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Wednesday, March 7, 2007

This being the first Day of the Third Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 14th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seven;

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

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

NORMAN L. KWONG  
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-sixth Legislature of Alberta:

Terrence J. Matchett, QC,  
Deputy Minister of Justice  
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective March 6, 2007, 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 Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 2007, at the

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

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: THE HONOURABLE NORMAN L. KWONG, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 14th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven and in the Fifty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

RON STEVENS  
Provincial Secretary.

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

### **Speaker's Welcome to the New Premier**

2006 was a very exciting year for the Alberta Legislative Assembly as we celebrated 100 Years of Democracy in this province. Over the last century the people and events that shaped this province were deserving of celebration and recognition, and it seems fitting that as the year came to an end, we saw another historic moment take place on December 14, 2006, the swearing in of Alberta's 13th Premier, the Honourable Edward Michael Stelmach.

Premier Stelmach is no stranger to history and the significance it plays in our lives. He and his wife, Marie, raised their four children on the homestead that was first settled by his grandfather, Nicholas Stelmach, in 1898. History and tradition are an important part of our new Premier's life, just as they are valued by this Assembly.

In terms of public service, our new Premier also has an impressive history. In the House he has served as Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Infrastructure, and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. In his community he has served as a county reeve and school trustee, and held numerous other committee positions and memberships on boards and in organizations within his constituency.

From the date that Premier Edward Michael Stelmach was sworn in as our province's newest Premier, his every move and his every word will become a part of Alberta's political history. There is no telling what that future history might include, but looking back on his speech from the December 14 swearing-in, his words may foretell that future when he said "We have the means to build a stronger province and future . . . the future we want for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren."

Today in this Assembly, I hope we can all agree that that is the future we want and years from now it is the history we want to look back on. On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta I welcome you, Mr. Premier, as you take your place in this Legislature as Alberta's 13th Premier.

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker introduced three Junior Non-commissioned Officers from the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, all who have served in Afghanistan: Master Corporal Peter MacLean, Corporal Gordon Whitton, and Corporal Kimberly Smith-Samms. The Speaker also introduced Master Corporal Paul Franklin, who lost both legs as a result of a suicide bomb attack in Kandahar.

The Royal Canadian Artillery Band then 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**

Fellow Albertans, welcome to the Third Session of the 26th Alberta Legislature. I am honoured once again to deliver the Speech from the Throne.

As we continue our journey into Alberta's second century, Albertans have much to be proud of and much to look forward to. Our current prosperity is the result of foresight by Albertans whose values we honour, values such as fiscal vigilance, community spirit, and self-reliance. It is a result of a strong respect for the environment and an appreciation for lifelong learning. It is because of these shared values, and through the hard work of Albertans, that this province is looked to as a leader in Canada and across the globe.

Alberta is fortunate, but Albertans have made good use of the resources that nature has bestowed upon our province, and they have made wise choices, including the bold and often difficult decisions made during the past decade. Many of those decisions were made with a thoughtful eye on the future. Fellow Albertans, that future is now.

Now more than ever the government must work with Albertans to ensure the good fortune we enjoy today is not squandered. We must respect and build on the work and the sacrifices that were made in the past. We must plan ahead to ensure the prosperity this province enjoys today is secured for our children and grandchildren. This means making the right choices so that Alberta's economic growth remains sustainable and that the world-class quality of life Albertans enjoy includes a clean and healthy environment.

### **A New Approach to Working for Albertans**

With a wealth of new opportunities to be seized and some tough challenges to be addressed, this government is taking a fresh look at how it works on behalf of Albertans and the priorities on which it will focus. Albertans expect their government to reflect the realities they are facing today. They expect a new approach by their government, one that recognizes the unique qualities of Albertans and their province, one that recognizes the opportunities and challenges we face. Your new government has that plan.

In carrying it out, the government will be guided by the values of Albertans. It will ensure respect for the environment and compassion for others. It will be open and accountable, fiscally responsible, and inclusive. At this unique time in our history, Albertans expect their government to have a clear plan and to deliver tangible results. Ladies and gentlemen, your government will deliver on behalf of all Albertans.

### **Acting on Albertans' Priorities**

The Government of Alberta will act on Albertans' priorities to ensure a higher standard of living, greater opportunities, and an even better quality of life for all citizens of this province. The government will act thoughtfully and decisively on behalf of Albertans. The Government of Alberta will govern with integrity and transparency, manage growth pressures, improve Albertans' quality of life, provide safe and secure communities, and build a stronger Alberta.

### **Governing With Integrity and Transparency**

Governing with integrity and transparency is the first priority of this government for a deeply fundamental reason. Albertans put their highest trust in the women and men elected to represent their best interests. That trust will be honoured and respected.

Your government will introduce legislation to establish a lobbyist registry. Bill 1, the Lobbyists Act, will give all Albertans public access to information regarding individuals and organizations seeking to influence government decisions. It will also take measures to improve information provided to the public about who has contracts with government. These measures will increase transparency, openness, and accountability, and will enhance public trust in the institution of government.



Your government will also review the way agencies, boards, and commissions are governed to ensure greater accountability. It will look for more efficient and productive ways of conducting the business of government, and it will look for opportunities for all parties represented in the Legislature to work together to better serve Albertans.

### **Managing Growth Pressures**

Alberta's economy is leading the country with a record pace of development. More than half a million people have moved here from other provinces in the past half-dozen years. The Government of Alberta has reinforced its determination to effectively manage the pressures that come with rapid economic growth. It will act decisively to minimize the price we are all paying for prosperity and address pressures on housing, labour, infrastructure, and the environment.

Your government recognizes that adequate housing is essential for all Albertans to share in the prosperity of their province. It has created a provincial task force to find ways to make affordable housing more accessible to Albertans. It will focus on solutions for homelessness and the provision of affordable housing.

Despite so many people moving to Alberta each year, our economy is in dire need of people to answer the calls for "help wanted" across the province. To help meet this demand, your government will focus on better coordination of economic development, immigration, and labour force planning. It will craft a made-in-Alberta solution to labour needs.

Like the early settlers who helped build our province, immigrants today come here with hopes of creating a better life for themselves and a better future for their children. The Government of Alberta will help new Albertans realize their dreams. It will encourage them to put down roots, raise their families here, and contribute to, and share in, Alberta's prosperity.

Your government will increase support for First Nations and Métis skills, training, and labour force development so those Albertans with the deepest roots in this province will also have more opportunities to reap the rewards of Alberta's prosperity.

The current economic growth is placing great pressure on our province's infrastructure. Your government will develop a long-term capital plan that will address infrastructure needs and inflation costs while exploring options to fund new capital projects. It will also place great emphasis on controlled spending to ensure Albertans get the best possible value for their tax dollars.

The Government of Alberta will continue to build on its solid record in environmental management with some of the most progressive legislation and action-based strategies in the country. Working with Albertans, the government will turn current environmental challenges into new opportunities. This will enhance Alberta's standing as a leader in practical, innovative, and sustainable environmental policies.

Your government will encourage all Albertans to take personal responsibility for energy efficiency and reduced consumption because the environment is a shared responsibility between government, industry, and all members of society.

Alberta's legislation for regulating greenhouse gas emissions was the first in Canada specifically addressing climate change, but this government knows more must be done. This spring the Government of Alberta will introduce legislation that will complete implementation of Alberta's groundbreaking climate change plan. It will establish greenhouse gas emission intensity targets for industry under the specified gas emitters regulation. These will be the first legislated emission intensity reduction targets for large industrial emitters in Canada.

At the same time the government will work with Albertans to outline its next steps on this important issue. By fall 2007 Alberta will have a new climate change action plan to move beyond what's been accomplished so far.

To maintain our high quality of life it is essential that Albertans properly manage our province's water supplies. The Government of Alberta's Water for Life strategy is North America's most comprehensive water management plan. Since 2003 it has provided Alberta with an action plan to manage water supplies during this time of unprecedented economic growth. It is essential to ensure this plan is based on current realities. Later this year the Alberta Water Council will consult with Albertans on updating the Water for Life strategy and provide recommendations to government by year-end.

Your government will introduce strategies and provide new funding to respond to growth pressures related to the development of Alberta's oil sands. As a first big step, the Government of Alberta has committed almost \$400 million in new funding over the next three years to complete new water and waste-water treatment facilities, develop 300 affordable housing units, and address health pressures in the Wood Buffalo region. It will also create an oil sands sustainable development secretariat to better plan and coordinate delivery of services as this important resource is developed. In addition, the Oil Sands Multi-Stakeholder Committee will complete its work and recommend strategies and policies, based on Albertans' input, to guide future development.

Your government will also complete its land-use framework which will guide the way to balancing the economic, environmental, and social needs of Albertans. These initiatives will mark the beginning of a new era in managing the overall environmental effects of development. It will blend Alberta's environment-related policies, including Water for Life, the climate change action plan, and the land-use framework, to ensure Alberta's environment continues to be protected.

### **Improving Albertans' Quality of Life**

Albertans have told their government that economic prosperity must not come at the expense of quality of life, and the Government of Alberta is listening. It will ensure that services, programs, and infrastructure are in place to maintain Albertans' high quality of life.

Albertans have always placed a high value on learning, and this government recognizes that education is key to improving quality of life. Your government will continue to look for innovative ways to improve Alberta's outstanding K to 12 education system. It will work with community partners, school boards, and educators to develop effective strategies that support teachers, parents, students, and administrators in continuing to provide a first-rate learning environment.

Your government will also increase access and quality in post-secondary education while strengthening its support for community education and literacy programs. It will work to improve high school completion rates and increase access to post-secondary education with an emphasis on the Campus Alberta approach. The government will ensure Alberta's post-secondary institutions have defined roles and responsibilities within a comprehensive advanced learning system. Investments in advanced education will be targeted towards a comprehensive framework that will make post-secondary education, trade, and occupational training more accessible to adult learners.

The Government of Alberta will continue to encourage and support Albertans in taking steps to improve and maintain individual, family, and community health. A sustained focus on wellness, injury reduction, and disease prevention, combined with efforts to improve productivity and accountability in health care delivery, will provide the framework to ensure a sustainable public health care system.

Building the health workforce of the future will be a top priority. Albertans will see stronger emphasis on primary health care and self-management of chronic diseases through the provision of information, resources, and support.

The Government of Alberta will assist people living in the community with serious mental illness, and their families with improved access to support services and treatment. A new pharmaceutical strategy will capitalize on opportunities to improve the range of drugs available and to reduce or avoid costs. Your government will work to expand long-term care capacity, improve standards, and ensure facilities and supports are available to seniors as the population ages. Your government will continue to improve the quality of life in First Nations and Métis communities, and it will ensure that government policies better reflect the needs of persons with disabilities.

This province is known as one of the best places to live and raise a family, in large part because of the spirit of community that Albertans cherish. Albertans value compassion and they take pride in coming together to volunteer time and money to help others in need. Reflecting these values, the Government of Alberta will lead the creation of a community spirit program for charitable giving. The program will support increases for private charitable donations through tax credits and will establish a community spirit fund to provide matching grants for eligible donations to Alberta-based registered charities. The government will establish an all-party MLA committee to guide the creation of this program.

**Providing Safe and Secure Communities**

Albertans place a high priority on living in a peaceful society, where laws are respected and consideration for others is practised. They want to be assured that their communities will remain safe and secure as the province undergoes rapid growth and change. The Alberta Government will act on this priority. It will work with communities to make neighbourhoods stronger and safer.

To this end, your government will work with community leaders to establish a crime reduction and safe communities task force that will consult with Albertans on how to reduce crime and improve public confidence in the justice system. This initiative will build on the work being done by 13 partnering government ministries to develop and implement an integrated crime reduction strategy. Through this collaboration, the province will see a future in which Albertans experience less crime, feel less fearful of crime, and work together to make their communities safer.

**Building a Stronger Alberta**

Albertans and their government know that the province's economic success must not be taken for granted. The Alberta Government will act now to build an even stronger Alberta. It will conduct an open and transparent review of the resource royalty system through an independent committee recently established. At the end of the review Albertans must be confident that the right system is in place, one that is fair to both industry and to Albertans, who own the resources.

Your government will also develop strategies to ensure Albertans have long-term access to reliable and diverse sources of energy for homes, small businesses, and larger industries, and it will encourage the upgrading and refining of non-renewable resources in Alberta to obtain maximum value for Albertans and to create new business opportunities and long-term jobs.

The Government of Alberta will develop a comprehensive energy strategy, which will ensure the sustainable development of the province's resources in an environmentally responsible manner, making full use of innovations such as near zero emission coal. The strategy will look at all of Alberta's energy resources with a focus on renewable resources, including electricity generated by winds and bioenergy such as ethanol and other biofuels. Development in these areas will provide new opportunities for rural Alberta and the agriculture community. While much of the focus on sustainable development is directed at industry, individual Albertans must play their part as well to promote energy efficiency and reduce consumption.

A strong Alberta requires strong municipalities. This government recognizes that municipalities provide many of the day-to-day services upon which Albertans rely. Your government has, therefore, renewed efforts to work with municipalities to better serve Albertans. This includes developing a long-term funding arrangement that is sustainable and recognizes the challenges municipalities have in raising revenues to provide essential services on the front lines of Alberta's tremendous growth. This cooperative effort has already yielded results that will benefit all Albertans. The provincial government has committed an additional \$1.4 billion in annual funding to municipalities, which will be phased in over the next four years.

Albertans want to be sure revenues they entrust to their provincial government are used prudently to build a stronger Alberta today and for generations to come. Your government is taking action by developing a surplus management policy that reflects Albertans' long-term priorities. Details of this policy will be announced with the 2007 provincial budget.

Your government will ensure that savings are targeted to the province's future needs. It will strengthen the governance of its investments so that the funds Albertans entrust to it are managed most effectively.

The Alberta Government will also establish an institute for agriculture, forestry, and the environment, which will put research and innovation to practical, real-world use to benefit Albertans and the environment. The institute will develop market-based solutions to environmental sustainability challenges surrounding agriculture and renewable resource sectors, such as forestry. As all Albertans know, much of Alberta's economic strength is based on natural resources.

To ensure Alberta remains prosperous for future generations, it is essential to seize the opportunity now to further strengthen and diversify our economy. Your government will build on Alberta's traditional strengths, which include energy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and the people of this province. It will build on these strengths to develop a robust, knowledge-based economy to compete in world markets.

The Alberta Government will develop a long-term strategy for technology commercialization and economic diversification. It will continue to focus on research in priority areas of energy, information and communications technology, and life sciences. In addition, it will place an increased emphasis on nanotechnology, the science of small. Research in this field has the potential to impact every sector of our economy and to diversify and sustain Alberta's prosperity for generations. Led by world-class researchers at the National Institute for Nanotechnology in Edmonton, our province is positioned to become an international leader in this field.

**Conclusion**

Fellow Albertans, the Government of Alberta is making a solemn commitment to you. In all that it does, it will reflect your values and act on your priorities. It will conduct itself with the recognition that it is an honour and a privilege to serve as government, not a right, and that it must continuously earn that privilege. Your government will listen to and work with Albertans because together we can do great things.

We are faced with a unique opportunity to build for the future and to secure the long-term prosperity of our great province. Your government has a solid plan to accomplish these goals. It will take full advantage of that opportunity.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and may God bless you all.

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

The Speaker then invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members and guests in the singing of God Save the Queen.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Ordered, that the Honourable Mr. Stelmach have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Lobbyists Act." Hon. Mr. Stelmach accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

**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 1/2007

**Government Motions****1. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stelmach:**

Be it resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:**

Be it resolved that the Select Standing Committees for the present Session of the Legislative Assembly be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund,
- (2) Legislative Offices,
- (3) Private Bills,
- (4) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, and
- (5) Public Accounts

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:**

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select Standing Committees:

**Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (9 Members)**

Johnston (Chair)	Griffiths	Mar
Rogers (Deputy Chair)	MacDonald	Mather
Doerksen	Magnus	Pham

**Legislative Offices (11 Members)**

Rodney (Chair)	Coutts	McFarland
Magnus (Deputy Chair)	Ducharme	Pannu
Blakeman	Flaherty	VanderBurg
Cao	Marz	

**Private Bills (21 Members)**

DeLong (Chair)	Dunford	Mitzel
Brown (Deputy Chair)	Eggen	Pham
Abbott	Elsalhy	Prins
Agnihotri	Jablonski	Rogers
Amery	Johnson	Shariff
Calahasen	Lougheed	Swann
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Tougas

**Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (21 Members)**

Zwozdesky (Chair)	Flaherty	Lukaszuk
Johnson (Deputy Chair)	Forsyth	MacDonald
Abbott	Fritz	Marz
Amery	Griffiths	Mitzel
Blakeman	Hancock	Oberle
Cardinal	Herard	Pannu
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Pastoor

**Public Accounts (17 Members)**

MacDonald (Chair)	Chase	Johnston
Prins (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Dunford	Rodney
Brown	Eggen	Strang
Cardinal	Forsyth	Webber
Cenaiko	Herard	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2007

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:57 p.m. until Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, March 8, 2007

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 Members: Mr. Arthur Joseph Soetaert, Member for St. Albert, 1955 to 1959, who passed away on September 14, 2006; Mr. Bryan Melvin Strong, Member for St. Albert, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on December 25, 2006; Dr. Kenneth Robert Howard Paproski, Member for Edmonton-Kingsway, 1971 to 1982, who passed away on January 25, 2007; and Mr. Arthur Johnson Dixon, Member for Calgary, Calgary South-East, Calgary-South, and Calgary-Millican, 1952 to 1975, Deputy Speaker from 1955 to 1963, and Speaker from 1963 to 1972, who passed away on February 5, 2007.

**Members' Welcome to the Premier**

The Speaker recognized the following Members who wished to congratulate Hon. Mr. Stelmach on becoming Alberta's 13th Premier: Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, and Mr. Zwodzesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek.



## Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, made a statement recognizing the 30th anniversary of International Women's Day, March 8, 2007, with this year's theme being the elimination of violence against women.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the 2007 Great Kids Awards presented on March 4, 2007.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing Drayton Valley and Brazeau county who hosted the 2007 Provincial Men's Curling Championships, and congratulating the Kevin Martin team on winning the tournament.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the need for a new hospital in Calgary.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the 30th anniversary of International Women's Day, March 8, 2007, with this year's theme being the elimination of violence against women, and Sylvia Oishi, Laraine Stuart, Jean Greer McCarthy, Pat McMillan, and Sandra Nelson on being named the 2007 YWCA Lethbridge Women of Distinction.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Lifesaving Society.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding growth pressures in Fort McMurray.

## Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in order to give effect to the March 7, 2007, House Leaders' Agreement:

- 1 Standing Order 3(1) is amended by striking out "1:30 p.m." and substituting "1 p.m."

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- 2 The following is added after Standing Order 3:  
2007 Sitting schedule
- 3.1(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall stand adjourned every 4th week during the 2007 Spring Sitting.
- (2) Unless otherwise ordered and subject to suborder (3), the Assembly shall meet for the 2007 Fall Sitting from the first Monday in November to the first Thursday in December, inclusive.
- (3) The 2007 Fall Sitting may be varied by House Leaders' agreement, which shall be provided to the Clerk who shall immediately publish a revised calendar.
- (4) Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Government from advising the Speaker that the public interest requires the Assembly to meet on a certain date, and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.
- 3 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 4(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Monday: 1 p.m. to conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions
- Tuesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- (2) Notwithstanding suborder (1), upon passage of a Government Motion before 6 p.m. which may be made on one day's notice and is subject to debate, the Assembly may meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
- (3) If there is no evening sitting, at 6 p.m. or on Monday at the conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions, the Speaker adjourns the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- (4) On Monday, if there is an evening sitting, at the conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions, the Speaker leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
- (5) On Tuesday and Wednesday, if there is an evening sitting and at 6 p.m. the business of the Assembly or Committee of the Whole has not concluded, the Speaker or Chair, as the case may be, leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
- (6) On evenings when the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, at 10 p.m. the Committee shall rise and report immediately.
- 4 Standing Order 7 is amended
- (a) in suborder (1) by adding "at 1:30 p.m.," before "Oral Question Period";
- (b) by adding the following after suborder (1):
- (1.1) At 1:30 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Oral Question Period with the balance of the daily Routine to follow.

- 5 Standing Order 8 is amended
- (a) by striking out suborders (1) to (3) and substituting the following:
- 8(1) On Monday afternoon, after the daily Routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Written Questions
  - Motions for Returns
  - Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders at 4:55 p.m.: Motions Other Than Government Motions.
- (2) Subject to suborder (3), on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Government Motions
  - Government Bills and Orders
  - Private Bills.
- (3) If the business enumerated in suborder (1) has not received a total of 3 hours of consideration, then Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders shall be the first order of business for the Assembly on Thursday afternoon for such time until the total time for consideration for those items enumerated in suborder (1) reaches 3 hours for that week.
- (b) in suborder (6) by striking out “evening” and substituting “afternoon”.
- 6 Standing Order 34 is amended by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:
- (3) On the Wednesday preceding the consideration of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, the Government House Leader shall indicate to the Assembly which ones the Government will be accepting, accepting with amendments and rejecting.
- (3.1) The Clerk shall read the number, text and name of the sponsor of any Written Question or Motion for Return that has been accepted by the Government when this item of business is called.
- 7 Standing Order 53 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 53 Public accounts and all reports of the Auditor General shall stand permanently referred to the Public Accounts Committee as they become available.
- 8 Standing Order 56 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):
- (2.1) A temporary substitution in the membership of a standing or special committee may be made upon written notification signed by the original Member and filed with the Clerk and Committee Chair, provided such notice is given not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- (2.2) A substituted Member under suborder (2.1) shall be considered for all purposes to be acting in the place of the original Member.
- (2.3) A temporary substitution in the membership shall be permitted for a specific time period or for committee consideration of a specific issue.
- (2.4) A temporary substitution may be terminated at any time by the original Member of the committee.
- 9 These amendments shall have effect from Tuesday, March 13, 2007, until the conclusion of the 2007 Fall Sitting.

10 As soon as possible after approval of this motion, the Clerk shall publish a calendar which shows the days on which the Assembly shall meet in 2007.

And be it further resolved that the Assembly shall give further consideration on a timely basis to the necessary temporary Standing Orders that will be required to give effect to the balance of the House Leaders' Agreement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 12, 2007:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk
- Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney on behalf of Mr. Dunford
- Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber
- Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

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

- Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford
- Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber
- Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(d) to allow for the Introduction of Bill 201 and Bill 202:

Notice having been given:

- Bill 201 Funding Alberta's Future Act — Dr. Taft
- Bill 202 Consumer Advocate Act — Mr. Elsalhy

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

All Party Agreement, Spring and Fall Sittings of the 2007 Session, Alberta Legislature, agreed to and signed by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, and Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on March 7, 2007

Sessional Paper 3/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Draft Climate Change and Emissions Management Act

Sessional Paper 4/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 250 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 5/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document dated March 8, 2007, entitled "International Women's Day 2007, Take action to end impunity for violence against women and girls"

Sessional Paper 6/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Document, undated, entitled "The Morton Plan"

Sessional Paper 7/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 1/06 Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 13)

Sessional Paper 8/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 2/06 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 17)

Sessional Paper 9/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 3/06 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 18)

Sessional Paper 10/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46 (2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 11/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(11), 28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the investigation by Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, involving Hung Pham, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-Montrose, dated January 23, 2007  
Sessional Paper 12/2007

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the investigation by Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, involving Harvey Cenaiko, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-Buffalo, dated January 30, 2007  
Sessional Paper 13/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 39th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006  
Sessional Paper 14/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14, on behalf of:

Hon. Mr. Boutillier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2005/2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 15/2007

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Alberta Advanced Education, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 16/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 17/2007

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 18/2007

- Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:  
Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended  
March 31, 2006  
Sessional Paper 19/2007
- Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:  
Alberta Economic Development, 2005-06 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 20/2007
- Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:  
Alberta Education, Annual Report 2005/2006  
Sessional Paper 21/2007
- Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:  
Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 22/2007
- Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:  
Ministry of Environment, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 23/2007
- Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:  
Executive Council, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 24/2007
- Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:  
Alberta Finance, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 25/2007
- Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:  
Alberta Gaming, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 26/2007
- Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:  
Alberta Government Services, 2005-06 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 27/2007
- Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:  
Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2005/2006, Section I  
Sessional Paper 28/2007  
Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2005/2006, Section II  
Sessional Paper 29/2007
- Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:  
Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report 2005/2006  
Sessional Paper 30/2007

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 31/2007

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Alberta Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 32/2007

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 33/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 34/2007

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 35/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:

Restructuring and Government Efficiency, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 36/2007

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Alberta Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 05-06  
Sessional Paper 37/2007

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 38/2007

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 39/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 06, 2006-2007 Quarterly Budget Report, Second Quarter Fiscal Update  
Sessional Paper 40/2007

Budget 06, 2006-2007 Quarterly Budget Report, Second Quarter Activity Report  
Sessional Paper 41/2007



Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5) and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated With Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 42/2007

Pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch. 1, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered) Pension Plans, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 43/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2006"

Sessional Paper 44/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Johnston, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 06-07, Second Quarter Update for the six months ended September 30, 2006

Sessional Paper 45/2007

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 12 to 15, 2007:

Monday, March 12                      9:00 p.m.   -   **Government Motions**

Motion 12

### **Government Bills and Orders**

Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 1 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, March 13

### **Government Bills and Orders**

Interim Supply Estimates  
Message

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

**Government Motions**

Motions 10, 11

**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Supplementary Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 1)Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 2 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 14

**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Interim Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 2)**Government Bills and Orders**Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 3 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 15

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 4 and Appropriation Bill

**Committee of Supply**Interim Supply Estimates  
(Day 2 of 2)Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 4 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 06,  
2006-2007 Quarterly Budget Report, Third Quarter Fiscal Update  
Sessional Paper 46/2007

On behalf of Mr. Johnston, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage  
Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 06-07, Third Quarter Update for the nine  
months ended December 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 47/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, then tabled the following  
budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 48/2007

### **Government Motions**

**4.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly do 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.

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

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant  
Governor, the 2006-07 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. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(9), the number of days that  
Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2006-07 Supplementary  
Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**7.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the Special Standing Committee on  
Members' Services be approved:

that Mr. Oberle replace Mr. Knight as Deputy Chair;  
that Ms Pastoor replace Mr. Backs;  
that Mr. Graydon replace Mr. Lindsay;  
that Mr. Mar replace Mrs. Jablonski;  
that Mr. Melchin replace Mr. Lukaszuk.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to the Select Special Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee be approved:

that Mr. VanderBurg replace Mr. Goudreau as Deputy Chair;  
that Ms Blakeman replace Mr. Backs;  
that Mr. Coutts replace Mr. Johnston;  
that Mr. Ducharme replace Mr. Liepert;  
that Mr. Graydon replace Mr. Lindsay;  
that Mr. Lund replace Mr. Lougheed;  
that Mr. McFarland replace Mr. Rodney;  
that Mr. Webber replace Mr. Snelgrove.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**9.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, March 12, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 12, 2007

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

### **Speaker's Statement - Commonwealth Day 2007 and Members' Anniversaries**

The Speaker made a statement and quoted from the Queen's message in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2007.

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the sixth anniversary of several Members elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 12, 2001, and the 10th anniversary of several Members elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Leonard Bolger who passed away on February 27, 2007.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the practice of illicit live organ harvesting, also known as "transplant tourism," in China.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement congratulating the Team Alberta athletes who competed in the 2007 Canada Winter Games held in Whitehorse, Yukon, from February 23 to March 10, 2007.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement congratulating the athletes who competed in the Special Olympics Alberta 2007 Provincial Winter Games held in Calgary, from February 23-25, 2007.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding a partnership between Olds College and Bell Canada to create the Bell e-Learning Centre, a state-of-the-art distributed learning facility at the Olds College campus.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Government's environmental policy concerning greenhouse gas intensity targets.

## Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the imminent risk to the health and safety of residents resulting from the failure of the privately owned Holy Cross Centre in Calgary to meet provincial standards of care, including the number of qualified staff required to meet residents' basic needs.

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3), the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-16, s38(3), the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-18, s46(3), and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services (LIS) Ltd., Chief Operating Officer (COO) [Manager's] Report, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 49/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Response to Written Question WQ35, asked for by Mr. Martin on August 28, 2006:

What is the total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development on the "Choice Matters" and related campaigns promoting marketing choice for each of the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06, what is the estimated amount to be spent in 2006-07, and for each of these years what portion was spent or will be spent on paid advertising?

Sessional Paper 50/2007

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

Letter dated January 12, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Stephen Harper, PC, MP, Leader of the Opposition, House of Commons, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Chair, Council of the Federation, responding to Hon. Mr. Klein's letter on behalf of the Council of the Federation dated December 14, 2005, concerning issues related to federal-provincial relations

Sessional Paper 51/2007

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated March 11, 2007, from Ronald White of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding a lack of residential and community supports for seniors in Calgary

Sessional Paper 52/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated December 15, 2006, from Ian Greenwald of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, describing a work-related motor vehicle accident in which Mr. Greenwald was involved and expressing concern regarding the limit of \$4,000 payable for soft tissue injuries and the way Mr. Greenwald's case is being handled by the Workers' Compensation Board  
Sessional Paper 53/2007

Letter dated February 1, 2007, from Matt Gosse of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for legislation that would make Alberta 100 percent smoke-free  
Sessional Paper 54/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Press release dated March 8, 2007, entitled "Former Premier Ralph Klein called upon to testify under oath!" prepared by the Lavesta Area Group regarding the development of electrical transmission lines  
Sessional Paper 55/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 26th Legislature, Third Session, Spring 2007"  
Sessional Paper 56/2007

### **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the imminent risk to the health and safety of residents resulting from the failure of the privately owned Holy Cross Centre in Calgary to meet provincial standards of care, including the number of qualified staff required to meet residents' basic needs.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.



## Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2.

## 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 Funding Alberta's Future Act — Dr. Taft

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 8

Blakeman	Elsalhy	Taft
Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor
Chase	Swann	

Against the motion: 30

Ady	Graydon	Mitzel
Brown	Groeneveld	Morton
Cao	Haley	Oberle
Cardinal	Hancock	Prins
Danyluk	Herard	Renner
Doerksen	Hinman	Rodney
Ducharme	Horner	Rogers
Eggen	Jablonski	Strang
Evans	Liepert	VanderBurg
Fritz	Melchin	Zwozdesky

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

### Motions Other Than Government Motions

**501.** Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create additional short-term internship positions within the Government of Alberta to assist qualified immigrants who seek work experience for the first time in Canada.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Government Motions

**12.** Oral notice having been given March 8, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in order to give effect to the March 7, 2007, House Leaders' Agreement:

- 1 Standing Order 3(1) is amended by striking out "1:30 p.m." and substituting "1 p.m."
- 2 The following is added after Standing Order 3:  
2007 Sitting schedule
  - 3.1(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall stand adjourned every 4th week during the 2007 Spring Sitting.
  - (2) Unless otherwise ordered and subject to suborder (3), the Assembly shall meet for the 2007 Fall Sitting from the first Monday in November to the first Thursday in December, inclusive.
  - (3) The 2007 Fall Sitting may be varied by House Leaders' agreement, which shall be provided to the Clerk who shall immediately publish a revised calendar.
  - (4) Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Government from advising the Speaker that the public interest requires the Assembly to meet on a certain date, and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.
- 3 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:
  - 4(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:
 

Monday:	1 p.m. to conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions
Tuesday:	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday:	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday:	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- (2) Notwithstanding suborder (1), upon passage of a Government Motion before 6 p.m. which may be made on one day's notice and is subject to debate, the Assembly may meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
- (3) If there is no evening sitting, at 6 p.m. or on Monday at the conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions, the Speaker adjourns the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- (4) On Monday, if there is an evening sitting, at the conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions, the Speaker leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
- (5) On Tuesday and Wednesday, if there is an evening sitting and at 6 p.m. the business of the Assembly or Committee of the Whole has not concluded, the Speaker or Chair, as the case may be, leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
- (6) On evenings when the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, at 10 p.m. the Committee shall rise and report immediately.
- 4 Standing Order 7 is amended
- (a) in suborder (1) by adding "at 1:30 p.m.," before "Oral Question Period";
- (b) by adding the following after suborder (1):
- (1.1) At 1:30 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Oral Question Period with the balance of the daily Routine to follow.
- 5 Standing Order 8 is amended
- (a) by striking out suborders (1) to (3) and substituting the following:
- 8(1) On Monday afternoon, after the daily Routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Written Questions  
Motions for Returns  
Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders  
at 4:55 p.m.: Motions Other Than Government Motions.
- (2) Subject to suborder (3), on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Government Motions  
Government Bills and Orders  
Private Bills.
- (3) If the business enumerated in suborder (1) has not received a total of 3 hours of consideration, then Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders shall be the first order of business for the Assembly on Thursday afternoon for such time until the total time for consideration for those items enumerated in suborder (1) reaches 3 hours for that week.
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(2.2) A substituted Member under suborder (2.1) shall be considered for all purposes to be acting in the place of the original Member.  
(2.3) A temporary substitution in the membership shall be permitted for a specific time period or for committee consideration of a specific issue.  
(2.4) A temporary substitution may be terminated at any time by the original Member of the committee.
- 9 These amendments shall have effect from Tuesday, March 13, 2007, until the conclusion of the 2007 Fall Sitting.
- 10 As soon as possible after approval of this motion, the Clerk shall publish a calendar which shows the days on which the Assembly shall meet in 2007.

And be it further resolved that the Assembly shall give further consideration on a timely basis to the necessary temporary Standing Orders that will be required to give effect to the balance of the House Leaders' Agreement.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Renner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 13, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Speaker's Statement - Member's Anniversary**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 5, 1992.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing February 2007 as Black History Month.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the achievements of the Red Deer College Kings Men's Volleyball Team.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding P3 projects in Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address climate change.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing the Wheelchair Curling Championship held in Calgary from March 2-4, 2007, and the team from Calgary who will compete in the National Championship to be held in Ottawa in April.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing the community of Warner and the Warner Hockey School for being selected as a finalist in this year's Kraft Hockeyville Challenge.

**Speaker's Statement - Amendments to the Standing Orders**

Honourable Members, you have on your desk green sheets of paper, and these green sheets of paper incorporate the Standing Orders that were changed and approved last night along with the existing ones. The ones that are new are the italicized parts so that you can follow through them. As all Members know, we started today at 1:00 p.m. and we'll rise tonight at 6:00 p.m. according to the rules we have.

The order of business, of course, is that the daily Routine will remain exactly the same. We went through the daily Routine today, save Oral Question Period, which the Standing Orders that were passed last night said will commence at 1:30 p.m. There will be some discretion, obviously, that will have to be dealt with with respect to this matter, and if we arrive at this point in the agenda in the ensuing days, then we will begin Oral Question Period ahead of schedule. There also may be a situation where in the Routine we will arrive at situations where Honourable Members may be in one of the points in the Routine, particularly Members' Statements, where the Chair would not want to interrupt an Honourable Member if he or she has not concluded their statement, and we might just begin in a few seconds or more after the fact.

Tomorrow I'll make mention of the Written Questions and Motions for Returns change that was made last night as we approach that item of business. Essentially what will happen is if members of Executive Council have accepted a Written Question or a Motion for Return, they will advise, the Clerk will notify, and there'll be no further discussion of that particular Written Question or Motion for Return. It will simply be dealt with by a member of Executive Council in the ensuing days and ensuing weeks. If, however, a Written Question or Motion for Return demands an amendment or a rejection, then that will of course be dealt with on the subsequent Monday afternoon.

This afternoon when we get into Orders of the Day, and we will be getting into committee, so committee will not rise at 5:30 p.m., it will rise at 6:00 p.m. Of course, in our provisions it says that the vote must be taken by 5:15 p.m. Effective today the vote will be taken at 5:45 p.m. Because the Government House Leader has not provided advance notice and hasn't gone through the process yet of dealing with the House sitting tonight, it's impossible for the House to sit tonight unless unanimous consent of the Honourable Members is requested and given some time this afternoon to do that.

This is the start of the changes that are occurring in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, and there was a good discussion on it last night. Not all Members agreed with the direction being taken by the majority of Members. The Hansard deals with that. Applying these rules may require some flexibility. Most of all, it will require the goodwill and the cooperation of all Members, particularly in these early days. The Chair would look forward to that, and he looks forward to working with all Members as we apply these rules in a courteous, respectful, and professional manner.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Needs Students" prepared by the University of Alberta Students' Union

Sessional Paper 57/2007

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

Copies of 12 recent letters from Alberta women to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, urging the Government to provide the Gardasil vaccine to all women in Alberta aged 9 to 26, free of charge, to prevent transmission of the human papilloma virus (HPV), which is known to cause cervical cancer

Sessional Paper 58/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Report dated July 10, 2006, entitled "Water Management Framework: Instream Flow Needs and Water Management System for the Lower Athabasca River" prepared by Alberta Environment and Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Sessional Paper 59/2007

Letter dated September 13, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, expressing opposition to government grants provided to Alberta golf courses and suggesting those grants would have been better used to fund junior kindergarten

Sessional Paper 60/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Several letters and related documents dating back to December 2002 from Fay Becic of Edmonton regarding her dealings with Legal Aid Alberta

Sessional Paper 61/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Copy of a petition signed by 95 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 62/2007

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

The President of the Treasury Board then tabled a copy of the Interim Supply Estimates:

2007-08 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly,  
Government

Sessional Paper 63/2007

## Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2007-08 Interim Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2007-08 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 1 — 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. Mitzel reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2006-07 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, 2007, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

### Advanced Education and Technology

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$107,100,000
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### Agriculture and Food

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$50,000,000
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**Finance**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$46,570,000

**Health and Wellness**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$147,000,000

**Infrastructure and Transportation**

Capital Investment transferred to Service Alberta (\$530,000)

**Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$42,846,000

**Service Alberta**

Capital Investment \$530,000

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

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

(Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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 Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 14, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing March 14-20, 2007, as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the report entitled "Portrait of the Canadian Population in 2006" released by Statistics Canada, particularly the section entitled "Alberta: the engine of population growth."

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Canada Safeway's charitable endeavours, particularly the Millwoods Town Centre Safeway's fund raising efforts for the Edmonton Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the Vauxhall Academy of Baseball.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Warner Hockey School.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement congratulating the University of Alberta Pandas women's volleyball team on winning their seventh Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championship on March 3, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 24 Albertans urging the Government to consider providing the additional funds necessary for the Calgary Health Region to proceed immediately and as originally planned with the construction of a hospital in south Calgary.

The petition put forth by Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, was not in order to be presented.

The petition put forth by Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, on behalf of Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac-La-Biche-St. Paul (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 64 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

## Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

## Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period

As the Chair indicated yesterday, there was nothing in the Standing Order revisions adopted last Monday night concerning the operation of Oral Question Period. Section 3(a)(ii) of the House Leaders' Agreement states that questions and answers shall be 45 seconds, which is the general rule that the Chair has been applying since the start of the 26th Legislature in March 2005. There was no mention in the House Leaders' Agreement about preambles to questions or deviating from the accepted practice of limiting preambles to supplementary questions.

However, the Chair has had an opportunity now to meet with all three House Leaders this morning. This is the first time that we have met during the process leading to the House Leaders' Agreement. This was a very positive step in communicating the intention and expectations of the House Leaders about the March 7 agreement.

After that meeting the Chair will be vigorously enforcing the 45-second rule from the time the Member is recognized until the end of the 45 seconds. This will apply to questions and this will apply to answers. It may involve stopwatches. This is how it will work in practice. When the Chair rises and says "the Leader of the Official Opposition," the 45 seconds will begin. The Chair will administer the House as normal, and with five seconds remaining the Chair will be notified so that at the end of 45 seconds the question or answer will be over.

During the 45-second period, and this will apply to questions rather than answers, preambles will be allowed, whether main or supplementary questions. It seems to be the overwhelming desire of the Members. So you've got 45 seconds for the question. In the past it was a pretty vigorous interpretation: no preambles in the second or third question. Now permitted.

The Chair also wants to make it very clear that when that clock starts counting, if the Honourable Members stand up and cheer the Honourable Member for 30 seconds, the clock has been running. That means only 15 seconds left for the remainder of the question. Now, I know my honourable colleagues, I've been here for a number of years, so I know what the potential is of this happening.

The Chair wants to make one thing very clear. He has no difficulty whatsoever enforcing this provision. The Chair would point out that Standing Order 13(1), which has not changed, requires the Speaker to preserve order and decorum. In the Chair's experience what often causes Question Period to become unruly are inflammatory preambles that have little to do with the question that is to be asked. So while the Chair will allow the greatest latitude to Members in their questions and answers, the Chair will not let Question Period deteriorate into a situation that would serve to bring this institution into disrepute and in the process reflect poorly on all Members, especially other Members who are not involved in the shenanigans.

If there are concerns about the operation of Question Period, the Chair would encourage Members to bring those concerns to his or her House Leader. This interpretation was arrived at about 11:30 this morning so some Members may not be aware of it, but the deal was that the House Leaders are to bring this updated version of the rule to all of their Members.

Remember as well we have another opportunity for Members to convey their thoughts, and that is to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, as this committee is to have a role in reviewing the operation of the rule changes.

Please do not send notes to the Chair, as this happened yesterday. The Chair wants to be very clear that he is committed to ensuring that the operation of the Assembly represents the expectation of Members. It is your Assembly, and the Chair has been elected to enforce your rules.

To the two independent Members in the House, I'd invite them to come and visit me at 4:30 this afternoon, because in addition to this clarification the Chair also provided to the three House Leaders a list of questions and comments with respect to the proposed changes to the rules of the Assembly and also provided to the three House Leaders, as best as one can determine, an anticipated budget to implement all of these changes and these rules. The three House Leaders will provide that information to their caucus members. I will provide that to the two Members of the Assembly who were not present at the meeting this morning and, if required, will table those documents in the House at a subsequent date, but I do not anticipate that this will be required.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Alberta Corporate Registration System Corporation/Non-Profit Search dated March 13, 2007, concerning Holy Cross Manor Incorporated

Sessional Paper 64/2007

Alberta Progressive Conservative Association web page document entitled "Candidates for the 2007 PCAA (Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta) Executive Committee Elections"

Sessional Paper 65/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Drumheller Mail article dated December 27, 2006, entitled "Top 10 stories of 2006" prepared by Patrick Kolafa

Sessional Paper 66/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated October 19, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Ed Stelmach, Alberta Progressive Conservative leadership candidate, inquiring how Mr. Stelmach would deal with the economic difficulties surrounding electrical deregulation if he was elected leader

Sessional Paper 67/2007

Excerpt from the report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2005" concerning grants provided to C.G. Paulgaard Farms Limited

Sessional Paper 68/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Copies of an employment contract, work permit, pay stubs, health care invoices, and related documentation concerning Armando Garcia

Sessional Paper 69/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 2 — Interim 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 Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2007-08 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Snelgrove moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m. until Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, March 15, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Libraries Act, which received Royal Assent on March 15, 1907.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Chief Victor Buffalo, who was inducted into the Aboriginal Hall of Fame in Toronto on February 13, 2007.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Dr. Robert Stollery, CM, who passed away on March 14, 2007.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating the Grant MacEwan Griffins women's volleyball team on winning the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association national championship held from March 8-10, 2007, in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the value of foster parents.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding parliamentary democracy.

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

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 2006 Activities, 26th Legislature, Second Session (Spring and Summer Sittings)

Sessional Paper 70/2007

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the urgent need for the Premier, or the Minister of Education on his behalf, to protect the educational needs of students in Parkland County and to foster good will between teachers, parents, students, and the school board by appointing a special mediator to help resolve the current Parkland School Division labour dispute.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Alberta Teachers' Association web site article dated March 8, 2007, entitled "Parkland teachers propose special mediation as positive step toward resolution of strike"

Sessional Paper 71/2007

E-mail message dated March 13, 2007, from Cheryl Sneath of Stony Plain to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing opposition to the ongoing teachers' strike in the Parkland School Division

Sessional Paper 72/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Report dated November 16, 2006, entitled "Recruitment and Retention Survey Conducted September 26 - October 13, 2006" prepared by the Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families

Sessional Paper 73/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2007, from Jim Sexsmith of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Residential Tenancies Act be amended to make landlords responsible for keeping property in an environmentally safe condition

Sessional Paper 74/2007

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2005-2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 75/2007

**Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.



Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 19 to March 22, 2007:

Tuesday, March 20

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 1, 3, 20, 25

**Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 6 of 10)**

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 21

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 1, 3, 4, 5

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 20, 25

**Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 7 of 10)**

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 22

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

Bill 20, 25

**Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 8 of 10)**

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 4, 5

And as per the Order Paper

### **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the urgent need for the Premier, or the Minister of Education on his behalf, to protect the educational needs of students in Parkland County and to foster good will between teachers, parents, students, and the school board by appointing a special mediator to help resolve the current Parkland School Division labour dispute.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **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 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk

#### **Committee of Supply** (Day 2 of 2 — Interim 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. Johnson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2007-08 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government, 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, 2008, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

#### **Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$19,800,000
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#### **Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$6,200,000
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**Office of the Ombudsman**

Expense	\$800,000
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**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,100,000
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**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

Expense	\$200,000
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**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,600,000
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**Advanced Education and Technology**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$728,800,000
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Non-Budgetary Disbursements	\$27,900,000
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**Agriculture and Food**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$205,000,000
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**Children's Services**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$311,000,000
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**Education**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,200,000,000
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**Employment, Immigration and Industry**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$221,800,000
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**Energy**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$96,000,000
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**Environment**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$40,600,000
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**Executive Council**

Expense	\$6,900,000
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**Finance**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$33,000,000
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Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$15,000,000
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**Health and Wellness**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,681,000,000
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Capital Investment	\$6,600,000
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**Infrastructure and Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$972,000,000
Capital Investment	\$362,000,000

**International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$23,500,000
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**Justice**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$119,000,000
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**Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$234,900,000
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**Seniors and Community Supports**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$567,200,000
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**Service Alberta**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$98,000,000
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**Solicitor General and Public Security**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$119,200,000
Capital Investment	\$6,000,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$463,300,000

**Sustainable Resource Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$172,600,000
Capital Investment	\$20,000,000

**Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$239,700,000
Capital Investment	\$6,500,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,500,000

**Treasury Board**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$6,400,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

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

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Oberle moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Monday, March 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, March 19, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society's Immigrants of Distinction Awards presented on March 16, 2007.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the Mill Woods Cultural and Recreation Facility Association's 30th anniversary celebration held at the Mill Woods Golf Club on March 16, 2007.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing March 18-24, 2007, as National Social Work Week.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding violence against women.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding a memorandum of understanding signed by the Municipal District of Northern Lights and the Town of Peace River on March 16, 2007, outlining a long-term development plan partnership.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the value of service dogs.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

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

Bill 25 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report  
2005-2006

Sessional Paper 76/2007

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

Letter dated February 19, 2007, from Joseph J. Voegtlin of Tofield to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing opposition to the proposed Dodds-Round Hill Coal Gasification Project

Sessional Paper 77/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

The Racing Journal web site article dated November 18, 2004, entitled "New Alberta \$78-million horse racing complex" prepared by Garry Allison

Sessional Paper 78/2007

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

E-mail message dated March 15, 2007, from Mark von Schellwitz, Vice President, Western Canada, Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association, with the addressees' names struck out, outlining an Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission liquor policy change that would allow minors to work in certain areas of Class A licensed establishments and providing an update regarding the current labour shortage difficulties in the Alberta food service industry

Sessional Paper 79/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 20, 2007, from Sharron L. Nelson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, expressing concern regarding the Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2003, which provides that revenue from vehicles seized and subsequently sold under this Act be put into the General Revenue Fund, and requesting that revenue be put into a fund to rehabilitate former prostitutes

Sessional Paper 80/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated March 6, 2007, from Nicole Burns to Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, requesting the Government support licensed child care facilities for all children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 81/2007

Letter dated November 10, 2006, from Elaine Lefebvre of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting stronger penalties for animal cruelty offences in Alberta

Sessional Paper 82/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Petition signed by 100 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 83/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 5, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, requesting an investigation into the 92 percent cost increase for the construction of transmission lines from Genesee to Langdon

Sessional Paper 84/2007

SaveMyCWB (Canadian Wheat Board) web page posting

Sessional Paper 85/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Canada.com web site article dated March 15, 2007, entitled "Group pushing for grandparents' rights" prepared by Alex Frazer-Harrison

Sessional Paper 86/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.

### Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3.

### 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 Consumer Advocate Act — Mr. Elsalhy

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 15

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Lukaszuk	Pastoor
Brown	MacDonald	Swann
Chase	Mather	Taft
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taylor

Against the motion: 29

Boutilier	Griffiths	Mitzel
Calahasen	Groeneveld	Morton
Cao	Haley	Oberg
Coutts	Johnston	Pham
DeLong	Knight	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Liepert	Stevens
Dunford	Lindsay	Strang
Forsyth	Lougheed	VanderBurg
Fritz	Lund	Webber
Graydon	McFarland	



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

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mrs. Forsyth speaking.

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

**502.** Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of establishing an endowment fund and other incentives, including legislative and policy changes, to encourage the Alberta energy industry to research, implement, and commercialize alternative energy technologies.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 18th anniversaries of Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 20, 1989.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing March 20, 2007, as the International Day of Francophonie, and Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie taking place from March 9-25, 2007.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Cremona Legion cribbage team who recently won the Alberta-Northwest Territories provincial championship, and who will compete in the national championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from April 27-30, 2007.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement recognizing the achievements of the William Aberhart High School Trojan girls' wrestling team and regarding the need for the Government to fund gastroparesis research.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Calgary Maple Sugar Festival held March 17-18, 2007.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to improve standards in long-term care facilities.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 88 Albertans urging the Government to prevent the development of the Sherritt Dodds-Roundhill coal gasification project until the expressed consent of the families in the communities in the affected and surrounding areas is obtained, and to develop a comprehensive energy plan that uses our abundant energy resources to develop a green and sustainable future.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 80 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

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

### **Dépôt de projets de loi (Première lecture)**

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

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Notice having been given:

L'avis ayant été donné:

Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 204 Emblems of Alberta (Franco-Albertan Recognition) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Oberle	Projet de loi 204 Loi modificative de 2007 sur les emblèmes de l'Alberta (reconnaissance du fait franco-albertain) — M. Oberle
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On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 13, 2007, from Bonita Davidson of Edmonton to Whom it May Concern expressing concern regarding working conditions and salaries for caregivers of people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 87/2007

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

News release dated November 28, 2006, entitled “Stelmach Issues Statement About the Teachers’ Pension Fund Liability” prepared by the Ed Stelmach Leadership Campaign

Sessional Paper 88/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated March 19, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, requesting an internal investigation and apology regarding a posting on the SaveMyCWB web site

Sessional Paper 89/2007

News release dated December 20, 2006, entitled “Alberta Farmers Continue to Pay a High Price for Electricity Deregulation” prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 90/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated February 27, 2007, from Viviane Bouliane, Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 91/2007

Petition signed by 110 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 92/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Canada.com web site article dated March 15, 2007, entitled “Life-changing device helps local kids stay active, provincial funding needed for gastroparesis patients” prepared by Alex Fraser Harrison

Sessional Paper 93/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated October 31, 2006, from Linda Smith to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the Young Offenders Act

Sessional Paper 94/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, 2005-2006 Programs and Financial Highlights

Sessional Paper 95/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s7(6), Alberta Ingenuity Fund, 05/06 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 96/2007

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2005-2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 97/2007

Alberta Prion Research Institute, 2005-2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 98/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Report dated January 2006 entitled "Organization and Governance Review of Alberta Investment Management (AIM)" prepared for Alberta Finance by Capelle Associates Incorporated on behalf of Capelle Associates Incorporated and KPA Advisory Services Limited

Sessional Paper 99/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

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

Bill 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon.  
Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

Dr. Taft 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 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon.  
Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 25 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

**Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Miller 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 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Dr. Pannu moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 21, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding public health issues at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2007, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the vibrancy of the arts in rural Alberta.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement recognizing the efforts of parents of students at High Park Elementary School in Edmonton who are fighting to keep the school from closing.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding growth pressures in small Alberta cities.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding racial discrimination.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the positive effects of the Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 1,044 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to recognize the importance of community schools by taking immediate steps to halt further closures by the Edmonton Public School Board by amending the Closure of Schools Regulation (AR 238/97), to provide parents and other community members with a period of not less than 18 months to formulate a revitalization plan in response to any proposed public school closure, and to require the board to give such plan full consideration; striking a task force comprised of trustees and qualified members of the public to review and make recommendations regarding the Edmonton Public School Board's current school closure process to ensure that public schools are closed only as a last resort and after due consultation with the community; and encouraging ongoing consultation and partnerships between parents, communities, and municipal and provincial agencies to ensure that public schools continue to fulfill the educational and civic needs of Alberta's communities.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 218 Edmonton residents urging the Government to construct the proposed Edmonton remand centre in close proximity to the Edmonton courthouse, the central police station, and the existing remand centre and not in north east Edmonton.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Letter dated March 20, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated March 19, 2007, concerning an e-mail message allegedly sent from an Alberta Agriculture and Food Department computer to the SaveMyCWB web site

Sessional Paper 100/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Questions WQ33 and WQ34, both asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason on August 28, 2006:

WQ33. For the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, what was the total cost of administering the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, broken down by costs associated with provision of customer services, registration and benefit processing?

WQ34. For the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, what was the total cost of administering the Health Insurance Premiums Act, and of that total what percentage was attributable to administering premium subsidies, and what percentage to collecting overdue accounts, including payments to collection agencies?

Sessional Paper 101/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Response to Written Question WQ27, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko on May 15, 2006:

What steps are the Ministry of Economic Development taking to work with the Government of British Columbia and the Federal Government to allow all Alberta exports safer and faster access to Prince Rupert Port in British Columbia?

Sessional Paper 102/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated February 5, 2007, from Karen Baxter, Fund Development Coordinator, Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society, to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, providing general information regarding the Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society

Sessional Paper 103/2007

E-mail message dated February 21, 2007, from Erick and Katherine Guevara of Calgary to Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, expressing concern regarding the availability of quality, affordable child care for all children up to 12 years of age and the need for child care workers to be paid appropriate wages

Sessional Paper 104/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

8 letters from Edmonton residents, 7 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and 1 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 105/2007



Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Calgary Herald web site article dated March 14, 2007, entitled "Aberhart grapplers stepped up to the plate" written by Kristen Odland

Sessional Paper 106/2007

4 letters from Edmonton residents, 3 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and 1 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 107/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

4 letters from Edmonton residents to several addressees expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 108/2007

Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 109/2007

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

Program from the University of Alberta's Celebration of Teaching and Learning held on September 8, 2006

Sessional Paper 110/2007

8 letters from Edmonton and area residents, 6 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, 1 to Whom it May Concern, and 1 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 111/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Discussion paper, undated, entitled "Where to from Here? A Vision and Plan for Post-secondary Education in Alberta" prepared by Public Interest Alberta

Sessional Paper 112/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

2 letters dated February 27, 2007, 1 from Shelly Bickford and 1 signed illegibly, both of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 113/2007

Petition signed by 97 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 114/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

8 letters from Edmonton and area residents, 6 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and 2 to Whom it May Concern, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 115/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Report, undated, entitled "IEA (International Energy Agency) GHG (greenhouse gas) Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring and Storage Project" prepared by the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme

Sessional Paper 116/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-2, s4(2):

Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 117/2007

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

Canadian Labour Congress web site statement dated March 21, 2006, entitled "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination"

Sessional Paper 118/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 119/2007

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Review 2006 and Financial Statements dated June 30, 2006

Sessional Paper 120/2007

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 121/2007

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 122/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), (AR 286/94, s6(3)(b)), Alberta Mental Health Board, 2005/06 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 123/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Aspen Regional Health, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 124/2007

Capital Health, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 125/2007

Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 126/2007

Peace Country Health, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 127/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 128/2007

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 129/2007

Alberta Dental Association and College, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 130/2007

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, 2005/2006 Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Sessional Paper 131/2007

College of Alberta Psychologists, 2005-06 Annual Report and Auditors' Report as at March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 132/2007

College of Dieticians of Alberta, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 133/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Victims Programs Status Report, 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 134/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk

Bill 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 25 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding Neil McCrank, QC, who announced his retirement on February 21, 2007, and his many years of dedicated public service.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 2007 Wetaskiwin Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding water management.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Joffre carbon dioxide capture and storage project.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the achievements of the Mill Woods Cultural and Recreational Facility Association.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding emission reduction policies.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Strang

Bill 207 Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act — Mrs. Mather

Bill 208 School (Restrictions on Fees and Fund-raising) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Flaherty

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated March 22, 2007, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting the Government begin a public inquiry into recent events at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville  
Sessional Paper 135/2007

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

Letter dated March 21, 2007, from Paul Pomerleau of Beaumont to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, with related attachments, expressing concern regarding temporary importation of guest workers  
Sessional Paper 136/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated January 28, 2007, from Robert A. Murphy to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the lack of apprenticeship spaces at NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology)  
Sessional Paper 137/2007

E-mail message dated January 8, 2007, from Neil Evans of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding global warming

Sessional Paper 138/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Petition signed by 100 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 139/2007

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Initiatives Program grants awarded without matching funds being provided by the grant recipient broken down by recipient and amount of unmatched grant?

Sessional Paper 140/2007

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Initiatives Program grant applications that were rejected?

Sessional Paper 141/2007

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Facility Enhancement Program grant applications that were rejected?

Sessional Paper 142/2007

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Facility Enhancement Program grants awarded without matching funds being provided by the grant recipient broken down by recipient and amount of unmatched grant?

Sessional Paper 143/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Dr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 15, 2006:

What is the total cost broken down by function (projected staff costs, consultant and legal fees, facility and hosting expenses, travel costs, etc.) of the review of Alberta's Advanced Education system known as "A Learning Alberta"?

Sessional Paper 144/2007

Response to Written Question WQ25, asked for by Dr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 inclusive, what was the total dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program disbursements, all Alberta Student Loan Relief Benefit payments, and all Alberta Student Loan Relief Completion payments?

Sessional Paper 145/2007

## **Projected Government Business**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 2 to 5, 2007:

Tuesday, April 3	<b>Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne</b> (Day 10 of 10) <b>Government Motions</b> Motion 13, 14 <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 6, 7 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 4	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 8, 9, 10, 12 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 5	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 25 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Dr. Miller 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 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

**Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 8)

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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.

Mrs. Mather moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.



## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(1) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Monday, April 2, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, April 2, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding opportunities for Canadian immigrants.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement outlining the achievements of Thaddeus Demong, a Calgary ophthalmologist who was recently awarded the 2007 Immigrant of Distinction Professional Award from the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the BLAST (Building Leadership for Action in Schools Today) team formed by students in the Nellie McClung program at Oliver School and their efforts regarding tobacco use reduction strategies.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Pharmacists Profession Regulation which came into force April 1, 2007, allowing pharmacists to prescribe drugs in certain circumstances.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the results of the federal barley plebiscite announced on March 28, 2007.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the need for a public inquiry into patient safety in Alberta's health care facilities.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

- of Ian Wilms for the CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act;
- of Dan Reinhardt for the CREST Leadership Centre Act.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Copy of a petition signed by 55 Red Deer residents requesting an inquiry into the sale of Monarch Place in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 146/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated March 23, 2007, from Leona Laddish, Olga Eliuk, and Emily Palynchuk to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting a public inquiry into the negligent treatment of Myron Shewchuk while at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville

Sessional Paper 147/2007

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

Copy of Bill 17 – 2007, Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) Amendment Act, 2007, 2007 Legislative Session: 3rd Session, 38th Parliament, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

Sessional Paper 148/2007

E-mail message dated March 27, 2007, from Zelma Hardin to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the lack of cleanliness at the Royal Alexandra Hospital which caused her mother to become ill

Sessional Paper 149/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated March 16, 2007, from Anne Lyon and Richard Morris, both of Calgary, to Dr. Erik Wasylenko, Patient Experience, Calgary Health Region, expressing concern regarding boundary changes for agencies providing homecare services in the Calgary Health Region and the resulting effect on homecare clients

Sessional Paper 150/2007

Pamphlet entitled "Turning the Key, Ronald McDonald House, Southern Alberta, Grand Opening, March 2007"

Sessional Paper 151/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 2, 2006, from Rosalee Galper of Edmonton to Diane Fraser, Capital Health Homecare Supervisor, Northeast Office, Capital Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the inability to find quality caregivers to provide home care for disabled adults who live independently

Sessional Paper 152/2007

E-mail message dated March 13, 2007, from Betty Gamble to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Ms Gamble to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding safety issues at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary

Sessional Paper 153/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 24, 2004, from W.J. Byrne, Deputy Minister, Alberta Community Development, to Connie Marcinkoski of Vegreville attaching a document, undated, entitled "Report of a Decision Respecting Complaint #3695" prepared in accordance with the Protection of Persons in Care Act, and copy of a memorandum dated November 10, 2003, from Denise Harberg, Infection Prevention Control Consultant, East Central Health, to Dr. Jackman, outlining a proposed treatment plan for patient Robert Bruce

Sessional Paper 154/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Copy of a petition signed by 123 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 155/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "Alberta Legislature Grounds, Self-guided Tour"

Sessional Paper 156/2007

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) attaching a fact sheet outlining MLA remuneration rates effective April 1, 2007, historical MLA remuneration rates, and current information on MLA remuneration in all Canadian jurisdictions

Sessional Paper 157/2007

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly attaching a form entitled "2007/08 Member RRSP Allowance, Decisions and Instructions"

Sessional Paper 158/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2005, Section 1

Sessional Paper 159/2007

Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2005, Section 2

Sessional Paper 160/2007

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Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2005, Section 3

Sessional Paper 161/2007

Pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2), Alberta Teachers' Association, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 162/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.

### Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3.

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

### Projets de loi et ordres émanant du gouvernement

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Emblems of Alberta (Franco-Albertan Recognition) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Cao speaking.

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

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

#### Deuxième lecture

Sur la motion destinée à ce que le projet de loi suivant reçoive une deuxième lecture:

Projet de loi 204 Loi modificative de 2007 sur les emblèmes de l'Alberta (reconnaissance du fait franco-albertain) — M. Oberle

Un débat a suivi.

Conformément à l'article 8(1) du Règlement, le débat fut suspendu, M. Cao ayant la parole.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Flaherty:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the unfunded liability in the Teachers' Pension Plan as a public debt that should be addressed as soon as possible in order to reduce the unfairly high contribution rates of Alberta teachers and increase the resources available for classroom services.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, moved the motion be amended by striking out "as a public debt that should be addressed as soon as possible in order to reduce the unfairly high contribution rates of Alberta teachers and increase the resources available for classroom services." and substituting "and immediately initiate negotiations on options for a reasonable long term solution to the teachers' unfunded pension liability issue."

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 3, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Good Health Initiative and the Advanced Access Project in Pincher Creek.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the recent closure of the Camrose Wild Rose Sports Arena, the oldest operating arena in Alberta.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing Bessie Roffey of High Prairie, who celebrated her 110th birthday on March 2, 2007.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the importance of community schools.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Government's consultation process for the Trade, Investment, Labour, and Mobility Agreement.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding recent curling events held in Lethbridge.

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

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, April 2, 2007, and can advise the House that the petitions are not in compliance with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

The Committee has considered the petitions and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 94(1)(b) be waived for the petition of the CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act and for the petition of the CREST Leadership Centre Act, subject to the petitioners providing proof of advertising in accordance with the Standing Orders before the Committee hears the petitioner.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in those recommendations.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 27 Albertans urging the Government to hold rent increases to no more than the rise in the average monthly wage until December 31, 2010.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 1,062 Albertans urging the Government to add the drug Elaprase to the Drug Benefit List approved by Alberta Health and Wellness in order to ensure that those suffering from Hunter's Syndrome, including Jordan Miranda, Riley Miranda, and Tyler Chauhan, get the care they need to reduce their suffering and live full lives.

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

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

Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:

Booklet dated September 2006 entitled "Child Care, A Guide to Licensed and Approved Child Care in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Children's Services  
Sessional Paper 163/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Gordon and Karin Daniher of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the difficulties they have faced while caring for their drug-addicted daughter  
Sessional Paper 164/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 22, 2007, from Jennifer Semeniuk of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the rising cost of housing in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 165/2007

Letter dated March 6, 2007, from Paola Guasp of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 166/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document, undated, entitled "Foster Care - In Need of Care" prepared by Jean Luke

Sessional Paper 167/2007

E-mail message dated March 29, 2007, from Debbie Goeseels, Director, Claresholm and District, Family and Community Support Services, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, attaching a letter dated March 29, 2007, unsigned, from Debbie Goeseels to Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, expressing concern regarding the lack of day care and out-of-school care options in Claresholm

Sessional Paper 168/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Report, undated, entitled "Catalyst, Research Accelerating the Way to Health" prepared by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Sessional Paper 169/2007

Copy of a Canadian Institutes of Health Research presentation

Sessional Paper 170/2007

Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 171/2007

Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health, Strategic Plan 2006-2010

Sessional Paper 172/2007

Petition signed by 100 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 173/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

10 letters dated February 9, 2007, from Edmonton residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer

Sessional Paper 174/2007

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

2 open letters dated April 2, 2007, from Laurie Fuhr and Alex Kurth expressing concern regarding the closure of a temporary homeless shelter in Calgary

Sessional Paper 175/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

7 recent letters from Edmonton and area residents to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer, with attached letter dated March 7, 2007, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Norman Dyer of Edmonton responding to Mr. Dyer's letter dated February 11, 2007

Sessional Paper 176/2007

## **Naming a Member**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, raised a point of order, pursuant to Standing Orders 23(h)(i)(j)(l), concerning questions asked by Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, during Oral Question period, regarding Community Initiatives Program grants.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the point of order.

The Speaker invited Mr. Agnihotri to withdraw his remarks. Mr. Agnihotri advised the Speaker he did not wish to apologize or withdraw his remarks.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, was named by the Speaker to the House. Mr. Agnihotri then left the Chamber.



## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

14. Moved by Hon. Dr. Oberg:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur with the continuation of the Alberta Treasury Branches Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner

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

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach:

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.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk

### Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

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

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

Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 4, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## Naming a Member

The Speaker recognized Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, who apologized and withdrew the comments he made on April 3, 2007, that resulted in him being named by the Speaker to the House.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement congratulating University of Calgary students Brittany Gregor, Katrine Fisette, Heather Hansen, and Hayley Pattison, on winning the 2007 World University Games curling championship recently held in Torino, Italy.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Melvin Crump, an Albertan featured in the Glenbow Museum's new exhibit entitled "Mavericks: The Incurable History of Alberta."

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the level of farm debt in Alberta.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement recognizing the 130 finalists of the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a rally to be held at the McDougall Centre in Calgary on April 13, 2007, concerning clear-cutting plans in the Kananaskis area to control the spread of the mountain pine beetle.

## Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 1,005 Albertans urging the Government to add the drug Elaprase to the Drug Benefit List approved by Alberta Health and Wellness in order to ensure that those suffering from Hunter's Syndrome, including Jordan Miranda, Riley Miranda, and Tyler Chauhan, get the care they need to reduce their suffering and live full lives.

## Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

The following Written Questions will be accepted:

WQ1, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.

The following Written Question will be amended:

WQ2.

The following Written Question will be rejected:

WQ3.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:  
WQ9, WQ10, WQ11.

The following Motion for Returns will be accepted:  
MR3.

The following Motions for Returns will be rejected:  
MR1, MR2.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on March 20, 2007, during Second Reading debate on Bill 20, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 177/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

10 letters dated February 9, 2007, from Edmonton and area residents, 9 to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and 1 to Gary G. Campbell, QC, Chair, Alberta Cancer Board, all requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer

Sessional Paper 178/2007

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

Commemorative program from the Beth Israel Congregation 100th Anniversary Gala held in Edmonton on January 28, 2007

Sessional Paper 179/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Several letters dating from December 2005 to January 2006 between Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Warren Fraleigh, Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society, all concerning an application for funding by the Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society under the Community Initiatives Program

Sessional Paper 180/2007

Issue paper concerning a grant provided to the Alpha Gamma Delta organization in October 2004 under the Community Initiates Program

Sessional Paper 181/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Jim Stallard to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing appreciation to Hon. Dr. Oberg and Mr. Chase for their efforts and cooperation in getting the cancer treatment drug Gemcitabine funded by the Alberta Cancer Board

Sessional Paper 182/2007

E-mail message, undated, from Jerry Iwanus, MA, CRA, Vice-President (Communications), Battle River-Wainwright Constituency Association, Alberta Liberal Party, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the condition of Highway 13 east of Camrose and requesting Mr. Chase urge the Government to improve the condition of the highway

Sessional Paper 183/2007

Letter, undated, unaddressed, unsigned, from Paola Romanelli of Bragg Creek expressing concern regarding plans to clear-cut trees in the Kananaskis area to control the spread of the mountain pine beetle

Sessional Paper 184/2007

E-mail message dated April 1, 2007, from David J. Easton of Bragg Creek to Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding plans to clear-cut trees in the Kananaskis area to control the spread of the mountain pine beetle

Sessional Paper 185/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

2 letters dated February 27, 2007, 1 unsigned and 1 from Michael, both of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 186/2007

Petition signed by 100 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 187/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated October 31, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, requesting the immediate release of the report entitled "Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, By Payee for the year ended March 31, 2006"

Sessional Paper 188/2007

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,602 Albertans requesting a new hospital in Beaverlodge

Sessional Paper 189/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Alberta Advanced Education, Public Post-secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the Year Ended June 30, 2005, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 190/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

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

Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

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

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

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Hon. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen 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 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford  
Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg  
Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg  
Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Mitzel  
Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, April 5, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Speaker's Statement - 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge**

Honourable Members, the House will not sit on Easter Monday. On that day 90 years ago this country launched what was to be a singular and defining expression of courage, character, and of national will.

On Easter Monday, the 9th of April, 1917, the entire Canadian Corps comprising the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th divisions rose as one for the first time in the first Great War. The day's opening weather, a combination of driving snow and sleet, was not unwelcome on the allied side. Beginning in the pre-dawn hours, 49 battalions of the Canadian expeditionary force, numbering over 100,000 men, joined the battle. From Alberta the 10th, the 31st, the 49th, and the 50th battalions were in the thick of the action.

To see Vimy Ridge and to have read the history of the first Great War is to begin to understand the cold enormity of the challenge that faced the Canadian Corps. The ridge's brooding dominance over the Plains of Douai and the intractable nature of the allied campaign to that stage pointed to a prospect of dismal failure. How did the battle go? Let me read from the diary kept, contrary to the King's Regulations of the day, by the late Private Adelbert Franklin Brayman of the 50th (Calgary) Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. He is the great-uncle-in-law to Diane Brayman, our acting head of Visitor Services.

“Just as dawn broke clear we were well over Vimy Ridge and digging in for protection. At 9:45 a.m. we had dug in ready for a counterattack which we expected. As we looked back up that ridge in the early dawn we witnessed a scene never to be forgotten. The entire face of the hill was covered with German green and Canadian khaki. Men lay out there in their blood-soaked field, some dead some dying. A horrible sight but one quite necessary. All day we seemed dazed and sore and the strain was beginning to show but we were supposed to hold and we held. Vimy Ridge belongs to Canada.”

Brayman had captured the essence of the moment and the national achievement. Canadians had gained more ground, took more guns, and captured more prisoners than had any previous British offensive in World War I. In 1936 France forever deeded Vimy Ridge to Canada. A superb and fitting monument was unveiled. There King Edward VIII gave an address to the thousands of Canadian war veterans who had made, in the height of the depression, a lengthy and difficult pilgrimage that evoked and stirred deep, plaintive emotion. In the company of the President of France, and having spoken in French, the King said:

“All the world over there are battlefields, the names of which are written indelibly on the pages of our troubled human history. It is one of the consolations which time brings that the deeds of valour done on those battlefields long survive the quarrels which drove the opposing sides to conflict. Vimy will be one such name . . . Around us here today there is peace and rebuilding of hope. And so also in dedicating this memorial to our fallen comrades our thoughts turn rather to the splendour of their sacrifice and to the consecration of our love for them than to the cannonade which beat upon this Ridge . . .

Honourable Members, we know what the contribution of Canadian blood at Vimy Ridge meant to Canada. His Excellency Daniel Jouanneau, the Ambassador of France to Canada, has conveyed a letter to us and the people of Alberta telling us what Vimy Ridge means to France. I would like to read the contents of his letter into our Hansard so that all Albertans forever will know. The letter is dated March 26, 2007.

“Honourable Mr. Speaker, on April 5th, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

I know how important Vimy is to Canada. On April 9, 1917, four Canadian divisions, who were fighting for the first time as an independent corps, showed the rest of the world the great fortitude and military ability of Canadians, in a very carefully planned, and brilliantly executed attack. Two years, and many feats of arms later, this commitment gave Canada the right to sign the Versailles Treaty on it's own behalf, and the right to become one of the founding members of the League of Nations.



Vimy was a defining moment for Canada, but it was also one of the most important events of our 400-year common history and friendship. France will never forget these young men, all volunteers, who crossed the Atlantic to fight for the core values of our two countries: democracy, the rule of law, human rights and international solidarity. 3,598 young Canadians lost their lives at Vimy, and 7,100 were badly wounded, to help us free our soil. We will always remember their sacrifice, as a token of Canadian immense generosity.

We remember also that Vimy was fought in the context of a large allied attack, with the French focussing on the deadly “Chemin des Dames” a few days after the victory of their Canadian brothers in arms. The French people will always be grateful to Canada, and particularly to Alberta, for its support during one of the most difficult times of our history.

Please convey my warm regards and my respect to all Members of the Legislative Assembly. Yours very sincerely, Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France to Canada.”

On Monday, April 9, on Canadian soil in France at Vimy, our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, our Prime Minister, the Prime Minister of France, and tens of thousands of modern-day Canadian pilgrims, including our Sergeant-at-Arms, will rise as one. They will mark the 90th anniversary of the battle and the re-dedication of the newly restored Canadian National Vimy Memorial.

We cannot be there, but today let us give thanks for the lives of those who lie there and for what they and their comrades so freely gave to this great dominion 90 years ago. The blood of our very best earned Canada the right to take its place among the nations of the world.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, made a statement recognizing April 9, 2007, as the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker invited Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Battle of Vimy Ridge and 41 students from the Winston Churchill and Lethbridge Collegiate Institute who will attend the re-dedication ceremony at Vimy, France.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing April 6, 2007, as Tartan Day.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing Shauna Seneca, who passed away on December 14, 2006, for establishing the Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, to participate in Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, made a statement regarding a visit he made to Vimy Ridge a number of years ago.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 476 Castle Downs residents urging the Government to reconsider the location of the new Edmonton Remand Centre and work with the federal government to relocate the new site closer to the Edmonton Maximum Security prison.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 33 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 35 Lethbridge and area residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 1,080 Albertans urging the Government to add the drug Elapraxe to the Drug Benefit List approved by Alberta Health and Wellness in order to ensure that those suffering from Hunter's Syndrome, including Jordan Miranda, Riley Miranda, and Tyler Chauhan, get the care they need to reduce their suffering and live full lives.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

E-mail message dated April 2, 2007, with the sender's name struck out, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, regarding Arlene Henderson's rent increase after receiving a rent subsidy

Sessional Paper 191/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

9 recent letters from Edmonton and area residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer

Sessional Paper 192/2007

E-mail message dated March 27, 2007, from Brad Bluett of Fort McMurray to Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, regarding housing costs in Fort McMurray, child custody and support issues, and temporary foreign workers

Sessional Paper 193/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

2 letters dated February 27, 2007, from Geraldine Sutton and Dale R. Thimer, both of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 194/2007

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 10 to April 12, 2007:

Tuesday, April 10	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 12, 15</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 16, 21</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, April 11	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 3</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 15, 16, 21, 22</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 17, 18, 19</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, April 12	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 12, 15, 16, 21, 22</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski

Mrs. Jablonski 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner

Mr. Lougheed, 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 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 195/2007

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber

Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon.  
Ms Evans

Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(4) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 10, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of military personnel lost in service to their country.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Battle of Vimy Ridge and students from Three Hills and Trochu who attended the re-dedication ceremony held in Vimy, France, on April 9, 2007.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing the late Private John George Pattison, recipient of the Victoria Cross.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the 90th anniversary ceremony of the Battle of Vimy Ridge held at City Hall in Edmonton on April 9, 2007, and the six Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan on April 8, 2007.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement recognizing Dr. David Suzuki, Dr. David Schindler, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, for their efforts in bringing attention to the need for a sustainable water strategy.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding seniors' benefits.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the need for a new municipal funding formula.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Bill 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

10 recent letters from Edmonton residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer

Sessional Paper 196/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated March 12, 2007, from Esther von Busse to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting wage enhancement and professional development funds for all childcare professionals working with children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 197/2007

E-mail message dated March 14, 2007, from Peggy Jones of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing concern regarding wages for childcare workers

Sessional Paper 198/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Pages 644 and 1364 of documents, undated, entitled "Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other," 2 e-mail messages dated December 11 and December 13, 2004, between Lorne Harvey, Director, Corporate Services, International and Intergovernmental Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and Ken Boutillier regarding a contract with Bob Maskell, and a copy of a contract dated January 24, 2005, between Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and Bob Maskell

Sessional Paper 199/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated March 28, 2007, from Rory Campbell, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Food, to Kenneth Sigurdson of Swan River apologizing for an e-mail message sent from an Agriculture and Food employee's computer to the savemycwd.com web site, with an attached handwritten note to Mr. Sigurdson apologizing for using the Government of Alberta information system to voice a personal opinion

Sessional Paper 200/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

E-mail message dated April 8, 2007, from Herman Mah to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concern regarding housing costs and suggesting the implementation of rent control

Sessional Paper 201/2007

2 letters dated February 27, 2007, from Tammy Schultz and Mary Ann Flynn, both of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 202/2007

## 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 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth

#### 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.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay



Mr. Johnson, 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 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 203/2007

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 204/2007

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton Calder) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 205/2007

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 11, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement congratulating Team Canada on winning the IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation) World Women's Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on April 10, 2007.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the River Valley Alliance, an organization committed to transforming land within the North Saskatchewan River valley into an integrated urban park.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding poor water quality in the North Saskatchewan River downstream from Edmonton.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement congratulating the Alberta women's team on winning the silver medal and the Alberta men's team on winning the gold medal at the 2007 Optimist International U-18 Curling Championships held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from April 4-8, 2007.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Government's recent efforts to consult the public on the subject of climate change.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding mental health issues.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 55 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 24 Edmonton residents urging the Government to hold rent increases to no more than the rise in the average monthly wage until December 31, 2010.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 28 Edmonton residents urging the Government to recognize the importance of community schools by taking immediate steps to halt further closures by the Edmonton Public School Board by amending the Closure of Schools Regulation (AR 238/97), to provide parents and other community members with a period of not less than 18 months to formulate a revitalization plan in response to any proposed public school closure, and to require the board to give such plan full consideration; striking a task force comprised of trustees and qualified members of the public to review and make recommendations regarding the Edmonton Public School Board's current school closure process to ensure that public schools are closed only as a last resort and after due consultation with the community; and encouraging ongoing consultation and partnerships between parents, communities, and municipal and provincial agencies to ensure that public schools continue to fulfill the educational and civic needs of Alberta's communities.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

The following Written Questions will be accepted:

WQ1, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.

The following Written Question will be amended:

WQ2.

The following Written Question will be rejected:

WQ3.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ9, WQ10, WQ11.

The following Motion for Returns will be amended:

MR3.

The following Motions for Returns will be rejected:

MR1, MR2.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

9 recent letters from Edmonton residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer

Sessional Paper 206/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Information package and registration form for the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Showcase to be held at the Northlands Agricom in Edmonton on May 2, 2007, and at the Stampede Corral in Calgary on May 4, 2007

Sessional Paper 207/2007

Copies of 3 invoices prepared by Bob Maskell and Associates Inc. for services rendered between September 2005 and February 2006 for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Sessional Paper 208/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Calgary Herald article dated July 12, 2006, entitled "Alberta won't chase more resource revenues" written by Jason Fekete

Sessional Paper 209/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 1, 2007, from Stan Leonard of Calgary to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding residential rental increases

Sessional Paper 210/2007

E-mail message dated March 10, 2007, from Nadine Fletcher and Joel Hagen, Great Divide Nature Interpretation, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to the proposed development of the Horseshoe Lands in the Bow Valley

Sessional Paper 211/2007

E-mail message dated April 11, 2007, from Lorne Haugen of Tofield to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to the mineral rights under Marie Lake being sold for the purpose of oil and gas development

Sessional Paper 212/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated March 16, 2007, from Ashley Jones to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting wage enhancement funds for all childcare professionals working with children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 213/2007

E-mail message dated February 5, 2007, from Denise to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the level of weather-related maintenance work done on Highway 2

Sessional Paper 214/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2007, from Bob Borreson to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requesting the elimination of health care premiums

Sessional Paper 215/2007

Letter dated April 5, 2007, from Joan Harvey of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding a perceived lack of support from the Government for UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers) members who work at the Palace Casino and are currently on strike

Sessional Paper 216/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated February 27, 2007, from Daphne Budnick of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 217/2007

Copy of a petition signed by 100 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 218/2007

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 219/2007

Following Oral Question Period, the Speaker allowed Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, to table the following document:

Edmonton Sun article dated April 11, 2007, entitled “‘Gifted contract ‘patronage,’ Alberta Tories slammed for dishing out \$38,000 to defeated MLA who would’ve done work for free” written by Jeremy Loome

Sessional Paper 220/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved the Bill be amended in section 3, in the proposed section 46.2, by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

- (2) An integrated investigative unit established under this section shall include
  - (a) a retired judge,
  - (b) a retired or former Crown prosecutor,
  - (c) a retired or former police officer, and
  - (d) not fewer than 2 members of the public, one of whom shall be designated as head of the unit.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 9

Agnihotri  
Blakeman  
Elsalhy

Griffiths  
MacDonald  
Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Pannu  
Pastoor  
Swann

Against the amendment: 29

Abbott	Haley	Mitzel
Amery	Hancock	Morton
Backs	Hinman	Oberle
Cao	Horner	Ouellette
Cardinal	Knight	Rodney
Coutts	Lindsay	Rogers
Ducharme	Magnus	Stevens
Evans	Mar	VanderBurg
Fritz	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Graydon	Melchin	

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Rev. Abbott, 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 3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 221/2007

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 222/2007

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
on division

Sessional Paper 223/2007

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 224/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott on behalf of  
Dr. Brown

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, April 12, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement recognizing Hon. Mr. Kowalski on his 10th anniversary as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on April 14, 2007.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Community Development Master Agreement signed by the towns of Edson and Hinton, Yellowhead County, and Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Harold Gibson of Sangudo who passed away on April 9, 2007.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Bob Maskell, former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need to plan for environmental sustainability.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing April 13, 2007, as Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, an important event in the Indian and Sikh communities.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding Betty Mardiros of Edmonton who passed away on March 30, 2007.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2007, regarding Highway 63  
Sessional Paper 225/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

7 e-mail messages and 1 letter from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly and to Whom it May Concern expressing opposition to clear cut logging and further development in the west Bragg Creek and Kananaskis areas

Sessional Paper 226/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated February 14, 2007, unsigned, from Rick and JoAnn Gravestock of Edmonton to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requesting an investigation into the circumstances in which an Edmonton Smitty's restaurant sponsored and hired workers from Fiji

Sessional Paper 227/2007

Copy of a petition signed by 45 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 228/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 12, 2007, from Robert W. Parker to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding his inability to pay for medical services

Sessional Paper 229/2007

E-mail message dated March 27, 2007, from Denise Wood to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the sterilization of a piece of equipment used in a procedure 15 years ago

Sessional Paper 230/2007

E-mail message dated March 27, 2007, from Jane Edgett to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding issues that arose due to staffing cutbacks at the Red Deer Regional Hospital in the late 1990s

Sessional Paper 231/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated January 30, 2007, from Allan D. Laird to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requesting wage enhancement and professional development funds for all childcare professionals working with children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 232/2007

E-mail message dated January 30, 2007, from Tammy Hebert of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the amount of rent she is paying for a townhouse that is in need of repair

Sessional Paper 233/2007



Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

ProQuest web page reproducing an Edmonton Journal article dated February 15, 2000, entitled "Highlands byelection attracting interest"

Sessional Paper 234/2007

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

10 recent letters from Albertans, unsigned, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, requesting amendments to the Employment Standards Act to ensure the protection of workers who take compassionate care leave

Sessional Paper 235/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ29, asked for by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Bonko on April 24, 2006:

What measures has the Government taken to work collectively with the Federal Government and the Alberta China Office to address human rights concerns in China, specifically in regards to Falun Gong supporters?

Sessional Paper 236/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission, Charitable Gaming in Alberta, 2005/2006 in Review

Sessional Paper 237/2007

Pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2), Horse Racing Alberta, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 238/2007

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 16 to April 19, 2007:

Tuesday, April 17

**Government Motions**

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**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 19, 22, 28

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 15, 17, 18, 22

**Third Reading**

Bill 3, 15

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 18

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 18, 19, 22, 28

**Third Reading**

Bill 6, 10, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22

**Government Motions**

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 19

**Temporary Recess**

**Messages**

**Budget Address**

**Government Motions**

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

**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 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

**Third Reading**

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

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by striking out the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007, be not now read a third time because the proposed measures to reduce the intensity of specified gas emissions contained therein, combined with rapid oilsands development will allow ongoing, dramatic increases in specified gas emissions and make it impossible to meet the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Monday, April 16, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, April 16, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing April 15-21, 2007, as National Soil Conservation Week.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing April 15, 2007, as Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah).

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing April 15-21, 2007, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement recognizing the success of the 2007 Ford World Men's Curling Championship, held in Edmonton from March 31 to April 8, 2007.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the need to nurture people who work in the areas of teaching, nursing, care giving, and social work.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team on winning the 2007 Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship in Camrose on April 15, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 73 Albertans urging the Government to immediately introduce a bill to create a buffer zone of at least one mile distance from any major water body, such as a river, lake, or creek, from which any intensive/confined feeding operation, including swine, beef cattle, dairy, elk, bison, or poultry is prohibited from locating, in order to protect and preserve Alberta's fresh water sources.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 78 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

2 letters dated March 22, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Sheila Weatherill, CM, President and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Health Authority, and Jack Davis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Health Region, inviting Ms Weatherill and Mr. Davis to a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on September 12, 2007, to discuss the most recent financial statements of each of the health authorities, and letter dated March 29, 2007, from Patti Grier, Vice President, Government Relations and Assistant Corporate Secretary, Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Health Region, confirming receipt of Mr. MacDonald's letter

Sessional Paper 239/2007

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

Letter dated April 15, 2007, from Don Savard to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to proposed seismic testing and oil sands development under Marie Lake

Sessional Paper 240/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Copy of a presentation dated October 30, 2006, entitled "A Crisis of Human Capital" presented by the Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families

Sessional Paper 241/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Copy of a petition signed by 34 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 242/2007

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

Copies of excerpts from real estate transaction contracts

Sessional Paper 243/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, 2005-2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 244/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 245/2007

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

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 246/2007

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2005-2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 247/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated March 30, 2007, unsigned, from Azra Narveen Ahmad of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding a discrepancy between the market rate and the rate outlined in the fixed rate rental subsidy program to be charged for a two-bedroom apartment

Sessional Paper 248/2007

Program from the Jim Shewchuk Award ceremony sponsored by the United Way, Alberta Capital Region and the Edmonton and District Labour Council

Sessional Paper 249/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Document entitled "Royalty Review 2006, List of Consultant Studies and Software"

Sessional Paper 250/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ1.** Asked for by Mr. Miller:

What is the total projected cost to taxpayers of the Government's current schedule for paying off the unfunded liabilities of public sector pension plans, broken down by plan?

**WQ4.** Asked for by Mr. Miller:

What was the total value of all Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments in tobacco-based companies at the end of fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2005-2006 and for the period April 1, 2006 to March 7, 2007?

**WQ5.** Asked for by Mr. Martin:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006 to March 6, 2007, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

**WQ6.** Asked for by Mr. Martin:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006 to March 6, 2007, what was the total number of psychiatrists contracted to provide clinical services for Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total number contracted to provide clinical services by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

**WQ7.** Asked for by Mr. Martin:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by registered nurses, broken down by Regional Health Authorities?

**WQ8.** Asked for by Mr. Martin:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by licensed practical nurses employed by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ2.** Moved by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

What was the total number of funding applications and the total number of applications approved under the Assistance to Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program in fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

What was the total number of applications and the total number of applications approved under the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program in fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ3.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

For each of the fiscal years 1997-1998 through 2005-2006, what is the total value of all reductions to Crown royalties under the following categories of "allowed costs" as referenced in Appendix "L" of the Alberta Oil Sands Royalty Guidelines: bonuses paid; corporate; environmental monitoring; hosting and entertainment; municipal taxes; stock option plans?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ9, WQ10, WQ11.

## Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR1.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

A copy of all documents relating to the Government's review of royalties that concluded in 2006, as referenced by the former Minister of Energy in the Calgary Herald on July 15, 2006, including a list of groups, organizations, companies, or individuals consulted, and the total amount of money paid to each group, organization, company, or individual for their involvement.

**MR2.** Moved by Mr. Flaherty:

Copies of all feasibility reports, studies, proposals, cost-benefit analyses, correspondence, e-mails, and memos regarding the use of public-private partnership (P3) funding arrangements for school construction conducted from fiscal year 2002-2003 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006 to March 7, 2007.

**MR3.** Moved by Mrs. Mather on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

A copy of all long-term capital plans for infrastructure related to health facilities approved in fiscal years 2004-2005 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 7, 2007.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

## 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 Emblems of Alberta (Franco-Albertan Recognition) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

## Projets de loi et ordres émanant du gouvernement

### Deuxième lecture

Sur la motion destinée à ce que le projet de loi suivant reçoive une deuxième lecture:

Projet de loi 204 Loi modificative de 2007 sur les emblèmes de l'Alberta (reconnaissance du fait franco-albertain) — M. Oberle

Un débat a suivi.



Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Il a été proposée par M. Griffiths que la motion de deuxième lecture du Projet de loi 204, Loi modificative de 2007 sur les emblèmes de l’Alberta (reconnaissance du fait franco-albertain) soit amendée en supprimant tous les mots suivant le mot “que” et en les remplaçant par:

Bill 204, Emblems of Alberta (Franco-Albertan Recognition) Amendment Act, 2007, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Projet de loi 204, Loi modificative de 2007 sur les emblèmes de l’Alberta (reconnaissance du fait franco-albertain) ne soit pas lu pour la deuxième fois maintenant, mais qu’il soit lu une deuxième fois dans six mois à compter d’aujourd’hui.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Un débat a suivi sur l’amendement.

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

M. Marz au fauteuil présidentiel, la question ayant été posée, la motion fut acceptée. Les noms appelés ont été relevés comme suit:

For the motion: 27

En faveur de la motion: 27

Abbott  
Ady  
Brown  
Cao  
Danyluk  
DeLong  
Dunford  
Evans  
Forsyth

Fritz  
Griffiths  
Herard  
Horner  
Jablonski  
Johnson  
Lindsay  
Lougheed  
Lund

Mar  
Mitzel  
Oberg  
Oberle  
Prins  
Rogers  
Snelgrove  
Stevens  
VanderBurg

Against the motion: 10

Contre la motion: 10

Agnihotri  
Bonko  
Ducharme  
Elsalhy

Flaherty  
MacDonald  
Mather

Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)  
Pannu  
Swann

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

Bill 205 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. VanderBurg on behalf of Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Martin speaking.

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

**504.** Moved by Mr. Hinman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of investing 50 percent of the budget surplus into the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and reimbursing the remaining 50 percent to Albertans as a percentage of their personal income taxes and/or property taxes.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Alberta's newborn metabolic screening program.

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement recognizing seven people who will soon be inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Mini World Cup of Soccer held at the Edmonton Soccer Centre - South from March 31 to April 14, 2007.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing the SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) men's and women's hockey teams on winning the 2007 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) championship.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of the ratification of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 2007 Alberta Native Hockey Provincials, and specifically, the Gift Lake peewee girls' team and the Gift Lake midget boys' team.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

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

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Warren Brooke, MSc., of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding greenhouse gas emissions

Sessional Paper 251/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from Brad McManus, Acting Chairman, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding a hearing concerning an application by AltaLink Management Ltd.

Sessional Paper 252/2007

Letter dated April 13, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting Government caucus support for an amendment Mr. MacDonald will be proposing to Bill 22, Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act

Sessional Paper 253/2007

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report dated November 1998 entitled "A Housing Symposium, Affordable Housing for Albertans Final Report" prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs  
Sessional Paper 254/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Trevor Allan of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding his rent increasing from \$725 to \$1,015, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 255/2007

Notice, undated, to residents of Burlington Arms advising that the building will be converted into condominium units

Sessional Paper 256/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Document, undated, entitled "Emergency Medical Services System Performance"  
Sessional Paper 257/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

University of Alberta web site article entitled "Gambling Research Conference 2007"

Sessional Paper 258/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-65, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 259/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 6, 2007, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

Sessional Paper 260/2007

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 6, 2007, what was the total number of psychiatrists contracted to provide clinical services for Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total number contracted to provide clinical services by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

Sessional Paper 261/2007

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by registered nurses, broken down by Regional Health Authorities?

Sessional Paper 262/2007

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by licensed practical nurses employed by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA?

Sessional Paper 263/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

A. Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to the Standing Orders that were approved by the Assembly on March 12, 2007, be amended as follows:

1 Standing Order 3.1 is struck out and the following is substituted:

3.1(1) The Assembly shall be called into session each year for a Spring Sitting commencing the first Monday of February, unless otherwise provided by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and concluding the first Thursday in June.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall meet for a Fall Sitting each year commencing on the first Monday in November and concluding on the first Thursday in December.

(3) The Assembly shall stand adjourned for a constituency week every 4th week during the Spring Sitting which, where possible, shall be aligned with school holidays or other holiday breaks, unless varied by a calendar agreed to by the House Leaders of the Government, Official Opposition and other recognized parties in consultation with Members not within a recognized party, which shall be filed with the Clerk on or before January 15 each year.

(4) If a Fall Sitting commences prior to the first Monday in November, the Assembly shall stand adjourned for a constituency week every 4th week.

- (5) Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Government from advising the Speaker that the public interest requires the Assembly to meet on a certain date, and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.
- (6) Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Assembly from adjourning prior to the adjournment dates in suborders (1) and (2) if so ordered by the Assembly.
- (7) Sittings may be extended beyond the adjournment dates in suborders (1) and (2) on passage of a Government Motion, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.
- (8) The Government shall be called to provide the Assembly with a budget and estimates for the ensuing fiscal year on the 2nd Thursday in February unless, prior to the commencement of the Spring Sitting, the Government House Leader has provided to the Clerk notice of an alternate date, in which case the budget shall be provided to the Assembly on such date.
- 2 Standing Order 4 is amended
- (a) by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:  
 (2) Notwithstanding suborder (1), evening sittings may be scheduled on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, or any combination thereof, upon passage of a Government Motion, which may be made on one day's notice and is subject to debate.
- (b) by adding the following after suborder (2):  
 (2.1) Notwithstanding suborders (1), (2), (4) and (5), during the 2007 Spring Sitting, the Assembly shall meet for consideration of main estimates in Committee of Supply in the evening on the following dates and shall sit from 7 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.:  
     May 14 to 16, inclusive;  
     May 28 to 30, inclusive;
- (c) in suborders (4) and (5) by striking out "7 p.m." and substituting "8 p.m.";
- (d) by striking out suborder (6) and substituting the following:  
 (6) Notwithstanding suborders (4) and (5), on afternoons when there is an evening sitting of Committee of Supply, the Speaker or Chair, as the case may be, leaves the chair until 7 p.m.  
 (7) When the Committee of Supply meets during an evening sitting, the Committee shall rise and report at 10 p.m.
- 3 Standing Order 7 is amended by adding the following after suborder (1.1):  
 (1.2) If the items in the daily Routine are completed prior to 1:30 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Oral Question Period, and any matters outstanding shall be taken up prior to the calling of Orders of the Day.
- 4 Standing Order 8 is amended by adding the following after suborder (3):  
 (3.1) On Monday afternoon, if the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole, the Committee shall rise and report prior to 4:55 p.m.
- 5 Standing Order 34 is amended by striking out suborders (3) and (3.1) and substituting the following:

- (3) The Government House Leader shall give the Assembly one day's notice of any Written Questions or Motions for Returns that are to be dealt with.
- (3.1) On the Wednesday preceding the consideration of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, the Government House Leader may, by notice to the Clerk, indicate Written Questions and Motions for Returns that the Government will be accepting.
- (3.2) The Clerk shall read the number, text and name of the sponsor of any Written Question or Motion for Returns of which notice of acceptance has been given pursuant to suborder (3.1) when this item of business is called.
- 6 Standing Order 53 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 53(1) and adding the following after suborder (1):
- (2) The Government shall respond to a report of the Public Accounts Committee within 150 days of the date on which the Committee reports.
- B. Be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to give further effect to the March 7, 2007, House Leaders' Agreement:
- 1 Standing Order 8(7) is amended by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:
- (c) A Public Bill Other Than a Government Bill shall be called in Committee of the Whole within 8 sitting days of the day the Bill receives second reading unless the Bill has been referred to a Policy Field Committee, in which case the Bill shall be called within 8 sitting days of the day on which the Policy Field Committee reports.
- 2 Standing Order 32 is amended
- (a) in suborder (3) by adding "Subject to suborder (3.1)," before "When a division is called";
- (b) by adding the following after suborder (3):
- (3.1) After the first division is called in Committee of Supply during the vote on the main estimates under Standing Order 59.04, the interval between division bells shall be reduced to one minute for any subsequent division.
- 3 The following is added after Standing Order 52:  
Policy Field Committees
- 52.01(1) Four Policy Field Committees, consisting of 11 Members each, shall be established to consider the following subject areas:
- (a) Standing Committee on Community Services – mandate to relate to the areas of health, education, children's services, seniors, supports for the disabled, tourism, parks, recreation and culture;
- (b) Standing Committee on Government Services – mandate to relate to the areas of government services, government organization, personnel administration, expenditure management, capital planning, revenue, justice, international and intergovernmental affairs, trade, aboriginal affairs, policing and security;
- (c) Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures – mandate to relate to the areas of post-secondary education, technology, human resources, labour, immigration, rural development, municipal affairs, affordable housing, libraries, infrastructure and transportation;

- (d) Standing Committee on Resources and Environment – mandate to relate to the areas of energy, the environment, agriculture, sustainable resources and forestry.
- (2) The Chair of a Policy Field Committee shall be a member of the Government caucus, and the Deputy Chair shall be a member of the Official Opposition.

Consideration of Bills by Policy Field Committees

52.02 A Policy Field Committee shall review any Bill referred to it.

Consideration of regulations by Policy Field Committees

52.03 A Policy Field Committee may review any regulation, amendment to a regulation or prospective regulation within its mandate in order to determine whether the attention of the Assembly should be drawn to any regulation, amendment to a regulation or prospective regulation on the grounds that it

- (a) imposes a charge on the public revenue not specifically provided for by statute;
- (b) prescribes a payment to be made by any public authority that is not specifically provided for by an Act of the Legislative Assembly;
- (c) may not be challenged in the courts;
- (d) makes unusual use of the authority provided for in the parent Act;
- (e) has an unexpected effect where the parent Act confers no express authority for that effect;
- (f) purports to have retrospective effect where the parent statute confers no express authority to have a retrospective effect;
- (g) has been insufficiently promulgated, is outside the scope of the parent Act, has not been enacted properly, or has been made without the necessary statutory authority;
- (h) is not clear in meaning;
- (i) is in any way prejudicial to the public interest.

Orders of the Assembly take priority

52.04 An order of the Assembly that a Bill, regulation or some other subject matter stands referred to a Policy Field Committee shall take priority over any other hearing or inquiry.

Referral of annual reports to Policy Field Committees

52.05(1) The annual reports of each Government department, provincial agency, Crown-controlled organization, board and commission shall be deemed to be permanently referred to a Policy Field Committee.

- (2) Each Policy Field Committee may
  - (a) examine each annual report referred to it and report to the Assembly whether the report is satisfactory;
  - (b) consider in more detail and report to the Assembly, on each annual report it considers unsatisfactory;
  - (c) investigate and report to the Assembly on any lateness in the tabling of annual reports;
  - (d) report to the Assembly each year whether there are any bodies which do not table annual reports in the Assembly and which should present such reports.



## Public hearings on regulations

52.06(1) A Policy Field Committee may conduct a public hearing on any Bill, regulation or prospective regulation under review.

(2) A Policy Field Committee shall be required, prior to reporting that the attention of the Assembly be drawn to any regulation or prospective regulation, to inform the Government department or authority concerned of its intention to so report.

## Policy Field Committee inquiries

52.07(1) A Policy Field Committee shall inquire into, consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

(2) A Policy Field Committee may on its own initiative, or at the request of a Minister, inquire into any matter concerned with the structure, organization, operation, efficiency or service delivery of any sector of public policy within its mandate.

(3) An Order of the Assembly that a Policy Field Committee undertake an inquiry shall take priority over any other inquiry, but a Policy Field Committee shall not inquire into any matters which are being examined by a Special Committee.

(4) All inquiries must be concluded and a substantive report presented to the Assembly no later than 6 months after the commencement of the inquiry.

(5) Funding for the purposes of undertaking an inquiry, in addition to the committee's regular allocation, is subject to the prior approval of the Members' Services Committee.

## Additional powers of the Policy Field Committee

52.08 In addition to any other powers of Policy Field Committees, the Committees may examine any matter within their mandate and recommend to the Assembly on the need for legislation in that area.

## Response to reports

52.09(1) The Government shall respond to a Policy Field Committee's report on any matter other than a report on a Bill within 150 days from the date on which the Policy Field Committee reports.

(2) No motion concurring in the report of a Policy Field Committee to which the Government must respond under suborder (1) shall be voted upon until that response is tabled in the Assembly.

4 The following is added after Standing Order 55:

55.01 Reports of the Officers of the Legislature shall stand referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices unless otherwise ordered.

5 The following Standing Orders are added after Standing Order 59:

## Application of Standing Orders during main estimates

59.01(1) The Standing Orders of the Assembly shall be observed in the Committee of Supply's consideration of main estimates except as follows:

- (a) a Member may speak more than once;
- (b) no Member may speak for more than 10 minutes at one time;
- (c) Standing Order 5, concerning quorum, shall not apply until the main estimates are voted upon.

(2) Notwithstanding suborder (1)(b), and provided that the Chair has been notified, a Minister and a private Member may combine their respective speaking times for a total of 20 minutes, with both taking and yielding the floor over the combined period.

(3) During Committee of Supply consideration of the main estimates, officials of the Government may be admitted to the floor of the Assembly to advise the Minister whose estimates are under consideration.

#### Hours of main estimates

59.02(1) Subject to suborder (2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the main estimates for not more than 75 hours.

(2) During the 2007 Spring Sitting, the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the main estimates for approximately 60 hours, with the time for consideration concluding upon the completion of 4 rotations of the 15-hour cycle outlined in Standing Order 59.03.

(3) Subject to the Official Opposition designations as provided for in Standing Order 59.03(2), the schedule for consideration of main estimates shall be determined by the House Leaders of the recognized parties and shall be tabled in the Assembly at least one sitting day prior to the Committee of Supply being called to consider main estimates.

(4) If the House Leaders fail to reach an agreement, the Government House Leader shall schedule the appearances of departments for estimates consideration by the Committee of Supply.

(5) On the first day of consideration of the main estimates by the Committee of Supply, the first member of Executive Council to speak shall move that the main estimates in their entirety be considered by the Committee.

(6) During the consideration of the main estimates, the Committee of Supply shall meet for a minimum of 3 hours at one time unless there are no Members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 3 hours.

(7) If the Committee of Supply meets for more than 3 hours at one time, the time in excess of 3 hours shall be available to any Member who wishes to speak and is recognized by the Chair.

(8) The time spent in Committee of Supply beyond 3 hours any afternoon shall not be included in the calculation of the time for a 15-hour cycle.

(9) During the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates, the Chair shall interrupt

(a) at 5:45 p.m.,

(b) at 10 p.m. if there is an evening sitting, or

(c) when there are no Members who wish to speak prior to the times indicated in (a) or (b),

and shall order the Committee to rise and report, and the Committee shall immediately rise and report progress without motion put.

(10) Standing Order 5 does not apply to a report to the Assembly from the Committee of Supply under suborder (9).

(11) When an amendment to a department's estimates is moved in Committee of Supply, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates.

15-hour cycles, hourly allotments to caucuses

59.03(1) In this Standing Order, "cross-ministry" means the estimates of 2 or more departments to be considered by the Committee of Supply during consideration of the main estimates.

(2) The schedule for cross-ministry appearances shall be designated by the Official Opposition in consultation with the Third Party.

(3) The first 60 hours for consideration of the main estimates shall proceed through 4 rotations of a 15-hour cycle whereby

(a) a caucus is allotted a particular block of hours during which time that caucus is entitled to designate which estimates are to be considered, and

(b) only the designated Minister or member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf and members of the caucus that has been allotted that time will be recognized to speak unless there are no members of that caucus who wish to speak.

(4) The 15-hour cycle shall be allotted as follows:

Hours 1 to 6 - Official Opposition

Hours 7 to 9 - Third Party

Hours 10 to 12 - Private Members - Government Caucus

Hours 13 to 15 - cross-ministry appearances with the following allotments:

(i) the first 2 hours shall be divided between the Official Opposition, who shall have 90 minutes, and the Third Party, who shall have 30 minutes, and

(ii) during the last hour any Member may speak.

(5) During each 15-hour cycle, where the members of a caucus are allotted a particular block of time and those Members no longer wish to speak, then consideration for the entire block of time scheduled for that day is deemed to have occurred and any Member may be recognized by the Chair until the Committee rises and reports.

(6) Following the completion of the 4th 15-hour cycle of estimates consideration, the schedule for the remaining hours in Committee of Supply shall be determined by the House Leaders of the recognized parties in consultation with Members of the other parties or independent Members.

Voting - main estimates

59.04(1) On the date scheduled or at the end of 75 hours of consideration, there shall be one vote on the main estimates unless

(a) additional votes are required on amendments pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(11) prior to calling the vote on the main estimates;

(b) on at least one day's notice a Member has provided written notification to the Chair and the Clerk of his or her desire that the estimates of a particular department be voted upon separately, in which case that department's estimates shall be voted separately and the final vote for the main estimates shall consist of the estimates of any departments not yet voted upon.

(2) The votes under suborder (1) shall be taken without debate or amendment except as provided in Standing Order 59.02(11).

(3) The Government House Leader shall give notice of the date for the vote on the main estimates not later than the completion of the 4th 15-hour cycle of estimates.

(4) Notwithstanding suborders (1) and (3), for the 2007 Spring Sitting the vote on the main estimates may be scheduled with a minimum of one sitting day's notice to occur any time after the completion of the 4th rotation of the 15-hour cycle, unless otherwise ordered.

(5) On the date for the vote on the main estimates and prior to the vote on the main estimates, the Chair shall put the question to approve the estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(6) At 5:45 p.m. on the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates, if the vote has not been taken earlier, the Chair shall interrupt the proceedings, and the Committee of Supply shall commence voting and, if required, continue beyond the normal adjournment hour until all matters have been voted upon, at which time the Committee shall immediately rise and report.

Tabling of responses

59.05(1) Ministers must table answers to questions asked in Committee of Supply within 2 weeks.

(2) The vote on the main estimates under Standing Order 59.04 shall not be held until the answers have been tabled in the Assembly as required under suborder (1).

(3) Suborder (2) does not apply to questions asked in Committee of Supply within 2 weeks of the date for the vote on the main estimates.

6 The following sections of the Standing Orders shall have no force and effect for consideration of main estimates for the balance of the 26th Legislature:

- (a) 60(1);
- (b) 61(1)-(7) and (9);
- (c) 62(1) and (2);
- (d) 65(1)(b).

7 Standing Order 62(1) is struck out and the following is substituted:

62(1) In this Standing Order and Standing Order 64, "normal adjournment hour" means 6 p.m.

8 Standing Order 68 is amended by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:

(2) The report of a committee is the report as determined by the committee as a whole or a majority of it but shall include any dissenting or minority reports concerning the report or parts of it.

9 The following is added after Standing Order 74:

Referral of Bill to a committee after First Reading

74.1(1) Immediately after a Bill has been read a first time,

- (a) with respect to a Government Bill a member of the Executive Council
- (b) with respect to a Public Bill Other Than a Government Bill the sponsor

may move a motion, without notice, to refer the Bill to a Policy Field Committee.

(2) The Member moving the referral motion may be permitted to give a succinct explanation of the motion.

(3) Any motion made pursuant to this Standing Order shall be decided without debate or amendment, and if the motion is decided in the negative the said Bill shall be ordered for Second Reading.

(4) This Standing Order does not apply to appropriation or Private Bills.

Proceedings on Bills referred to a committee after First Reading

74.2(1) When a Bill is referred to a Policy Field Committee after First Reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the Bill and report its observations, opinions and recommendations with respect to the Bill to the Assembly.

(2) Upon the concurrence of a committee report that a Bill be proceeded with, the Bill shall be placed on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

10 The following is added after Standing Order 78:

Referral of Bills to a Policy Field Committee after Second Reading

78.1(1) Immediately after a Bill has been read a second time,

(a) with respect to a Government Bill, a member of the Executive Council

(b) with respect to a Public Bill Other Than a Government Bill, any Member

may move a motion, without notice, to refer the Bill to a Policy Field Committee, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(2) This Standing Order does not apply to appropriation or Private Bills.

Public hearings after Second Reading

78.2(1) When a Bill is referred to a Policy Field Committee after Second Reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the content of the Bill.

(2) No public hearings may be conducted under suborder (1) if the Bill has been subject to committee consideration after First Reading.

Report of Policy Field Committee on Bills

78.3(1) A Policy Field Committee to which a Bill has been referred by the Assembly after Second Reading shall be empowered to report the same with or without amendments or to report that the Bill not proceed.

(2) The report may contain a written statement of the committee's conclusions if the Bill was the subject of a public hearing.

Procedure on report from Policy Field Committee

78.4 When a Bill is reported pursuant to Standing Order 78.3, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) any Bill reported shall be considered committed to Committee of the Whole Assembly unless otherwise ordered;

(b) when a report recommends that the Bill not proceed, a motion to concur in that report shall be put immediately and decided without debate, and if agreed to, the Bill shall be dropped from the Order Paper but if negatived, the Bill shall stand committed to the Committee of the Whole.

- C. Be it further resolved that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing shall, without further motion, review and consider
- (a) the amendments to Standing Orders resulting from the March 7, 2007, House Leaders' Agreement by comparing the reforms to the practices in other Assemblies, examining whether the reforms afford open discussion of public policy where Albertans can participate and whether the reforms maximize oversight and accountability;
  - (b) the need for additional amendments or reforms to the Assembly's rules and practices to further objectives of open, public discussion of public policy, the role of the Assembly in overall government accountability and the work/life balance of Members; and
  - (c) following the 2007 Spring Sitting the operation of Standing Orders 59.01 to 59.05 and the process used for Committee of Supply in 2007,
- and shall report to the Assembly with its recommendations no later than February 2008 with respect to the matters in clauses (a) and (b) and no later than the conclusion of the 2007 Fall Sitting with respect to the matters in clause (c).
- D. Be it further resolved that the Policy Field Committees referenced in Part B of this motion be designated as Category A Committees for the purposes of the Members' Services Committee Allowances Order, RMSC 1992, cM-2.
- E. And be it further resolved that
- 1 The amendments in this motion come into force on passage.
  - 2 The amendments in this motion and the amendments approved by the Assembly on March 12, 2007, as amended, shall have effect until the dissolution of the 26th Legislature.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on April 12, 2007, that the motion be amended by striking out the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007, be not now read a third time because the proposed measures to reduce the intensity of specified gas emissions contained therein, combined with rapid oilsands development will allow ongoing, dramatic increases in specified gas emissions and make it impossible to meet the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol.

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

For the amendment: 12

Blakeman	Martin	Pannu
Eggen	Mason	Pastoor
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Swann
MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor

Against the amendment: 35

Boutilier	Haley	Mitzel
Brown	Hancock	Oberle
Calahasen	Herard	Ouellette
Cao	Hinman	Pham
DeLong	Jablonski	Renner
Ducharme	Johnson	Shariff
Dunford	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Evans	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Strang
Goudreau	Lund	VanderBurg
Graydon	Mar	Zwozdesky
Groeneveld	Marz	

A debate followed on the main motion.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner

### Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

**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 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 2(5) by striking out “Alberta” and substituting “the City of Edmonton”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 11

Backs	Hancock	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Lukaszuk	Pastoor
Eggen	MacDonald	Zwozdesky
Elsalhy	Mather	

Against the amendment: 30

Boutilier	Groeneveld	Mitzel
Calahasen	Haley	Oberg
Cao	Herard	Oberle
Danyluk	Hinman	Ouellette
DeLong	Horner	Pham
Ducharme	Johnson	Renner
Dunford	Lindsay	Rogers
Evans	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Lund	Stevens
Fritz	Mar	Strang

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg



Mr. Johnson, 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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division

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## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, made a statement regarding Senator-elect Bert Brown whose proposed appointment to the Senate of Canada was announced on April 18, 2007.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of Little Bow constituent Henry Bergen.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing the Government's efforts to increase the supply of physicians in Alberta.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing April 15-21, 2007, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the "McClung Goes Green" initiative recently undertaken in the Edmonton-McClung constituency and recognizing April 22, 2007, as Earth Day.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding climate change and recognizing April 22, 2007, as Earth Day.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Dr. Bruce Naylor, Ph.D., Director of the Royal Tyrrell Museum, who passed away on April 6, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 221 Castle Downs residents urging the Government to reconsider the location of the new Edmonton Remand Centre and work with the federal government to relocate the new site closer to the Edmonton Maximum Security prison.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 89 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 91 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's four new Standing Committees:

#### **Standing Committee on Community Services (11 Members)**

Ady (Chair)	Flaherty	Lukaszuk
Mather (Deputy Chair)	Johnson	Pannu
Abbott	Johnston	Shariff
Backs	Lougheed	

#### **Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures (11 Members)**

Dunford (Chair)	Martin	Rogers
Taylor (Deputy Chair)	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Webber
Doerksen	Prins	Zwozdesky
Herard	Rodney	

**Standing Committee on Resources and Environment (11 Members)**

Ducharme (Chair)	Graydon	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Swann (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Mitzel
Calahasen	Hinman	Oberle
Eggen	Lund	

**Standing Committee on Government Services (11 Members)**

Cenaiko (Chair)	Coutts	Mason
Elsalhy (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Pastoor
Amery	Forsyth	VanderBurg
Brown	Marz	

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with on Monday, April 30, 2007:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the immediate and pressing risk to the health and well-being of the residents of Fort McMurray caused by the recent fire and resulting inability of the community's social, housing, and health systems to cope with the impacts of this crisis without immediate provincial support.

**Point of Privilege**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding personal allegations made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Letter dated April 4, 2007, from Alan J. Shopland, P.Eng., General Manager, Access Roads Edmonton Ltd., to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, clarifying details of the public-private partnership between Access Road Edmonton Ltd. and the Government of Alberta to complete the southeast portion of Anthony Henday Drive

Sessional Paper 265/2007

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

Series of e-mail messages between Chris Goss, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and representatives of the media, and 1 letter, undated, unsigned, from Chris Goss to Sarah, Matthew, and Brayden expressing concern regarding the proposal to conduct seismic testing at Marie Lake

Sessional Paper 266/2007

Letter dated April 3, 2007, unsigned, from Dwight and Shelley Homister of Bonnyville to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, with associated attachment, expressing concern regarding the proposal to conduct seismic testing and allow oil sands development at Marie Lake

Sessional Paper 267/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

E-mail message dated April 3, 2007, from Lauren Cordeiro to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concern regarding the care being received by Ms Cordeiro's father at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 268/2007

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

McClung Quarterly newsletter dated March 2007 featuring the "McClung Goes Green" initiative

Sessional Paper 269/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated February 16, 2007, from Kim Troy to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing frustration regarding a lack of child care spaces for children under two years of age

Sessional Paper 270/2007

E-mail message dated February 6, 2007, sender unknown, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, requesting access to subsidized after school care for all eligible children up to 12 years of age and for wage enhancement and professional development funds for all childcare professionals working with children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 271/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Letter dated April 11, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, responding to questions raised during Oral Question Period on March 21 and 22, 2007

Sessional Paper 272/2007

## **Point of Privilege**

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding personal allegations made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Martin, Mr. Oberle, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, and Rev. Abbott.

The Speaker indicated he would rule on the matter on April 19, 2007.

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the immediate and pressing risk to the health and well-being of the residents of Fort McMurray caused by the recent fire and resulting inability of the community's social, housing, and health systems to cope with the impacts of this crisis without immediate provincial support.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Mr. Amery, 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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 274/2007

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Lukaszuk on behalf of Mr. Dunford
- Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay
- Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau
- Bill 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2007.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of Taddes Korris, Speaker's Page.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing April 22-28, 2007, as National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the 2007 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need for first contract arbitration legislation.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding electricity deregulation and its effects on farmers.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Mr. Mitzel on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill Pr2 Crest Leadership Centre Act — Mr. Marz

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

Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated April 3, 2007, from John Cross, A7 Ranch, and Joe Obad, Canadian Parks Wilderness Society, also signed by 11 other individuals, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the environmental sustainability of the south-eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 275/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 16, 2007, from Robert Halldorson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the Alberta Liberals endeavour to implement rent controls and increase the minimum wage  
Sessional Paper 276/2007

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from John Zyp of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the treatment he received before and after his recent hip replacement surgery  
Sessional Paper 277/2007

E-mail message dated March 5, 2007, from Clyde B. Freeman of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Bill 31, Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007  
Sessional Paper 278/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

E-mail message dated April 16, 2007, from Nicole Dodds, Executive Associate, Capital Health, to Corinne Dacyshyn, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, confirming that Capital Health representatives will meet with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on September 12, 2007  
Sessional Paper 279/2007

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

Letter, undated, unaddressed, unsigned, from Joe Anglin regarding the status of an Alberta Energy and Utilities Board hearing  
Sessional Paper 280/2007

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

Copy of a petition signed by 2 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that traffic noise from the Edmonton ring road near Wedgewood is evaluated immediately and again in six months  
Sessional Paper 281/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Copy of a petition signed by 10 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult  
Sessional Paper 282/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2005/2006  
Sessional Paper 283/2007



## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 30 to May 3, 2007:

Tuesday, May 1

### **Government Motions**

Motion 17

Opposition Response

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 2

### **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 1 to 3)

Health and Wellness

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 3

### **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 4 to 6)

Energy, Children's Services

And as per the Order Paper

## Point of Privilege

Yesterday the Minister of Finance raised a purported question of privilege in response to statements made by the Leader of the Third Party, the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood. Questions of privilege are very serious matters and should arise infrequently. This is a serious matter. As it is, the Chair will give it the attention it deserves.

