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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, November 18, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows; MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood; Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud; Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure; Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education; Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice; Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East; Hon. Mr. Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism; Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education; Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas; Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade; Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose; Hon. Mr. Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport; Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance; Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville; Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation; Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland; Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities; Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations; Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction; Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction; Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health; Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South; Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services; Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation; Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright; and Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead,

who were elected on April 16, 2019. The Speaker presented each Member with a 5-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the participation of the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas in the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the removal of the AIMCo board of directors by the Government.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding Alberta joining the Governors' Coalition for Energy Security.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Karsten Heuer.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding federal government and former New Democratic Party Government policies impacting affordability.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting health care.

Speaker's Statement – Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members of the rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Audit of the 2023-2024 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Province of Alberta, Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work

Sessional Paper 610/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Highway Maintenance Contracts, Transportation and Economic Corridors

Sessional Paper 611/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Processes to Assess and Manage the Condition of Affordable Housing, Seniors, Community and Social Services

Sessional Paper 612/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses of the Premier, Ministers, and Their Staff, Treasury Board and Finance
Sessional Paper 613/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: An Analysis of Annual Performance Reporting by School Authorities, Education
Sessional Paper 614/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Reporting Performance Results to Albertans, Assessment of Implementation, Treasury Board and Finance
Sessional Paper 615/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Victims of Crime and Public Safety Fund — Systems to Manage Sustainability and Assess Results, Assessment of Implementation, Public Safety and Emergency Services
Sessional Paper 616/2023-24

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

E-mail message dated October 21, 2024, from Dr. Cameron Barr to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding permanent supportive housing
Sessional Paper 617/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Social media post from the account of Robert Fenton regarding the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
Sessional Paper 618/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

2 e-mail messages addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation concerning transgender youth
Sessional Paper 619/2023-24

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Toronto Sun website article dated February 10, 2024, entitled “Gunter: Violent criminals with illegal guns are the problem”
Sessional Paper 620/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

2 letters, one from Erin Pickard addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and one from Barb Dupuis addressed to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation concerning transgender youth
Sessional Paper 621/2023-24

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 18, 2024, entitled “Not securing loads on back of vehicles can be deadly”

Sessional Paper 622/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 letters expressing concern regarding proposed legislation concerning transgender youth

Sessional Paper 623/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 624/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ6. Moved by Dr. Metz on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many operators were investigated, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for failing to provide the minimum average hours of nursing and personal services required under section 14 of the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation (Alta Reg 258/1985)?

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

For the motion: 15

Brar	Goehring	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Eremenko	Kasawski	Tejada

Against the motion: 44

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Fir	McIver	van Dijken
Getson	Nally	Wiebe
Glubish	Neudorf	Wilson
Guthrie	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR1. Asked for by Hon. Ms Notley:

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

A list of every fee, gift or other benefit that exceeds \$500 in value that was accepted by an employee of the Premier's Office or an employee of the office of a Minister in accordance with Order in Council 237/2023, including the exact value and description of each fee, gift or other benefit that was accepted.

MR4. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

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

A list of all grants, organized by year, provided by the Government to the non-profit corporation Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) during the period from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR5. Asked for by Mr. Dach:

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

Copies of all documents prepared by the Government relating to the effectiveness of salt brine solutions for de-icing provincial highways.

MR8. Asked for by Mr. Dach:

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

A list of all Community Airport Program funding recipients for each year during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, and, in respect of each recipient, the amount of funding received and description of the project for which funding was received.

MR11. Asked for by Ms Wright:

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

A list of all payments, organized by year and occupation, made during the period from December 9, 2020, to March 31, 2024, under the Heroes Compensation Act to a first responder who died as a result of an accident.

MR13. Asked for by Mr. Ellingson:

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

A list of all employees and contractors employed or engaged by the Invest Alberta Corporation during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR15. Asked for by MLA Batten:

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

A list showing the number of payments, referred to as “compassionate payments”, made by the Government to families affected by child-care closures in the Calgary area due to the E-coli outbreak declared by Alberta Health Services on September 4, 2023, and the amount of each payment.

MR16. Asked for by Mr. Deol:

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

A list of the current infrastructure priorities that have been identified by the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors further to the objectives set out in the Premier’s mandate letters to those ministers dated July 26, 2023, and July 11, 2023, respectively.

MR18. Asked for by Mr. Deol:

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

A list of all amounts paid by the Ministry of Infrastructure to unsuccessful proponents of a procurement process involving a public-private partnership for an infrastructure project, organized by year and by project, during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

The Assembly was advised that Motions for Returns MR2 and MR3 were withdrawn.

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR6. Moved by Mr. Dach:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all amendments made during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024, to provincial highways maintenance contracts in respect of maintenance service levels.

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

For the motion: 16

Brar	Haji	Sabir
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Kasawski	Sweet
Eremenko	Renaud	Tejada
Gochring		

Against the motion: 39

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Boitchenko	Loewen	Sinclair
Bouchard	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dreeshen	McDougall	van Dijken
Dyck	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Nixon	Wilson
Glubish	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Johnson	Rowswell	Yaseen

Motions Other Than Government Motions

516. Moved by Mr. Long:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to develop an auxiliary workforce program for local residents, volunteer associations, and landowners to supplement the work of first responders during emergencies and disasters.

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the motion be amended by striking out “first responders during emergencies and disasters” and substituting “provincially-regulated first responders during emergencies and disasters, and by using certified training programs provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, firefighters, paramedics, First Nations and Métis settlements”.

Sessional Paper 625/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debated continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker