



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 17

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, April 6, 2017

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the recently announced expansion of the Government's school nutrition program, and how the Leader of the Official Opposition seems to oppose allocating budget resources for this purpose.

Mr. Jean, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Canadian victory at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917 and how it was a defining moment in our nation's history.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding chronic wasting disease, which affects wildlife and threatens the province's environment and agricultural sector.

Mr. Coolahan, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding local opposition to a residential development in the Calgary-Klein constituency that may threaten the area's wetland, and calling on the City of Calgary to push for urban design excellence before approving development plans.

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Strathcona County Library in 2017, the 35th year of its bookmobile program, and her positive childhood experiences with the library.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding recent Government actions that deny parents the right to make key decisions for their children's education, and the need for the Government to balance its responsibilities with parental rights.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Mason, 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, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10

To be dealt with: WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR6

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 An Act to Enhance Post-secondary Academic Bargaining — Hon. Mr. Schmidt

Bill 205 Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act — Ms Jansen

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report, undated, entitled "The Challenge of CWD: Insidious and Dire," prepared by the Alliance for Public Wildlife

Sessional Paper 148/2017

Science website article dated April 3, 2017, entitled "Norway plans to exterminate a large reindeer herd to stop a fatal infectious brain disease"

Sessional Paper 149/2017

Letter, undated, from Jason Zaran, President and Founder, The Main Dish and Fit Kitchen in Calgary, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, regarding the effects of the economic downturn and New Democratic Party policy on Mr. Zaran's small business

Sessional Paper 150/2017

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, media advisory dated April 6, 2017, entitled “Increase in Social Assistance Caseloads in Alberta – Numbers Rocketed Upwards with No Sign of Plateau,” relating to comments made during Oral Question Period on April 6, 2017

Sessional Paper 151/2017

Document dated April 2017 entitled “Income Support Caseloads in Alberta,” prepared by the School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, relating to comments made during Oral Question Period on April 6, 2017

Sessional Paper 152/2017

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Report dated November 2016 entitled “If It Matters, Measure It: Unpacking Diversification in Canada,” prepared by the School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during Oral Question Period on April 6, 2017

Sessional Paper 153/2017

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Letter dated February 14, 2017, from Hon. Ms McLean, Minister of Service Alberta and Minister of Status of Women, to Ms Tammy Wheeler, Executive Director, Alberta-NWT Command, The Royal Canadian Legion, regarding Ms Wheeler’s request to extend eligibility for Alberta Veteran licence plates to individuals who served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Sessional Paper 154/2017

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Ceci:

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

A debate followed.

Ms Miller moved adjournment of the debate, which 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 1 An Act to Reduce School Fees — Hon. Mr. Eggen

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 4.

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

For the amendment: 7

Cyr	Schneider	Swann
Gotfried	Strankman	Yao
Hanson		

Against the amendment: 34

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hinkley	Payne
Babcock	Hoffman	Piquette
Bilous	Horne	Renaud
Carlier	Kazim	Rosendahl
Carson	Kleinstauber	Sabir
Ceci	Littlewood	Schmidt
Connolly	Loyola	Schreiner
Cortes-Vargas	McKitrick	Shepherd
Dach	McLean	Sigurdson
Dang	Miller	Turner
Eggen	Nielsen	Woollard
Feehan		

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 An Act to Reduce School Fees — Hon. Mr. Eggen

Mr. Hinkley, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 155/2017

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Northland School Division Act — Hon. Mr. Eggen

Adjournment

On motion by MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:20 p.m. until Monday, April 10, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker