessive wait times for Albertans to receive approval for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

## **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ1, WQ2, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ10, WQ11, WQ15,

WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36,

WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41

To be dealt with: WQ3, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be accepted: MR2, MR3, MR7, MR8 To be dealt with: MR1, MR4, MR5, MR6

# **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

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

Bill 7 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Campbell on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Animal Protection (Prevention of Animal Distress and Neglect)
Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Webber

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 123/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

CTV News website article dated April 10, 2014, entitled "Alberta mother breaks her silence on gay-straight alliances"

Sessional Paper 124/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Alberta Health Services document, undated, entitled "AHS Performance Dashboard Q2 2013/14"

Sessional Paper 125/2014

Alberta Health Services document, undated, entitled "AHS Measure Dashboard Q3 2013/14"

Sessional Paper 126/2014

## Speaker's Statement – MLA for a Day

The Speaker made a statement regarding Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day to be held on May 5 and 6, 2014.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until Monday, April 14, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, April 14, 2014

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding the second annual Sino-Canadian Oil and Gas Symposium to be held in Calgary on June 21, 2014.

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the actions of the Government caucus and the role of the next Premier.

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the effects of mental illness and new funding in Budget 2014 that strengthens mental health programs.

Ms Fenske, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village.

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the construction of the Agrium Western Event Centre in Calgary.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the important role of public servants; Bill 45, Public Sector Services Continuation Act; Bill 46, Public Service Salary Restraint Act; and public service pensions.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Email message dated April 10, 2014, from Dr. Charles Boulet of Black Diamond to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 127/2014

Email message dated April 11, 2014, from Dr. Steven Hoang, Optometrist, to the Premier and all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 128/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act" Sessional Paper 129/2014

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

Canadian Journal of Public Health article dated January/February 2012 entitled "Childhood Vision Screening in Canada: Public Health Evidence and Practice" Sessional Paper 130/2014

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Documents, undated, entitled "Philosophy of Christian Education" and "Professional and Ethical Standards," relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 14, 2014

Sessional Paper 131/2014

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

## **WQ1.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What progress has been made on the formal commitment to develop a big city charter announced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in a Government news release on June 18, 2012?

# **WQ2.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

Which 10 municipalities had the highest property tax rates in Alberta for the 2012 and 2013 calendar years?

## **WQ4.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

As of January 1, 2014, how many licensed child care program spaces and approved family day home spaces are there in each of Edmonton, Calgary, and the rest of Alberta?

#### **WQ5.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

Has the Government received a report from the Information and Privacy Commissioner on the Government's travel, meal, and hospitality expenses policy announced on September 5, 2012, and if so, what are the Commissioner's recommendations?

# **WQ6.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

How many oil and gas pipeline spills, leaks, or ruptures have occurred in Alberta per year from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2013?

# **WQ10.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

Which municipalities in Alberta have lands that are classified as flood-prone?

#### **WQ11.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

As of January 1, 2014, how many active members and retired members are in each of the following public sector pension plans: the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, the Management Employees Pension Plan, and the Special Forces Pension Plan?

#### **WQ15.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

In Alberta, how many English as a Second Language students were registered in each of the school years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 inclusive, and of those, how many will continue beyond the five years that are totally funded by the school board?

## **WQ16.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

How many home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties were operating in Alberta when the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, and how many are operating in Alberta as of January 1, 2014?

#### **WQ17.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

Since the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, how many complaints has Service Alberta received about home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties as of January 1, 2014?

## **WQ18.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

Since the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, how many home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties have had their licences revoked by Service Alberta as of January 1, 2014?

## **WQ19.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What criteria does the Government use to classify children as living in poverty?

## **WQ20.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What is the Government's estimate of how many Alberta children are living in poverty as of January 1, 2014?

#### **WQ21.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What criteria does the Government use to determine whether a child has escaped poverty?

## **WQ22.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What is the Government's projection of how much money it will need to invest to eliminate child poverty in five years, in connection with Together We Raise Tomorrow, Alberta's Poverty Reduction Strategy, announced in June 2013, and to which programs, services, and community resources will this funding be allocated?

#### **WQ23.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

In relation to the June 2013 flood, how many hours' notice did the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development give to each of the affected municipalities that flooding was either possible or imminent?

#### **WQ24.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

How many safety codes officers in Alberta have been specifically trained to evaluate homes affected by the June 2013 flood and assess whether they have been flood-proofed to a sufficient degree to warrant removal of the notice that the Government has placed on the titles to those properties?

### **WQ25.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

As of January 1, 2014, how many of the 30 new Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) officers, announced by the Government on March 4, 2011, have been hired, and what is the total number of OHS officers?

## **WQ26.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

As of January 1, 2014, how many of the six new Employment Standards (ES) officers, announced by the Government on August 10, 2011, have been hired, what is the total number of ES officers, and what was the total number on August 10, 2011?

#### **WQ27.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What is the projected net financial result of dissolving the Child and Family Services Authorities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, establishing family and community engagement councils, and transferring responsibility for service delivery to the Ministry of Human Services?

#### **WQ28.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

How much have caseloads for Alberta Works decreased or increased from April 1, 2008, to April 1, 2013?

#### **WQ29.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

How many people have visited the Alberta Open Data Portal since it was launched in May 2013, and what was the most searched item?

## **WQ30.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Government management positions have been eliminated since April 1, 2013, and how many are anticipated to be eliminated by March 31, 2014?

### **WQ31.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

For those property owners who received Disaster Recovery Program compensation in 2013, what is the wording of the notice the Government will place on the titles to those properties?

### **WQ32.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

Who are the members of the Government's Disaster Recovery Committee, the body referenced in section 2.2.2 of the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines and section 7(3) of the Disaster Recovery Regulation?

#### **WQ33.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

As of January 1, 2014, how many homes in southern Alberta were deemed or estimated to be eligible to apply for Disaster Recovery Program compensation in relation to the June 2013 flood; and, of those, how many submitted applications for compensation, how many were offered compensation, and how many accepted the offered amount of compensation?

## **WQ34.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta were appealed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 8 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation, and how many of those resulted in a reversal or modification of a previous decision made by either the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's Director of Recovery Operations or the Managing Director?

#### **WQ35.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

As of January 1, 2014, of the total number of southern Alberta residents who applied for Disaster Recovery Program compensation in relation to the June 2013 flood, how many have requested a formal review of their files by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's (AEMA) Director of Recovery Operations; and, how many have subsequently requested that a decision on their file by the AEMA Director of Recovery Operations be reviewed by the AEMA Managing Director, pursuant to section 7 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation; and, how many have subsequently requested that a decision on their file by the AEMA Managing Director be reviewed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 8 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation?

#### **WQ36.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

How many municipalities requested financial or technical assistance from the Government for riverbank stabilization or flood protection for the period between the southern Alberta flood that occurred in June 2005 and the flood of June 2013?

#### **WQ37.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

As January 1, 2014, what is the average length of time that it has taken to conclude Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims in relation to the June 2013 flood, and what is the average compensation that has been paid?

## **WQ38.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta?

## **WQ39.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the May 2011 wildfire in Slave Lake?

# **WQ40.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What was the commencement date of LandLink Consulting Ltd.'s current five-year contract with the Government to administer the Province's Disaster Recovery Program?

# **WQ41.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What positions did Barry Giffen and Rick Thrall, LandLink Consulting Ltd.'s President and Managing Partner respectively, hold when they were employed by the Government of Alberta?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

## **WQ9.** Moved by Dr. Swann:

Which 10 municipalities had the highest leukemia, lymphoma, and lung cancer incidence rates in Alberta for each of the years from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2013?

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister – Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

Which municipalities in Alberta had the highest leukemia, lymphoma, and lung cancer incidence rates for the period from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2005, and for the period from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2011?

### **WQ12.** Moved by Dr. Swann:

What progress has been made on the First Nations-Alberta-Canada February 2010 Memorandum of Understanding on Aboriginal Education?

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What progress has been made on the First Nations-Alberta-Canada February 2010 Memorandum of Understanding *for First Nations Education in Alberta*?

#### **WQ13.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

How many full-time, part-time, and substitute teachers were/are there in the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 and current school years?

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many full-time, part-time, and substitute teachers were there in the public and separate school systems in Alberta for 2012-13?

#### **WQ14.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

What is the average school bus transportation cost per student in both the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 and current school years?

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Education, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What is the average school bus transportation cost per student in both the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 *school year*?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

#### **WQ3.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

What is the Government's projected estimate of the cost to implement full-day kindergarten in Alberta?

## **WQ7.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

As of January 1, 2014, what is the Government's estimate of how much the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund would be worth if it had consistently transferred 30 per cent of non-renewable resource revenue into the Fund every year since 1976?

### **WQ8.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

Using the formula in section 6 of the Fiscal Management Act for the calculation of the debt-servicing limit for a fiscal year with respect to outstanding capital borrowing, what is the Government's calculation of its debt-servicing limit for the 2013-14 fiscal year, and how much money can the Government borrow in the 2013-14 fiscal year before it reaches this debt-servicing limit?

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

## **MR2.** Proposed by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of the report of the provincial advisory panel on community flood mitigation that proposed \$830 million in flood mitigation measures at the Alberta Flood Mitigation Symposium held in Calgary on October 4, 2013.

#### **MR3.** Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of Government studies or proposals related to the establishment of flood or disaster insurance in Alberta that were prepared between June 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014.

#### **MR7.** Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of documents outlining the criteria and process that Leger, The Research Intelligence Group, used to select participants for the 14 public consultations related to the Task Force for Teaching Excellence that commenced on October 1, 2013.

# **MR8.** Proposed by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of the performance review of LandLink Consulting Ltd. referenced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs during the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship's consideration of the Ministry's 2013-14 estimates

on April 17, 2013.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

# **MR1.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of the responses that the Government received from Albertans through its online survey on their priorities for Budget 2014.

#### **MR4.** Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Kang:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of any documents relating to the implementation plan for an online portal for registry services in 2014.

# MR5. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of proposals to amend tax rates for small brewers that were developed by the Government between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2013.

### **MR6.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of proposals to amend Alberta's spirit distillation rules that were developed by the Government between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2013.

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (MLA Public Interest Fee Waiver) Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Barnes

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Scott speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Childhood Vision Assessment Act — Mrs. Jablonski

#### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

#### **504.** Moved by Mr. Allen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act allowing harsher penalties to be imposed on drivers guilty of excessive speeding in order to deter high-risk driving behaviours on Alberta's highways.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 15, 2014

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Vaisakhi Day celebration held in the Legislature Rotunda on April 15, 2014.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the new education curriculum and requesting that the Government provide teachers with the resources necessary to teach children fundamental math skills.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing Family and Community Support Services and acknowledging the need for additional funding.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Budget 2014, Alberta's international offices, and their role in attracting international investment and building new markets.

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the Alberta Schools Athletic Association 2014 Provincial Championship for wrestling held in Calgary on March 7 and 8, 2014.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Government bureaucracy affecting the rebuilding of High River following the June 2013 flood.

## **Speaker's Statement – House Rules**

The Speaker made a statement regarding Oral Question Period rules, questions to Chairs of Standing Committees, and rules and protocols regarding the use of electronic devices in the House.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

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Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, on behalf of Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Copy of a petition signed by residents of the Town of Coalhurst requesting the Government of Alberta make improvements to the Highway No. 3 intersection to Coalhurst

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Letter, undated, from Taylor Hewlett and Jake van Schothorst to Dennis Cassie, Major Town of Coalhurst administration office, Ken Benson, Division 4 Council, Lethbridge County, and Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, attaching a petition signed by residents of the Town of Coalhurst requesting the Government of Alberta make improvements to the Highway No. 3 intersection to Coalhurst

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# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Acting Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1) and sch2, s5(1):

2012-2013 Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans: Annual Report

Sessional Paper 135/2014

Acting Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta:

Responses to Written Questions WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, and WQ29, all asked for by Mr. Kang on April 14, 2014:

WQ16. How many home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties were operating in Alberta when the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, and how many are operating in Alberta as of January 1, 2014?

WQ17. Since the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, how many complaints has Service Alberta received about home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties as of January 1, 2014?

WQ18. Since the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, how many home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties have had their licences revoked by Service Alberta as of January 1, 2014?

WQ29. How many people have visited the Alberta Open Data Portal since it was launched in May 2013, and what was the most searched item?

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# **Speaker's Statement – Famous Five Exhibit**

The Speaker made a statement announcing the installation of an enhanced exhibit in the Legislature Building as a tribute to the accomplishments of the Famous Five.

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, April 16, 2014

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

## Speaker's Statement – State Funeral for Mr. Jim Flaherty

The Speaker made a statement regarding the state funeral for Mr. Jim Flaherty, former federal Minister of Finance, held on April 16, 2014, and stated that the provincial flags will fly at half-mast in remembrance of Mr. Flaherty.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Alberta Health Services sole-source contracts.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed changes to public sector employee pension plans.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing April 24, 2014, as the 99th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing Teepee Creek School and the Peace Wapiti Public School Division.

Ms Kennedy-Glans, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the murder of five University of Calgary students in the constituency of Calgary-Varsity on April 15, 2014.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Ministry of Transportation's budget and the Ministry's inability to maintain provincial roads and highways and complete projects.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Dr. Lyle Oberg and Dr. Terrence H. White, directors of Rosebud School of the Arts, for the Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014;

of Patricia Goodwill-Littlechild, Executive Director of Maskwachees Cultural College, and Dennis Calihoo, Legal Counsel for Maskwachees Cultural College, for the Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014.

# **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

- Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Dallas on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 10 Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Dallas on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 2,000 Albertans requesting that the Government of Alberta pass legislation that will ensure any changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan or the Public Service Pension Plan are the result of negotiations between the Government and affected employees

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Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 138/2014

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Master of Cultural Studies dissertation dated November 2011 entitled "So Little Known to Others: Armenianness and the Armenian Diaspora," prepared by Ashley Kalagian Blunt

Sessional Paper 139/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Alberta Hansard page 1829 dated April 16, 2013, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on April 16, 2014

Sessional Paper 140/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 3, 2014, from Nicole McLellan, Access and Privacy Advisor, Service Alberta, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding his request for the release of records regarding the ARTS system and attaching the disclosed records package

Sessional Paper 141/2014

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

News release dated April 15, 2014, entitled "Creating Cleaner Air in Ontario, Province Has Eliminated Coal-Fired Generation," prepared by the Ontario Ministry of Energy

Sessional Paper 142/2014

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 7, 2014, from Dr. Sherman, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, to Merwan Saher, Auditor General, requesting an investigation regarding the circumstances surrounding all contracts awarded by the Government of Alberta to Navigator Ltd. since 2008

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# **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. Amery, 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 2014-2015 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, Executive Council, Infrastructure, Innovation and Advanced Education, International and Intergovernmental Relations, Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Amery then presented proposed amendments to the 2014-2015 estimates for the Ministries of Executive Council and International and Intergovernmental Relations.

Ms Olesen, 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 2014-15 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Culture, Education, Health, Human Services, Justice and Solicitor General, and Service Alberta.

Ms Olesen then presented proposed amendments to the 2014-15 estimates for the Ministries of Health, Human Services, and Service Alberta.

Mr. Khan, 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 2014-15 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Aboriginal Relations, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

Mr. Khan then presented proposed amendments to the 2014-2015 estimates for the Ministries of Energy and Municipal Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a), the following amendments were voted on:

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Energy (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

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Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Executive Council (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

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Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Health (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated

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Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Human Services (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

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Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

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Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

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Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Service Alberta (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —Defeated

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And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Dr. Brown reported as follows:

# Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2014-15 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, Government Estimates 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, 2015, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$69,415,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$27,300,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$3,349,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$6,517,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$973,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$6,983,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$12,502,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$1,274,000
Aboriginal Relations	
Operational Capital Financial Transactions	\$205,861,000 \$25,000 \$96,161,000
Agriculture and Rural Development	
Operational Capital	\$632,769,000 \$28,196,000

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Operational	\$157,473,000
Capital	\$48,800,000
Financial Transactions	\$2,370,000
Education	
Operational	\$4,238,760,000
Capital Financial Transactions	\$666,862,000
Financial Transactions	\$11,924,000
Energy	
Operational	\$427,397,000
Capital	\$6,315,000
<b>Environment and Sustainable Resource Development</b>	
Operational	\$493,777,000
Capital	\$60,082,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,410,000
<b>Executive Council</b>	
Operational	\$48,397,000
Health	
Operational	\$18,247,509,000
Capital	\$111,294,000
Financial Transactions	\$72,500,000
Human Services	
Operational	\$4,088,968,000
Capital	\$6,038,000
Financial Transactions	\$680,000
Infrastructure	
Operational	\$551,042,000
Capital	\$1,143,854,000
Financial Transactions	\$73,150,000
Innovation and Advanced Education	
Operational	\$2,705,983,000
Capital	\$235,572,000
Financial Transactions	\$408,000,000
International and Intergovernmental Relations	
Operational	\$39,410,000
Capital	\$25,000
Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour	
Operational	\$166,797,000
Capital	\$660,000

\$1,485,550,000

## **Justice and Solicitor General**

Operational	\$1,246,014,000
Capital	\$134,993,000
Municipal Affairs	
Operational	\$423,235,000
Capital	\$1,455,444,000
Financial Transactions	\$808,443,000
Service Alberta	
Operational	\$295,483,000
Capital	\$49,416,000
Financial Transactions	\$6,400,000
Tourism, Parks and Recreation	
Operational	\$170,471,000
Capital	\$29,215,000
Transportation	
Operational	\$512,720,000
Capital	\$1,844,728,000
Financial Transactions	\$76,944,000
Treasury Board and Finance	
Operational	\$131,369,000
Capital	\$2,853,000
Financial Transactions	\$15,248,000

Dr. Brown then tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of Supply on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

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

# **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Lottery Fund Transfer

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

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Dallas on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

# **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 7 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

# 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.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Bill 7 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. Jeneroux, 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 6 (A1) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 6 (A2) (Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 6 (A3) (Hon. Member Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 153/2014

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:36 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, April 17, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Law Day, which commemorates the signing of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms on April 17, 1982, and recognizing April 19, 2014, as the 98th anniversary of women's suffrage in Alberta.

Mr. Young, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Alzheimer's Face Off hockey tournament, a fundraiser held in Leduc from April 11 to 13, 2014.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing April 2014 as the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month.

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the use of the Supports Intensity Scale to determine support needs of persons with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Khan, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding chronic fatigue syndrome and the need for Alberta Health Services to expand its support for those suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copy of a petition signed by 156 Edmonton residents from the Heritage Senior Stop-In Centre requesting that the Government not change seniors' pharmacy benefits under the Alberta Health Care system

Sessional Paper 154/2014

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 155/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 231 Albertans requesting that the Government pass legislation that will ensure any changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan or the Public Service Pension Plan are the result of negotiations between the Government and affected employees

Sessional Paper 156/2014

Municipal Connection newsletter dated April 17, 2014, prepared by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

Sessional Paper 157/2014

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 10 Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

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

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

Bill 7 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 4:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(3) and 4(2), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:16 p.m. until Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 22, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing Lil Bodnar, founder of the Bonnyville Society Singers and the Bonnyville Tune-agers, who sang O Canada in the Assembly on April 22, 2014.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, made a statement regarding the Airdrie Health Foundation, founded by Michelle and Jeff Bates after their son Lane passed away, and the working group established by Alberta Health Services to design a 24-hour health care model for Airdrie.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the negative impact and resulting financial losses from aquatic invasive species, in particular, zebra and quagga mussels, on Alberta's aquatic ecosystems.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the work being done by Genome Alberta and recognizing April 29, 2014, as DNA Day.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding GreenTRIP and the unveiling of the new Bethel Transit Terminal in Sherwood Park on April 15, 2014.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the excellent care she received from health care professionals following her recent surgery.

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

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, presented a petition from 2,404 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the need for 24-hour urgent health care services in Airdrie and work with community leaders and health professionals to provide the resources necessary for their prompt establishment.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 158/2014

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour:

Memorandum dated November 29, 2013, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Chair, Operations and Policy Committee, to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, and Members of Cabinet, regarding the institution of a new process to track the release of information requests through the FOIP process

Sessional Paper 159/2014

Letter dated December 6, 2013, from Jill Clayton, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Chair, Operations and Policy Committee, writing to follow up their telephone conversation of November 27, 2013, regarding a proposed table form to be used to alert Government Ministers to impending releases of records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 160/2014

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, on behalf of Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Text of an email, undated and unaddressed, from Melissa Sadownik, Access and Privacy Advisor, Service Alberta, regarding Records of Decision for three unidentified cross-government requests, relating to comments made by Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, during Oral Question Period on April 22, 2014

Sessional Paper 161/2014

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Mrs. Towle moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 10 Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

#### **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)

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 10 Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 10, Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the Bill forces unilateral changes to pension schemes that endanger the health of the plans and restricts transparency and decision-making authority for members.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 35

Rodney Amery Horner Bhullar Hughes Rowe Campbell Jansen Sandhu Cusanelli Sarich Jeneroux Dallas  $Johnson \ ({\it Calgary-Glenmore})$ Starke DeLong Klimchuk Strankman Dorward VanderBurg Luan Fawcett Lukaszuk Wilson Woo-Paw Fraser McIver Fritz McQueen Xiao Hale Oberle Young Horne Quadri

Against the motion: 6

Bilous Hehr Notley Eggen Mason Swann

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 10 Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:51 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2014, until 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, April 23, 2014

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

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Government spending and promises made by the Progressive Conservative Party during the provincial general election campaign in 2012.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing the Beverly centennial.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association which established the Chinese Mandarin Bilingual Program in 1982.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, made a statement recognizing Teresa Nuthall of Wanham, an advocate for breast cancer research, and the community of Wanham for their fundraising efforts, including the Wild Pink Yonder's Pinkest Little Town, the Fun Dance, and A Pink Affair Christmas Party.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the call by the Native Women's Association of Canada for a national public inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women that was rejected by the federal government, the efforts of the Association and the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women to review the cases, and asking all Members of the Legislative Assembly to engage in lobbying to reverse this decision.

Mr. Hale, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the recent theft of over 20 dogs in the County of Newell, stolen from family homes, yards, and farms.

## **Speaker's Statements**

#### Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the second anniversary of the election of 38 Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected and one Member of the Legislative Assembly who was elected for a second time to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on April 23, 2012.

#### St. George's Day

The Speaker made a statement recognizing April 23, 2014, as St. George's Day.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Hale

Bill Pr2 Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Calahasen

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Bhardwaj, Associate Minister – Persons with Disabilities:

The Lancet Global Health article dated March 2014 entitled "The international charter on prevention of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder"

Sessional Paper 162/2014

Consensus Statement on Legal Issues of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Edmonton, Alberta, Institute of Health Economics Consensus Statement Volume 5 – September 18 to 20, 2013

Sessional Paper 163/2014

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 164/2014

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated April 11, 2014, entitled "Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) Coalition on Pensions, Commentary on Financial Positions of Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) and Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP)," prepared by George and Bell Consulting

Sessional Paper 165/2014

Final Report dated February 2014 entitled "Canadian Pensioners' Mortality, Pension Experience Subcommittee – Research Committee," prepared by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries

Sessional Paper 166/2014

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

RDC Values article entitled "Early Learning and Child Care Diploma Program Suspension, Background - April 2, 2014"

Sessional Paper 167/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Forum Discussion: Possible Effects of the RDC ELCC Diploma Program Suspension"

Sessional Paper 168/2014

Copy of a petition signed by 318 Albertans urging the Red Deer College Board of Directors to re-examine their decision to suspend the Early Learning and Child Care diploma program

Sessional Paper 169/2014

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Third Reading**

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

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Ms Jansen on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bhullar

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

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

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time but that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Oberle, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Third Reading**

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

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells this evening to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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

For the motion: 33

Bhardwai Griffiths **Pastoor**  $Johnson \ ({\it Calgary-Glenmore})$ Calahasen Ouadri Casey Kennedy-Glans Sandhu Cusanelli Klimchuk Sarich DeLong Kubinec Scott Denis Leskiw Starke Dorward Lukaszuk VanderBurg Drysdale McDonald Weadick Fawcett McQueen Woo-Paw Oberle Fraser Xiao Goudreau Olesen Young

Against the motion: 20

Anderson Hehr Stier Anglin Mason Strankman Barnes Notley Swann Bikman Pedersen Towle Eggen Webber Rowe Fox Sherman Wilson Hale Smith

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 8 Appropriation Act, 2014 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time but that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future.

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

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 6 New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act, 2014 Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Bill 7 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:14 p.m. until Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, April 24, 2014

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

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2014, as the National Day of Mourning for all workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, commented on the statement.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, then commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Kubinec, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Canadian Search Dog Association.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for legislation requiring age restrictions and the use of helmets while operating all-terrain vehicles.

Mr. Quadri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing April 24, 2014, as World Meningitis Day.

Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding math curriculum redesign.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Hockey Marathon for the Kids to be held in Chestermere from May 4 to 14, 2014, to raise funds for the Alberta Children's Hospital, the Foundation for Brain Health, and flood relief.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the recent measles outbreak in Alberta and the need for mandatory vaccinations.

#### **Notice of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Campbell
- Bill 13 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 Ms Olesen

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 170/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Copy of a presentation dated June 12, 2012, entitled "Vaccine Hesitancy in Alberta," prepared by Dr. Judy McDonald, Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 24, 2014

Sessional Paper 171/2014

Copy of the Immunization of School Pupils Act of Ontario, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 24, 2014

Sessional Paper 172/2014

Copy of the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development proof of immunization policy dated September 2012, relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 24, 2014 Sessional Paper 173/2014

CBC Radio website article dated April 15, 2014, entitled "Should childhood vaccines be mandatory?" relating to comments made by Mr. Hehr during Oral Question Period on April 24, 2014

Sessional Paper 174/2014

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

Memorandum dated April 24, 2014, from Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting early Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 175/2014

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2012

Sessional Paper 176/2014

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

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

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:09 p.m. until Monday, May 5, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, May 5, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the commemoration of the 99th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide held in the Legislature Rotunda on May 5, 2014.

Mr. Donovan, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the growth of the Village of Nobleford and recognizing the leadership of Nobleford's current council.

Mr. Lemke, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the federal government's moratorium of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program in the food services sector and the need for temporary foreign workers in Alberta's labour market.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing May 5 to 11, 2014, as Mental Health Week.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing the 69th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Allied forces.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding reducing childhood poverty and the need for supports for children.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, presented a petition from 266 Albertans urging the Government to pass legislation implementing a new vaccination process for children in Alberta schools which recognizes written parental consent as the only acceptable form of consent for children under the age of 18 to be vaccinated and thereby ensuring no child can be vaccinated in school without explicit parental consent.

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated April 24, 2014, from the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, expressing their support for Bill 203, Childhood Vision Assessment Act

Sessional Paper 177/2014

Letter dated April 29, 2014, from John McDonald, Executive Director and Regional Vice-President, CNIB Alberta and Northwest Territories, to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, regarding May being Vision Health Month and containing facts about vision health and vision loss

Sessional Paper 178/2014

#### Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 179/2014

Letter dated May 2, 2014, from Naheed Nenshi, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, expressing concern regarding Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 180/2014

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 1, 2014, entitled "Province Won't reach Family Care Clinics target"

Sessional Paper 181/2014

Calgary Herald website article dated May 2, 2014, entitled "Mandatory immunizations in Alberta will save lives, bioethicist says"

Sessional Paper 182/2014

Memorandum dated April 22, 2014, from Murray Gold, Koskie Minsky Barristers and Solicitors, to Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, regarding the governance, funding, and benefit provisions of the Employment Pension Plans Act as modified by Bill 10, Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014

Sessional Paper 183/2014

Brief dated May 2014 on Bill 10, Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014, prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 184/2014

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

2 recent email messages to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding proposed amendments to legislation that would designate the sandhill crane as a game bird

Sessional Paper 185/2014

Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Energy:

CNBC website article dated March 3, 2014, entitled "I'd vote 'yes' on Keystone pipeline: Warren Buffett"

Sessional Paper 186/2014

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report entitled "Childcare and School Vaccination Requirements, 2007-2008," prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sessional Paper 187/2014

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour:

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2013 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 188/2014

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 68th Annual General Meeting Report, April 1, 2014

Sessional Paper 189/2014

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, Annual Report 2013

Sessional Paper 190/2014

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (MLA Public Interest Fee Waiver) Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Barnes

#### A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Rogers in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 11

Anderson Rowe Donovan Barnes Eggen Swann Bikman Kang Towle

Brown Pedersen

Against the motion: 45

Griffiths Olesen Allen Amery Horne Olson Bhullar Hughes Quadri Calahasen Jablonski Quest Campbell Jansen Redford Casey Jeneroux Rodney Cusanelli Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) Sandhu Dallas Khan Sarich Dorward Kubinec Scott Drysdale Lemke Starke Fawcett Leskiw VanderBurg Fenske Weadick Luan Fraser McDonald Woo-Paw Fritz McIver Xiao McQueen Young Goudreau

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) to allow the Assembly to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

#### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

#### Moved by Dr. Brown on behalf of Mr. Cao (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Health Information Act and other Acts governing freedom of information and protection of privacy that would allow the Information and Privacy Commissioner to release information to relevant Ministers' Offices and affected parties when a data breach occurs.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 23, 2014, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time but that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Rogers in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Goudreau Oberle Allen Amery Griffiths Olesen Bhardwaj Horner Quadri Hughes Bhullar Quest Brown Jansen Rodney Calahasen Jeneroux Sandhu Campbell Sarich Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore) Cusanelli Kennedy-Glans Scott Dallas Klimchuk Starke Dorward Kubinec VanderBurg Drysdale Leskiw Weadick Fawcett Woo-Paw Luan Fenske McDonald Xiao Fritz McQueen Young

Against the motion: 14

BilousKangStrankmanBlakemanMasonSwannDonovanMcAllisterTowleEggenPedersenWilson

Hale Sherman

The following Bill was read a Second time and passed:

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Pursuant to Standing Order 78.1 and on motion by Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future for the committee's review:

Bill 9 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon, Mr. Horner

Pursuant to Standing Order 78.1 and on motion by Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future for the committee's review:

Bill 10 Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:10 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Alberta Education Task Force for Teaching Excellence report released on May 5, 2014.

Mr. Anglin, Hon. Member for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, made a statement regarding the sale of AltaLink by SNC-Lavalin to Berkshire Hathaway Energy.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the mental health system in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's attack on public sector employees, including pensions and freedom of speech.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement regarding labour shortages in Alberta and asking all Members of the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to develop a comprehensive provincial solution.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing May 4 to 11, 2014, as Family Caregiver Week.

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

Mr. Xiao, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Hale

Bill Pr2 Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Calahasen Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 13 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Olesen

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Rodney, Associate Minister – Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2012 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 191/2014

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2013

Sessional Paper 192/2014

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,514 Albertans urging the Government to pass legislation that will ensure that any changes to the Local Authorities Pension Plan or the Public Service Pension Plan are the result of negotiations between Government and affected employees

Sessional Paper 193/2014

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 194/2014

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

Letter dated April 29, 2014, from Barb Joyner, Acting Director, Information and Privacy Office, Human Services, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, attaching records with respect to Dr. Sherman's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request for a copy of all contracts between Human Services and Navigator Ltd., relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2014

Sessional Paper 195/2014

Document dated April 2012 entitled "Alberta Public Affairs Bureau communications job descriptions"

Sessional Paper 196/2014

Letter dated April 29, 2014, from John McDonald, Executive Director and Regional Vice-President, CNIB Alberta and Northwest Territories, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, regarding May being Vision Health Month and containing facts about vision health and vision loss

Sessional Paper 197/2014

Letter dated May 1, 2014, from Paul Douglas, President and Chief Executive Officer, PCL Constructors Inc., David Claggett, President, Kiewit Energy Canada Co., Wayne Shaw, President, Flint Infrastructure Services Ltd., Bill Elkington, CEO, JV Driver Group, Stephen Kushner, President, Merit Contractors Association, and Don Breen, President, Ledcor Industrial Limited, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, expressing concern regarding the Government's intention to move forward with recommendations provided in the report entitled "Alberta Construction Labour Legislation." prepared by Andrew Sims

Sessional Paper 198/2014

Letter dated May 1, 2014, from Walter Wise, General President, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, expressing concern regarding the Government's intention to move forward with recommendations provided in the report entitled "Alberta Construction Labour Legislation," prepared by Andrew Sims

Sessional Paper 199/2014

Letter dated May 1, 2014, from Stephen Kushner, President, Merit Contractors Association, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, expressing concern regarding the Government's intention to move forward with recommendations provided in the report entitled "Alberta Construction Labour Legislation," prepared by Andrew Sims

Sessional Paper 200/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Joint Response to the Report on the Alberta Construction Labour Legislation Review," prepared by the Construction Competitiveness Alliance (Boilermaker Contractors Association, Building Trades of Alberta, Construction Labour Relations Alberta, and Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta)

Sessional Paper 201/2014

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

Fertility and Sterility article dated September 2011 entitled "Funding in vitro fertilization treatment for persistent subfertility: the pain and the politics," prepared by Edward Hughes and Mita Giacomini

Sessional Paper 202/2014

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

#### Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane:

East Central Alberta Review website article dated March 6, 2014, entitled "County of Stettler focuses on transparency"

Sessional Paper 203/2014

Stettler Independent website article dated September 18, 2013, entitled "County Faces Elections Alberta Inquiry"

Sessional Paper 204/2014

Stettler Independent website article dated January 22, 2014, entitled "County: 'We do feel vindicated'"

Sessional Paper 205/2014

#### Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, undated, from Dawn Bleackley, Grade 6 teacher at École Senator Riley Middle School, to Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching correspondence from students expressing concern regarding a variety of issues

Sessional Paper 206/2014

#### Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie:

Email message dated December 9, 2013, to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, regarding the Alberta Securities Commission and FOREX trading in Alberta

Sessional Paper 207/2014

Letter dated March 19, 2014, from Trudy Pool to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to the Life License Qualification Program which would result in fewer life insurance agents and less life insurance coverage for Albertans

Sessional Paper 208/2014

#### Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Copy of a petition signed by 66 Albertans urging the Minister of Human Services to ensure justice and fairness for a Somali-Canadian child who is currently under an adoption order to a non-Somali family

Sessional Paper 209/2014

#### Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Copy of an online petition from 14,179 people urging the Minister of Education to return the education curriculum back to the basics so that children can be empowered by mastering the fundamentals of mathematics

Sessional Paper 210/2014

Document containing several hundred comments supporting a petition urging the Minister of Education to return the education curriculum back to the basics so that children can be empowered by mastering the fundamentals of mathematics

Sessional Paper 211/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, entitled "Proposed Alberta Liberal Amendments to Bill 9, Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2014," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 212/2014

Document, undated, entitled "Proposed Alberta Liberal Amendments to Bill 10, Employment Pension (Private Sector) Plans Amendment Act, 2014," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 213/2014

Letter dated May 5, 2014, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and all Members of the Legislative Assembly on behalf of citizens concerned with proposed changes to ban rewards and incentives earned for pharmaceutical purchases

Sessional Paper 214/2014

Email message dated May 5, 2014, from Sheena Neilson, B.Sc.(Pharm.), to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the proposed changes to ban incentives on prescription pharmacy purchases

Sessional Paper 215/2014

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Infrastructure:

Memorandum dated May 5, 2014, from Marcia Nelson, Deputy Minister, Infrastructure, to Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Infrastructure, regarding construction on the 11th floor of the Edmonton Federal Building

Sessional Paper 216/2014

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills**

#### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Campbell
- Bill Pr1 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014 Mr. Hale
- Bill Pr2 Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014 Ms Calahasen

#### 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)

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills**

#### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, moved that the Bill be amended in section 16 in the proposed section 126.3(3) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (a), by adding "and" at the end of clause (b) and by adding the following after clause (b):

(c) the public interest in the administration of justice.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Rogers at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 41

Amery Eggen Kang Anderson Fawcett Kubinec Barnes Fenske Lemke Bhardwaj Leskiw Fox Bhullar Fraser Oberle Bikman Fritz Redford Brown Rodney Goudreau Calahasen Griffiths Rowe Hale Sandhu Campbell Casev Horne Scott Cusanelli Hughes Towle Dallas Jansen Weadick Dorward Jeneroux Woo-Paw

 $Drysdale \qquad \qquad Johnson \ {\scriptstyle (Calgary\text{-}Glenmore)} \\$ 

Against the amendment: 0

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bill Pr1 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Hale

Bill Pr2 Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Calahasen

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Mr. Jeneroux, 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 11 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Human Services) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 217/2014

Amendment to Bill 11 (A2) (Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 218/2014

Amendment to Bill 11 (A3) (Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 219/2014

Amendment to Bill 11 (A4) (Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 220/2014

Amendment to Bill 11 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 221/2014

Amendment to Bill 11 (A6) (Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 222/2014

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr1, Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014, and Bill Pr2, Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014.

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Hale

Bill Pr2 Maskwachees Cultural College Amendment Act, 2014 — Ms Calahasen

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 12, Statutes Amendment Act, 2014.

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

Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

A debate followed.

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:05 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, May 7, 2014

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

#### Tribute to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Premier, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, made a statement recognizing the dedicated service of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, as he has announced that he will resign as Leader of the New Democrat opposition on October 19, 2014.

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, responded to the statements and thanked the Speaker, all Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Table Officers, the Pages, and his caucus.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, 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.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Smith, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement recognizing May 5 to 9, 2014, as World Hunger Awareness Week and the importance of contributing to local food banks.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding families facing increased school fees.

Mr. Luan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hawkwood, made a statement recognizing the opening of Robert Thirsk High School in the Calgary-Hawkwood constituency on May 6, 2014.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Dingman No. 1 Discovery Well, which struck oil in Turner Valley on May 14, 1914.

Mr. Casey, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing May 4 to 10, 2014, as Emergency Preparedness Week.

Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the City of Lacombe and the history of Lacombe, whose main street was dedicated as one of Canada's greatest places by the Canadian Institute of Planners.

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

Mr. Rogers, Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee, Report of the Committee, dated May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 223/2014

#### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the Honourable Marguerite Trussler, Q.C., be appointed Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta for a five year term commencing May 26, 2014.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, former Deputy Premier, regarding post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 224/2014

Mr. Rowe, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

6 pieces of correspondence regarding constituents who are suffering from Lyme disease and their struggles to get a diagnosis and treatment in Alberta

Sessional Paper 225/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News release dated May 7, 2014, entitled "ATA Launches FOIP Request on Minister Johnson's Task Force," prepared by the Alberta Teachers' Association, relating to comments made by Dr. Sherman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 226/2014

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated September 22, 2008, entitled "Alberta Environment Approvals Program Policy, Environmental Management Division" regarding Policy No. APPC-2008-01, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 227/2014

Letter dated June 26, 2012, from Amit Banerjee, P.Eng., Regional Approvals Manager, Northern Region, Alberta Environment and Water, to Jennifer Grant, Oil Sands Environmental Coalition, and letter dated July 17, 2012, from Amit Banerjee, P.Eng., Regional Approvals Manager, Northern Region, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, to Karin Buss, Klimek Buss Bishop Law Group, regarding the Government rejecting their submissions to be considered as a Statement of Concern with respect to the Southern Pacific Resource Corp. McKay Thermal Project – Phase 2 and the Southern Pacific Resource Corp. McKay In-situ Oil Sands Plant, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 228/2014

Letter dated March 27, 2014, from Kevin Wilkinson, Designated Director under the Act, Regional Approvals Manager, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, to Jennifer Grant, Oilsands Program Director, Oil Sands Environmental Coalition, regarding the Government rejecting the Oil Sands Environmental Coalition submission to be considered as a Statement of Concern with respect to STP McKay Thermal Project Phase 2 – Southern Pacific Resource Corp., and attaching a document entitled "Alberta Government Decision Statement, Southern Pacific Resource Corp., STP McKay Thermal Project – Phase 2," relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 229/2014

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice R.P. Marceau dated October 1, 2013, between Pembina Institute, Fort McMurray Environmental Association, Applicants, and Director, Northern Region, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources Development and Southern Pacific Resource Corp, Respondents, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 230/2014

Briefing Note dated August 12, 2009, regarding Statement of Concern, Rejection of Oil Sands Environmental Coalition, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 231/2014

News release dated October 3, 2013, entitled "Minister McQueen statement on recent comments by NDP," prepared by the Alberta Government, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 232/2014

Documents entitled "Appendix A, Template for Statement of Concern Acceptance Letter," "Appendix B, Template for Notification Letter to Project Applicant that Statement of Concern Accepted," "Appendix C, Template for Statement of Concern Rejection Letter," "Appendix D, Template for Statement of Concern Clarification Letter," and "Appendix E, Notice of Decision to Accepted Statement of Concern Filer," relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 233/2014

4 letters from Alberta Environment, Alberta Environment and Water, and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, to various recipients requesting additional information regarding their submissions to be considered as a Statement of Concern, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 234/2014

3 letters from Alberta Environment, Alberta Environment and Water, and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, to various recipients rejecting their submissions to be considered as a Statement of Concern, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2014

Sessional Paper 235/2014

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

Email message dated May 3, 2014, from Judy Jensen to Mr. Bikman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, expressing concern regarding the care of seniors at Linden View

Sessional Paper 236/2014

Mr. Wilson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

Letter dated March 10, 2014, from Patricia Lovitt, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the length of time she has been waiting for shoulder surgery and regarding Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 237/2014

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta:

Report dated June 2013 entitled "Condominium Property Act Review, Consultation Analysis Report"

Sessional Paper 238/2014

#### Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages. The Deputy Speaker then made a statement, and the Deputy Chair of Committees presented the Pages with a gift.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

A. the Standing Committee on Families and Communities be approved:

that Mr. Webber replace Mr. VanderBurg;

that Mr. Pedersen replace Mrs. Forsyth as Deputy Chair;

that Mr. Fox replace Mrs. Forsyth.

- B. the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be approved: that Ms Kennedy-Glans replace Mr. Dorward.
- C. the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship be approved: that Mr. Cao replace Mr. Webber; that Mr. Hale replace Mr. Anglin as Deputy Chair.
- D. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved: that Mr. Jeneroux replace Ms Fenske.
- E. the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved: that Ms Redford replace Mr. Sandhu.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1) to allow for consideration of Government Motion 14.

**14.** Oral notice having been given May 7, 2014, moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the Honourable Marguerite Trussler, Q.C., be appointed Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta for a five year term commencing May 26, 2014.

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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Mr. Jeneroux, 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 11 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 239/2014

Amendment to Bill 11 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 240/2014

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

A debate followed.

Ms Notley moved that the motion for Third Reading of Bill 12, Statutes Amendment Act, 2014, be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 12, Statutes Amendment Act, 2014, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 12, Statutes Amendment Act, 2014, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Bhullar

Bill 12 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 — Hon. Mr. Campbell

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 8, 2014

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of Glengarry School in Edmonton and the opening of the Hassan Seifeddine Literacy Centre.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding Government policies and Alberta Liberal values.

Mr. McDonald, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement recognizing the 2014 Great Kids Awards winners and nominees.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing May 9, 2014, as the National Day of Honour in recognition and commemoration of Canada's military mission in Afghanistan.

Mr. Pedersen, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Government's involvement with entrepreneurship and innovation.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the importance of Members of the Legislative Assembly spending sufficient time debating proposed legislation and the status of Bill 205, Animal Protection (Prevention of Animal Distress and Neglect) Amendment Act, 2014.

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 16 Albertans urging the Government to urge the federal government to support legislation to protect those exploited by the sex trade or human trafficking.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 202 Albertans urging the Government to urge the federal government to oppose fully legalized prostitution in Canada.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Ms Cusanelli, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from several hundred Albertans urging the Government to encourage the Government of Canada to oppose legislation that would fully legalize prostitution.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Document dated June 2010 entitled "Supporter Database, Hon. Jonathan Denis, QC, MLA Calgary-Egmont," a presentation to the Progressive Conservative Caucus

Sessional Paper 241/2014

#### Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Huffington Post website article dated May 8, 2014, entitled "Still Alberta's Prerogative to Determine Speakers at Oilsands Reviews: Alison Redford," relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2014

Sessional Paper 242/2014

Letter dated March 27, 2014, from Gary Perkins, Associate General Counsel, Alberta Energy Regulator, to Jennifer Grant, Oilsands Environmental Coalition, and Lewis Manning, Lawson Lundell LLP, regarding the application by Canadian Natural Resources Limited for approval of its Kirby Expansion Project, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2014

Sessional Paper 243/2014

Alberta Energy Regulator Decision dated April 3, 2014, on an application by Canadian Natural Resources Limited for the Kirby Expansion Project, relating to comments made by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2014

Sessional Paper 244/2014

Mrs. Towle, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Email message dated May 8, 2014, from Shauna McHarg to Paula Kerner attaching an email message dated April 26, 2011, from Shauna McHarg to Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, regarding her experiences with Covenant Health and the concerns resolution process with respect to her prohibition from visiting Covenant Health facilities

Sessional Paper 245/2014

#### Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour:

Letter dated May 7, 2014, from Robert Blakeman, Business Manager, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, Local 720, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the Sims Report

Sessional Paper 246/2014

Letter dated May 6, 2014, from John Desrosiers, Business Manager, Construction and General Workers' Union, Local No. 92, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the Sims Report

Sessional Paper 247/2014

Letter dated May 5, 2014, from Ian Robb, President/Administrator, UNITE HERE Local 47, President, Northern Alberta Building Trades Council, Chair, Building Trades of Alberta Camp Committee, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the Sims Report

Sessional Paper 248/2014

Letter dated May 6, 2014, from Wade Logan, Business Manager, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, Local 110, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the Sims Report

Sessional Paper 249/2014

Letter dated May 6, 2014, from Bruce Moffat, Business Manager and CEO, International Union of Operating Engineers, Locals 955, 955B, 955C, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the Sims Report

Sessional Paper 250/2014

Letter dated May 6, 2014, from Brett McKenzie, Executive Director, General Presidents' Maintenance Committee for Canada, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the consultation process for the Alberta Construction Labour Legislation Review

Sessional Paper 251/2014

Letter dated May 6, 2014, from John Tackaberry, Business Manager, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Local 177 to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour, regarding the Sims Report

Sessional Paper 252/2014

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 9 agreed to on March 4, 2014, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Campbell, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 2:57 p.m. until Monday, October 27, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

# PROROGATION SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

#### **Prorogation**

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

COLONEL (RETIRED) DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

#### **PROCLAMATION**

To OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you

#### **GREETING**

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of Alberta:

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective September 18, 2014, the said Legislature; and

Frank Bosscha, Acting Deputy Attorney General WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Third Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Monday, the 17th day of November, 2014, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 18th day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen and in the Sixty-third Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

JONATHAN DENIS, Provincial Secretary.