The basis for the question of privilege is found at page 638 of Alberta Hansard for April 18, 2007. In the preamble to his main question the Leader of the Third Party alleged that the Minister of Finance, "has failed to disclose his campaign donations for his PC leadership bid and has broken his own deadlines for doing so." At that point the Minister of Finance indicated that he wished to raise a question of privilege. Undeterred, the Leader of the Third Party engaged in some unparliamentary behaviour when he said, "Bring it on, Mr. Speaker. Bring it on." This attitude does absolutely nothing but lower the respect and dignity of this Assembly.

The Leader then went on in the remainder of his 45-second allotment to make another allegation against the Minister when he said, "Worse, the Minister has continued to fund raise even while preparing tomorrow's provincial budget." His question to the Premier was, "Why does the Premier think it is acceptable for a Finance Minister to be seeking financial donations from the very same corporations and individuals who may benefit from his budget?"

Before dealing with the merits of this purported question of privilege, the Chair reiterates that the Minister of Finance gave oral notice of his intention to raise a question of privilege during the question and presented his arguments later in the afternoon. Under Standing Order 15(2), written notice of a question of privilege is to be provided to the Speaker "at least two hours before the opening of a sitting." However, under Standing Order 15(5), a Member may raise a question of privilege "immediately after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question, in which case the written notice required under suborder (2) is not required." That is what occurred yesterday. Privilege is such an important issue that any delay in raising the matter may serve to deny the request. In this case there is no doubt that the issue was raised at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Speaker's role is to determine whether the matter raised constitutes a prima facie question of privilege. In this case the Chair can rely on a similar question of privilege that was raised against the same Member by the then Minister of Environment and is found in Hansard for May 28, 2001, at pages 808-809. It is the Speaker's role to ensure that all Members are allowed the greatest latitude to express themselves in line with centuries of tradition attesting to a Member's freedom of speech. The fundamental right carries a corresponding duty to act responsibly consistent with the Assembly's rules and traditions.

The general rule on issues of this nature is found in Joseph Maingot's book, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd edition), at page 254, where he states, "Language spoken during a parliamentary proceeding that impugns the integrity of Members would be unparliamentary and a breach of order contrary to the Standing Orders, but not a breach of privilege." This passage was quoted by the Chair in the above-noted May 28, 2001, ruling and in a November 17, 1998, ruling on a similar issue, which is found at page 1909 of Alberta Hansard.

In his arguments yesterday the Minister of Finance read from page 76 of the House of Commons Practice and Procedure (edited by Marleau and Montpetit). The passage quoted by the Minister was from a May 5, 1987, ruling by former House of Commons Speaker John Fraser. As was the case in 2001, the Chair examined that ruling which is found at pages 5765-5766 of the House of Commons Debates.

In that case allegations were made against the then Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Otto Jelinek, concerning a purported conflict of interest. Speaker Fraser found that while the allegations were serious, they did not amount to a prima facie question of privilege as the Member's ability to perform his functions was not impaired.

On that point it is important to remember that despite what the Minister argued yesterday, parliamentary privilege is concerned with the rights of Members in their capacity as Members in their parliamentary work and not in their capacity as Ministers. The Chair would refer Members to Maingot's at page 224 for an elaboration of that point.

In this case the comments raised could have given rise to a legitimate point of order. The Chair does not, however, believe that this is a case that falls into that very small category of comments that would impede a Member in performing his or her parliamentary duties. As done in 2001, the Chair would like to draw Members' attention to Speaker Fraser's 1987 ruling, where he made some very good points. One is that the absolute privilege that was extended to Members for what they say in the House came about in the British House of Commons "in a different age when things said within that House probably would probably not be heard throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom." He then said, "Today, as a consequence of television and electronic broadcasting, anything said in this place is said on the street right across this country, and that must be borne in mind." He also reminded Members "to take the greatest care" when framing questions relating to conflicts of interest.

The Chair is not unmindful as to what might lie behind these questions, which is to use innuendo to create a certain atmosphere. In some respects this is part of the process of holding the Government to account or just politics, but as the Chair has commented earlier this Session, it is unseemly to cast aspersions on Members without any specific allegations.

Perhaps one day the Leader of the Third Party will be able to tell his grandchildren what the phrase "this at least creates the perception of a potential conflict of interest" means, and when doing so, he might want to explain the meaning of these words in that phrase: "at least," "the perception," "a potential," and "conflict of interest." Additionally, what does "an enormous cloud over the budget" mean especially when these words follow "is continuing to fund raise"?

Let me remind all Members that all 83 Members of this Assembly, and I include the Chair, fund raise, whether by selling memberships in their party, accepting donations and tickets for events such as party dinners, or accepting donations in cash or kind for election campaigns.

Further, it is all 83 Members of this Assembly who participate in the debate on the budget, advocate for causes or projects during and outside of the budget process, and finally vote on and approve the budget. It is not the Minister of Finance who presents and votes on the budget by himself. In the narrowest sense it could be interpreted by some that none of the 83 Members of this Assembly may be able to participate in the budget process and vote on the budget estimates.

It is the Chair's impression that the recently passed changes to the Standing Orders represent efforts to achieve democratic reform. At the same time and almost in a parallel track, this Assembly has been uncharacteristically mired in borderline allegations and innuendo that, in the Chair's view, do nothing to elevate the role of the Assembly with the public. The Chair notes that this unfortunate development appears to correspond with the 45 second time limit for asking questions. The Chair hopes that the standing committee examining the Standing Orders revisions will inquire to see if there is a correlation.

To conclude, the Chair finds that there is no prima facie question of privilege. However, the Chair is in no way condoning the comments that were the subject of the purported question of privilege.

The Chair sincerely hopes that Members reflect on these matters over the constituency week. I believe that we can do better Members.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

18. Oral notice having been given April 18, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's four new Standing Committees:

#### Standing Committee on Community Services (11 Members)

Ady (Chair)	Flaherty	Lukaszuk
Mather (Deputy Chair)	Johnson	Pannu
Abbott	Johnston	Shariff
Backs	Lougheed	

#### Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures (11 Members)

Dunford (Chair)	Martin	Rogers
Taylor (Deputy Chair)	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Webber
Doerksen	Prins	Zwozdesky
Herard	Rodney	

#### Standing Committee on Resources and Environment (11 Members)

Ducharme (Chair)	Graydon	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Swann (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Mitzel
Calahasen	Hinman	Oberle
Eggen	Lund	

**Standing Committee on Government Services (11 Members)**

Cenaiko (Chair)	Coutts	Mason
Elsalhy (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Pastoor
Amery	Forsyth	VanderBurg
Brown	Marz	

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:39 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

**Budget Address**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

**Government Motions**

Prior to moving Government Motion 16, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2007-08 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 284/2007

2007-08 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund  
Sessional Paper 285/2007

**16.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2007-08 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2007-08 Government Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, then tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 2007 Business Plans

Sessional Paper 286/2007

Prior to moving Government Motion 17, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document:

Budget 2007 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 287/2007

17. Moved by Hon. Dr. Oberg:

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

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

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(3), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:10 p.m. until Monday, April 30, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, April 30, 2007

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of people killed or injured in the workplace.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2007, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

The Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Deputy Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the sod-turning ceremony held on April 16, 2007, to commemorate the construction of a supportive living facility in the municipality of Jasper.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing Gary McPherson of Edmonton who will be inducted as a Member of the Alberta Order of Excellence on June 14, 2007.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing April 29 to May 5, 2007, as Education Week.

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing April 22-29, 2007, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing April 29 to May 5, 2007, as Education Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the 2007-08 Government of Alberta budget.

## Notices of Motions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer "Housing First," the report of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Government's response to that report to the Managing Growth Pressures Policy Field Committee constituted under temporary Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), with specific directions to consider and report back on the advisability of introducing temporary rent stability guidelines.

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

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

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Publication regarding Education Week, April 29 to May 5, 2007, entitled "Students First"

Sessional Paper 288/2007

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

Copy of a petition signed by 224 Albertans requesting the implementation of a cap on rental rates

Sessional Paper 289/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document dated May 2, 2006, entitled "Fiscal Terms Report for Alberta Energy" prepared by Wood MacKenzie

Sessional Paper 290/2007

Internal memorandum dated April 23, 2007, from Kerry Langford to Fred Dunn, Auditor General of Alberta, responding to a request for a legal opinion regarding the authority of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to compel the attendance of witnesses

Sessional Paper 291/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Program from the 2007 Alberta Film and Television Awards presented by AMPIA (Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association) held on April 28, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 292/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited conference notes, undated, concerning the HQCEC (China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation) Bid Clarification Meeting

Sessional Paper 293/2007

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ31, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on August 28, 2006:

What measurable impacts do the activities of the System Improvement and Reporting Branch of Alberta Education have on enhancing teaching and educational outcomes for students?

Sessional Paper 294/2007



Response to Written Question WQ32, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on August 28, 2006:

For fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2004-2005, what are the total expenses broken down by project or function in the areas of system improvement and reporting within the System Improvement and Reporting Branch of Alberta Education?

Sessional Paper 295/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR27, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko on August 28, 2006:

Copies of all documents related to the \$150,800 grant provided to Maskalyk Miles as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Sessional Paper 296/2007

Return to Order of the Assembly MR28, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko on August 28, 2006:

Copies of all documents related to the \$188,000 grant provided to Jean Henry Paul as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Sessional Paper 297/2007

Return to Order of the Assembly MR29, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko on August 28, 2006:

Copies of all documents related to the \$103,000 grant provided to Lefebvre Edmond as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Sessional Paper 298/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Ms Pastoor on April 16, 2007:

What was the total number of applications and the total number of applications approved under the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program in fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?

Sessional Paper 299/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report Year End June 30, 2006, with attached Financial Statements, College of Chiropractors of Alberta dated June 30, 2006

Sessional Paper 300/2007

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2005 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program dated November 11, 2005

Sessional Paper 301/2007

Alberta Dental Association and College 2005 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, with attached Financial Statements, Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program dated December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 302/2007

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 303/2007

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 304/2007

University of Calgary Authorized Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006, with attached Financial Statements for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

Sessional Paper 305/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2), Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2005-2006 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 306/2007

Pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8, Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 307/2007

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 308/2007

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 309/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. Miller on April 16, 2007:

What is the total projected cost to taxpayers of the Government's current schedule for paying off the unfunded liabilities of public sector pension plans, broken down by plan?

Sessional Paper 310/2007

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Miller on April 16, 2007:

What was the total value of all Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments in tobacco-based companies at the end of fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2005-2006 and for the period April 1, 2006 to March 7, 2007?

Sessional Paper 311/2007

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer "Housing First," the report of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Government's response to that report to the Managing Growth Pressures Policy Field Committee constituted under temporary Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), with specific directions to consider and report back on the advisability of introducing temporary rent stability guidelines.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR5, MR6.

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

### **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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

Mr. Rodney, 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 203 (Hon. Member for Strathcona) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 312/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Rogers speaking.

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

**505.** Moved by Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a plan with municipalities to phase out the education portion of property taxes for seniors.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the 16th annual Alberta Wilderness Association Climb and Run for Wilderness held at the Calgary Tower on April 21, 2007.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the 33rd annual Alberta Film and Television Awards presented by the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA) in Edmonton on April 28, 2007.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding autistic spectrum disorders.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing the 2007 Alberta wheelchair curling champions who competed in the national finals in Ottawa, Ontario, from April 5 to 7, 2007.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing May 1, 2007, as May Day.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the Camrose Fire Department.

## **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 10 Albertans urging the Government to hold rent increases to no more than the rise in the average monthly wage until December 31, 2010.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 11 Albertans calling upon our elected representatives to enact first contract legislation immediately, which would compel the employer to bargain immediately and fairly.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(3):

Spring 2007 Committee of Supply Calendar

Sessional Paper 313/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Memorandum dated May 1, 2007, from Ben Seutter, President, Edmonton Apartment Association, to all owner members encouraging association members to meet with their respective Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding rent controls and providing a list of discussion topics

Sessional Paper 314/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Roshika Khanna, Program Coordinator, Calgary Scope Society, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary constituencies expressing concern regarding the society's difficulty finding affordable housing for their clients

Sessional Paper 315/2007

4 recent e-mail messages from Calgary-Varsity residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding their substantial rent increases

Sessional Paper 316/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Don Gunderson to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing opposition to the Government's response to the recommendations of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force

Sessional Paper 317/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Jim Sexsmith of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, regarding the lack of affordable housing for seniors in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 318/2007

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 19, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, to Frank Bruseker, President, Alberta Teachers' Association, regarding the Government's plan to address the unfunded liability of the Teachers' Retirement Fund

Sessional Paper 319/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated February 27, 2007, from Deb Newman of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding rent costs in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 320/2007

E-mail message dated April 19, 2007, from Velvet Martin regarding the need for the Government to involve families when addressing funding for special needs children

Sessional Paper 321/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Speaking notes of Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, recognizing April 28, 2007, as the International Day of Mourning for workers killed on the job

Sessional Paper 322/2007

Victims of Violence Citizens' Rights Group notice of an organizational meeting to be held in Edmonton on May 5, 2007

Sessional Paper 323/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 29, 2007, signed by 24 residents of the Sierra Building in Edmonton, expressing opposition to several recent rent increases and requesting that legislation be introduced to limit rent increases to five percent per year, with attached list of seven tenants' rent increases and two rental increase notices

Sessional Paper 324/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

17. Moved by Hon. Dr. Oberg:

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Backs 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 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

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

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

Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS).

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding salaries paid to caregivers of persons with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing April 23, 2007, as St. George's Day.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding services provided by AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission).

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding salaries paid to caregivers of persons with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the importance of groundwater storage.



## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 1,814 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 10 Edmonton residents urging the Government to hold rent increases to no more than the rise in the average monthly wage until December 31, 2010.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 144 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with on Monday, May 7, 2007:

### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ10, WQ11.

To be dealt with: WQ9.

The remainder to stand and retain their places.

### **Motions for Returns**

Stand and retain their places.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Excerpt from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, outlining the table of contents and sections 11-13

Sessional Paper 325/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 8, 2007, from Darleen Ferguson to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the Government place a limit on rent increases

Sessional Paper 326/2007

Letter dated April 10, 2007, unsigned, from Nadine Smith-Breton of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the Government place limits on rent increases and increase the notice period for condominium conversions

Sessional Paper 327/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated April 23, 2007, from Sherri Humphrys of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the level of funding provided in the 2007-08 provincial budget for the Department of Education and the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 328/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Program from the Edmonton Public Schools 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards District Finalists ceremony held in Edmonton on May 1, 2007

Sessional Paper 329/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated March 29, 2007, from Ken Hannams of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding severe staffing shortages at the Easter Seals McQueen Residence that may cause the residence to close

Sessional Paper 330/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated April 24, 2007, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, requesting information regarding financial assistance for tenants of a Calgary-Varsity apartment building who are facing large rent increases, and response dated April 30, 2007, from Hon. Ms Evans to Mr. Chase

Sessional Paper 331/2007

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

4 letters from Alina Matthews, Marsha Taphorn, Leah Priest, and Sonia Richardson to Whom it May Concern, and 1 letter dated October 2, 2006, from Joe and Ines Silva of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the difficulty in obtaining staff to provide care for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 332/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Glenn Cook of Edmonton to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding a proposed rent increase for his apartment building

Sessional Paper 333/2007

Letter dated April 3, 2007, from Dorothy Ansdell of Edmonton to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the impact of rental rate increases on seniors

Sessional Paper 334/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated October 18, 2006, from Christina M. Sanders of Pullman, Washington to Whom it May Concern requesting assistance in obtaining documentation to prove her Canadian citizenship

Sessional Paper 335/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Agenda from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts meeting dated May 2, 2007

Sessional Paper 336/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Report dated February 2000 entitled "Comparison of Selected Oil Resource Taxation Regimes" prepared by Petroleum Economics Limited

Sessional Paper 337/2007

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2005 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 338/2007

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 339/2007

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Committee of Supply** (Hours 1 to 3 — Main 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 Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Department of Health and Wellness, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Dr. Brown moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2007, as the 62nd anniversary of National Liberation Day in Holland.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding alternatives to nuclear power.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing May 2007 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the installation on May 1, 2007, of Archbishop Richard Smith as Edmonton's eighth Archbishop.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta's election contribution funds.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 7 Spruce Grove and Stony Plain residents urging the Government to immediately introduce a bill to create a buffer zone of at least one mile distance from any major water body, such as a river, lake, or creek, from which any intensive/confined feeding operation, including swine, beef cattle, dairy, elk, bison, or poultry is prohibited from locating, in order to protect and preserve Alberta's fresh water sources.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 10 Albertans urging the Government to hold rent increases to no more than the rise in the average monthly wage until December 31, 2010.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Gaming Planning Act — Mr. Tougas

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter, undated, from Alexis Sokol of Edmonton to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the hardships facing several apartment tenants due to rent increases

Sessional Paper 340/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 23, 2007, from Nicole Régis, a teacher at Grandin School, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 341/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated May 1, 2007, from Derinda Wood to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding three rent increases received since August 2006

Sessional Paper 342/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated May 2, 2007, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Alan J. Shopland, General Manager, Access Roads Edmonton Limited, responding to Mr. Shopland's letter dated April 4, 2007, concerning costs related to the southeast portion of the Edmonton ring road

Sessional Paper 343/2007

Page 103 of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Annual Report 2005-2006, Schedule to the Financial Statements, Comparison of Expenses - Directly Incurred, EIP and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses

Sessional Paper 344/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Program from the Edmonton Catholic Schools 18th annual Celebration of the Arts held at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, on May 2, 2007

Sessional Paper 345/2007

Edmonton Airports, Annual Report 06

Sessional Paper 346/2007

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Alberta's Opportunity, Funding Alberta's Future" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 347/2007

Copies of a spreadsheet and presentation relating to "Alberta's Opportunity, Funding Alberta's Future" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 348/2007

Web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated April 20, 2007, entitled "Will the real fiscal conservatives please stand up" written by Scott Hennig  
Sessional Paper 349/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated November 17, 2006, from Craig Dunn, B.Sc., President, WellDunn Consulting, to Alberta Energy, Oil Sands Consultations, regarding his presentation on September 28, 2006, entitled "Industry Leaders Take Risks: Green Energy Technology for the Oil Sands"

Sessional Paper 350/2007

Web site reprint of an article dated January 7, 2002, entitled "Geothermal Technology: Part 2 of 2" written by Esme Friesen

Sessional Paper 351/2007

Web site reprint of a Toronto Star article dated February 10, 2007, entitled "Oil industry finds hot rock resources" written by Tyler Hamilton

Sessional Paper 352/2007

Web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated February 8, 2007, entitled "Greener oilsands would drill for heat" written by Ron Chalmers

Sessional Paper 353/2007

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 7 to May 10, 2007:

Tuesday, May 8

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 7 to 9)

Municipal Affairs and Housing; Health and Wellness (ND)

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 2, 31, 32, 33, 34

And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

Wednesday, May 9

**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply** (Hours 10 to 12)

Treasury Board; Finance; Health and Wellness; Municipal Affairs and Housing; Solicitor General and Public Security (Private Government Members)

**Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/  
Third Reading**

Bill 2, 31, 32, 33, 34

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 10

**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply** (Hours 13 to 15)

Children's Services; Seniors and Community Supports; Education (Cross-ministry: LIB - 1.5 hr., ND - .5 hr., any Member - 1 hr.)

**Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/  
Third Reading**

Bill 2, 31, 32, 33, 34

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Committee of Supply** (Hours 4 to 6 — Main 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions for the Departments of Children's Services and Energy, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

The Acting Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.



## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated May 1, 2007, from Alliance Realty Management to Doreen Fiddler of Edmonton providing three-months' notice of a \$1,000 rent increase  
Sessional Paper 354/2007

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

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

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until Monday, May 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, May 7, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing May 7-13, 2007, as National Nursing Week.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing May 6-12, 2007, as Building Safety Week.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement outlining the Alberta Liberal Caucus affordable housing policy.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding a groundbreaking ceremony held on April 30, 2007, for the construction of a new library at the University of Alberta Augustana Campus in Camrose.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing May 6-12, 2007, as National Emergency Preparedness Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2007, as International Day of the Midwife.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 80 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will ensure that where a person who holds a graduated driver's licence is operating a motor vehicle that is involved in a collision resulting in serious injury or death, that person's licence shall be suspended immediately and notification shall be provided to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board, and the Board shall immediately conduct a review of the incident to determine whether the person's licence should be reinstated, and if so, under what conditions.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 32 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Legislative Assembly convene at 8 p.m. for night sittings on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 35 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 35 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

News release dated April 3, 2007, entitled “Increased labour mobility already one result of Alberta-B.C. TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement)” prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 355/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Program from Masala Journey, a celebration of Asian Heritage Month, held on May 4, 2007, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 356/2007

Volunteer reference guide from the 40th annual Pathway and River Cleanup held on May 6, 2007, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 357/2007

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated April 27, 2007, from Margaret Stone of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding increasing rent costs and notice requirements for condominium conversions and their effect on limited-income families and people living on fixed incomes

Sessional Paper 358/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2007, from Beverley McGowan of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding substantial rent increases at her apartment building and requesting information concerning the Government’s response to the increases

Sessional Paper 359/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the Northgate Choralaires “Taste of Broadway” spring concert held on May 6, 2007, at the Northgate Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre

Sessional Paper 360/2007

Program from the 2007 Yellow Ribbon Gala Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction held on May 5, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 361/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Government of Alberta document entitled "Alberta's Dramatic Crude Oil Growth in an Environment of Conventional Crude Oil Decline" submitted to the United States House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality Peak Oil Hearing held on December 7, 2005, in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 362/2007

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Excerpt from the Alberta Education, Annual Report 2005-06 entitled "Summary of School Jurisdictions, Statement of Operations and Changes in Financial Position, for the year ended August 31, 2005"

Sessional Paper 363/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated May 2, 2007, from Deane Purves of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for limits on rent increases, and response dated May 4, 2007, from Mr. Agnihotri to Mr. Purves outlining efforts made by the Official Opposition to address this issue

Sessional Paper 364/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Program from the Canadian Mental Health Association 2007 Celebrate Mental Health Awards held on May 7, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 365/2007

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

7 handwritten notes from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, concerning the death of Stephanie Butler

Sessional Paper 366/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated April 21, 2007, from Kim J. Laing, Chairperson, Southern Alberta Vehicle Restraint Coalition, to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, with associated attachments, expressing concern regarding amendments to the Peace Officer Act

Sessional Paper 367/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report 06  
Sessional Paper 368/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4):  
College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2004-2005 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 369/2007

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 370/2007

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):  
Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists, Annual Report 2006  
Sessional Paper 371/2007

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 372/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ10.** Asked for by Dr. Pannu:

How many supportive living facilities (including assisted living facilities, lodges, enhanced lodges, seniors complexes, and group homes) and related number of beds were operating in Alberta for each of the fiscal years 2001-02 to 2005-06, and for April 1, 2006, to March 19, 2007, broken down by regional health authority and by whether the facility is owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

**WQ11.** Asked for by Mr. Eggen:

What is the total number of barley producers whose information was sent to the accounting firm KPMG for the purpose of assembling the list of eligible voters for the 2007 barley plebiscite of the Canadian Wheat Board?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ9.** Moved by Mr. Eggen on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

How many long-term care facilities and beds were operating in Alberta on December 31 for the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive, broken down by regional health authority and whether the facility is owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis, an example of which appears on page 19 of the Report of the Auditor General on Seniors Care and Programs 2005?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many long-term care facilities and beds were operating in Alberta on *March* 31 for the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive, broken down by regional health authority and whether the facility *and service providers are* owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR5, MR6.

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

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 205, Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007, 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 agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 33

Ady	Groeneveld	Oberle
Backs	Haley	Ouellette
Brown	Herard	Prins
Cao	Horner	Renner
Cardinal	Jablonski	Rodney
Coutts	Johnston	Rogers
Danyluk	Magnus	Shariff
Doerksen	Mar	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Marz	Strang
Fritz	McFarland	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Morton	Zwozdesky

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Pastoor
Chase	Mason	Swann
Eggen	Mather	Tougas
Elsalby	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

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

Bill 207 Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act — Mrs. Mather

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mrs. Jablonski speaking.

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

**506.** Moved by Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a made-in-Alberta energy policy to be developed through public consultation and debate in the Legislative Assembly and founded on the economic and energy interests of Alberta and Canada rather than those of the United States.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Caring for Our Watersheds: Battle River awards presentation held on April 14, 2007, in Camrose.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Paperny Films documentary entitled "The Week the Women Left" which will be filmed in Hardisty.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding rent increases faced by seniors.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing May 7 to 13, 2007, as Mental Health Week.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's response to Alberta's housing crisis.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding nuclear energy.

**Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee advises that its consideration of the following Private Bill will be deferred to June 5, 2007:

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act —  
Mr. Cenaiko



The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill not proceed:

Bill Pr2 Crest Leadership Centre Act — Mr. Marz

Mr. Speaker, I request concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 419 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Excerpt from the Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust Annual Report 2006 entitled "Letter to Unitholders"

Sessional Paper 373/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated May 6, 2007, from Giancarlo Grande of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding his inability as an AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipient to afford further rent increases

Sessional Paper 374/2007

E-mail message dated May 7, 2007, from Linton Delainey of Sherwood Park to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting Mrs. Mather table two letters dated April 10, 2007, from Ms Delainey to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and His Worship Mayor Stephen Mandel regarding the urgent need for a province-wide regional governance plan

Sessional Paper 375/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar,:

Copy of a presentation by the KNM Group regarding a proposal to construct a process equipment manufacturing facility in Tofield

Sessional Paper 376/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

E-mail message dated April 30, 2007, from Debbie Shabelski, Manager, Affordable Housing Task Force, to Stacey Wickman, Edmonton-Rutherford Constituency, advising that five copies of the Affordable Housing Task Force Report can be provided to the constituency office rather than the 50 initially requested

Sessional Paper 377/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated May 8, 2007, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding the response given by Hon. Mr. Danyluk to a question raised by Mr. Chase during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2007, and regarding Sessional Paper 331/2007

Sessional Paper 378/2007

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

Report entitled "Canadian Housing Observer, Average Rent for Two-Bedroom Apartments, Canada, Province and Metropolitan Areas, 1992-2005" prepared by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, with attached document entitled "Alberta Statistics"

Sessional Paper 379/2007

2 reports dated December 2006 entitled "Private Apartment Vacancy Rates by Bedroom Type, Alberta" and "Private Apartment Average Rents by Bedroom Type, Alberta," both prepared by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Sessional Paper 380/2007

Letter dated February 21, 2007, from Delores Austin of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, regarding the need for more affordable housing in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 381/2007

Letter dated April 24, 2007, from Marilyn Caskey to Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding her rent increase and the lack of skilled workers to build affordable housing

Sessional Paper 382/2007

Letter dated May 1, 2007, from Roberta Baert of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding the shortage of affordable housing for people on fixed incomes

Sessional Paper 383/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Western GeoPower Corporation web site article, undated, entitled "South Meager Geothermal Project"

Sessional Paper 384/2007

National Resources Canada web site article, undated, entitled "About Earth and Geothermal Energy"

Sessional Paper 385/2007

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Document entitled "Accumulated Operating Surplus (Deficit) as at August 31, 2006 (of Alberta school boards)"

Sessional Paper 386/2007

Letter dated May 8, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, to Frank Bruseker, President, Alberta Teachers' Association, responding to Mr. Bruseker's letter dated May 2, 2007, concerning the establishment of a task force to research and consider options to address the teachers' pre-1992 pension liability

Sessional Paper 387/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Eggen on May 7, 2007:

What is the total number of barley producers whose information was sent to the accounting firm KPMG for the purpose of assembling the list of eligible voters for the 2007 barley plebiscite of the Canadian Wheat Board?

Sessional Paper 388/2007

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

Letter, undated, unaddressed, unsigned, from James Arnott expressing concern regarding the Government's reluctance to impose rent controls

Sessional Paper 389/2007

Letter, undated, unaddressed, unsigned, from Pat Arnott expressing concern regarding her rent increase

Sessional Paper 390/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4):

APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta), Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 391/2007

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to consider the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Legislative Assembly convene at 7 p.m. for Hours 10 to 12 of Committee of Supply on Tuesday, May 8, and that the ministries called for consideration will now be Treasury Board, Health and Wellness, and Municipal Affairs and Housing; at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, for Government Business; and that Hours 13 to 15 of Committee of Supply scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, May 10 be rescheduled to the afternoon of May 16, 2007, and that a revised Committee of Supply schedule be tabled forthwith.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

19. Oral notice having been given May 7, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Legislative Assembly convene at 8 p.m. for night sittings on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday May 9, 2007.

Hon. Mr. Renner moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out "8 p.m. for night sittings on Tuesday, May 8," and substituting "7 p.m. for Hours 10 to 12 of Committee of Supply on Tuesday, May 8, and that the ministries called for consideration will now be Treasury Board, Health and Wellness, and Municipal Affairs and Housing;"
- (b) by striking out "and Wednesday May 9, 2007" and substituting "convene at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, for Government Business";
- (c) by adding the following after "Government Business":  
"; that Hours 13 to 15 of Committee of Supply scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, May 10, 2007, be rescheduled to the afternoon of May 16, 2007, and that a revised Committee of Supply schedule be tabled forthwith".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 7 to 9 — Main 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. Rogers reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Health and Wellness and Municipal Affairs and Housing, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 agreed to in the Assembly on May 8, 2007, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., it was agreed at 5:49 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 10 to 12 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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, for the Departments of Health and Wellness, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Treasury Board, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 9, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the Alberta Children's Services Youth Secretariat.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing the value of persons with disabilities in the Alberta labour force.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the issue of affordable housing in Alberta.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 50th annual Stavely Indoor Professional Rodeo held on May 6, 2007.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Esquao Awards gala recognizing achievements of aboriginal women held on May 3, 2007, in Edmonton.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the adoption of ammolite as the official gemstone of Lethbridge.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 469 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with on Monday, May 14, 2007:

#### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.  
To stand and retain their places: None appearing on the Order Paper.

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR5, MR6.  
To stand and retain their places: MR4.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Calgary Herald web site article dated May 8, 2007, entitled "Nuclear energy can play a safe role" written by Patrick Moore

Sessional Paper 392/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated May 1, 2007, from Charlynn Cox of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting information regarding Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, and response dated May 4, 2007, from Mr. Agnihotri to Ms Cox committing to provide the requested information as soon as possible

Sessional Paper 393/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Document entitled "Standard on Assessment Appeal" approved in July 2001 by the International Association of Assessing Officers

Sessional Paper 394/2007

Document dated July 2000 entitled "Report and Recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on Equalized Assessment in Alberta" prepared by the Alberta Equalized Assessment Panel

Sessional Paper 395/2007

Ombudsman report dated March 2006 entitled "Getting It Right, Investigation into the Transparency of the Property Assessment Process and the Integrity and Efficiency of Decision-Making at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation" prepared by André Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario

Sessional Paper 396/2007

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

Handwritten note by Eric Lindstrom of Edmonton concerning rental rates

Sessional Paper 397/2007

Letter, undated, from Mary Swain of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding rent increases for her apartment building, with attached copy of an overdue rent notice

Sessional Paper 398/2007

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

Letter dated May 3, 2007, from Margaret Linklater of Lacombe to Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to the issue of affordable housing in Alberta

Sessional Paper 399/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated April 18, 2007, from Glenda Murphy of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding seismic testing under Marie Lake and urging the Government to request that an environmental assessment be done prior to allowing the testing

Sessional Paper 400/2007

Letter dated May 5, 2007, unsigned, from Maxine and Arnold Jol of Spruce Grove to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, requesting that specialized services funding received through the Family Supports for Children with Disabilities program not be discontinued

Sessional Paper 401/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated March 15, 2007, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated January 25, 2007, concerning the Government Fees and Charges Review Act

Sessional Paper 402/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Bonko speaking.

#### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5) and Government Motion 19, agreed to by the Assembly on May 8, 2007, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 31

Abbott	Dunford	Melchin
Backs	Goudreau	Oberle
Boutilier	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Brown	Jablonski	Rodney
Calahasen	Johnson	Rogers
Cao	Johnston	Shariff
Cardinal	Liepert	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	VanderBurg
DeLong	Magnus	Zwozdesky
Ducharme		

Against the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Flaherty	Pannu
Chase	Martin	Pastoor
Eggen	Mason	Swann

On behalf of several Members, the Deputy Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

**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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(4)(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (8):

(9) No increase in rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement shall be greater than the rate of inflation as measured by the All-items Consumer Price Index for Alberta published by Statistics Canada for the immediately preceding year, plus 2%, for the period April 24, 2007 to April 23, 2009.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 12

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Martin	Pastoor
Eggen	Mason	Tougas

Against the amendment: 30

Abbott	Dunford	Lougheed
Ady	Goudreau	Lund
Brown	Groeneveld	Melchin
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberle
Cao	Hinman	Ouellette
Cardinal	Jablonski	Renner
Cenaiko	Johnson	Rodney
Coutts	Johnston	Snelgrove
DeLong	Liepert	Stevens
Ducharme	Lindsay	Zwozdesky

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(4)(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (8):

(9) A landlord shall not increase the rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the Alberta Consumer Price Index published by Statistics Canada for the previous calendar year plus 2%.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 7

Blakeman	Martin	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Eggen	Mason	Pastoor
MacDonald		

Against the amendment: 27

Ady	DeLong	Lindsay
Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Lougheed
Brown	Groeneveld	Lund
Calahasen	Hancock	Melchin
Cao	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberle
Cenaiko	Johnson	Snelgrove
Chase	Johnston	Stevens
Coutts	Liepert	Zwozdesky

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(4)(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (8):

(9) No increase in rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement shall be greater than 10% for the period April 24, 2007 to April 23, 2008.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 9

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Blakeman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Swann
Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas

Against the amendment: 27

Ady	Evans	Martin
Brown	Groeneveld	Mason
Cao	Hancock	Melchin
Cardinal	Hinman	Mitzel
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Prins
Coutts	Johnston	Snelgrove
DeLong	Liepert	Stevens
Doerksen	Lindsay	Webber
Eggen	Lougheed	Zwozdesky

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved the Bill be amended in section 2(4) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (7):

(8) A landlord shall not increase the rent payable under a tenancy agreement by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the Alberta Consumer Price Index published by Statistics Canada for the previous calendar year plus 2%.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved that amendment to the Bill be further amended by adding “for a period of 18 months, or until the rental market stabilizes” after “plus 2%”.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

During debate on the subamendment to Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 32(3), to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes.

Debate continued on the subamendment.

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

For the subamendment: 13

Agnihotri	Martin	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Mason	Pannu
Eggen	Mather	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas
MacDonald		

Against the subamendment: 24

Abbott	Graydon	Ouellette
Amery	Haley	Pham
Backs	Hancock	Prins
Boutilier	Herard	Renner
Brown	Knight	Rogers
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Evans	Magnus	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Webber

The question being put on the amendment moved by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Bonko	Martin	Pannu
Eggen	Mason	Pastoor
Flaherty	Mather	Swann
MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Against the amendment: 28

Abbott	Graydon	Mitzel
Agnihotri	Haley	Ouellette
Amery	Hancock	Pham
Backs	Herard	Prins
Boutilier	Knight	Renner
Brown	Lukaszuk	Rogers
Danyluk	Magnus	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Mar	Stelmach
Evans	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Webber
Fritz		

The question was put on the remaining clauses of Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abbott	Graydon	Pham
Amery	Haley	Prins
Backs	Hancock	Renner
Boutilier	Herard	Rogers
Brown	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Magnus	Stelmach
Doerksen	Mar	Tarchuk
Evans	Mitzel	Webber
Fritz	Ouellette	

Against the motion: 14

Agnihotri	Martin	Pannu
Bonko	Mason	Pastoor
Eggen	Mather	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas
MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Rev. Abbott, 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 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 403/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 404/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 405/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 406/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 407/2007

Subamendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 408/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 409/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:45 a.m., Thursday, May 10, 2007, until 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding Project neuroArm, the world's first MRI-compatible (magnetic resonance imaging) brain surgery robot, a joint venture, led by Dr. Garnette Sutherland, between the Calgary Health Region and the University of Calgary.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing Parents Empowering Parents.

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding Jeff Toews who was tragically injured while vacationing in Mexico.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing the Munny Krunchers, formed by Donna Romanuik, for their fund-raising efforts for multiple sclerosis.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Southesk collection of First Nations and Métis artifacts on display at the Royal Alberta Museum.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding crime prevention strategies.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Document dated May 2007 entitled "Speech Given by Mary Ladouceur, Alberta Legislature"

Sessional Paper 410/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Bruce Magyar of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding the loss of FSCD (Family Supports for Children with Disabilities) funding for his nephew, who suffers from autism

Sessional Paper 411/2007

E-mail message dated May 8, 2007, from Natalie Weller to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, attaching the text of a letter to the editor of the Daily News, Halifax, undated, regarding untrained individuals seeking positions as early childhood educators

Sessional Paper 412/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated May 7, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of April 30, 2007, seeking information regarding Sessional Paper 250/2007

Sessional Paper 413/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Report dated December 2004 entitled "Detailed Assessment Audit Manual" prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs, Assessment Audit Unit, Assessment Services

Sessional Paper 414/2007

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

Brochure, undated, entitled "Mother Nature is Looking After Me!" prepared by the City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 415/2007

Information brochure, undated, prepared by the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 416/2007



Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

2006 Rental Market Report, Alberta Highlights, prepared by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Sessional Paper 417/2007

Frontier Centre for Public Policy web site article of a speech entitled "How Rent Control Killed Affordable Housing in Winnipeg" given by Dennis Owens on October 9, 2002, in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sessional Paper 418/2007

Document, undated, entitled "The High Cost of Rent Control"

Sessional Paper 419/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Dr. Pannu on May 7, 2007:

How many supportive living facilities (including assisted living facilities, lodges, enhanced lodges, seniors complexes, and group homes) and related number of beds were operating in Alberta for each of the fiscal years 2001-02 to 2005-06, and for April 1, 2006, to March 19, 2007, broken down by regional health authority and by whether the facility is owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

Sessional Paper 420/2007

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 14 to May 17, 2007:

Monday, May 14	eve.	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b> (Hours 13 to 15)
		Energy; Environment (ND)
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 15	aft.	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b> (Hours 16 to 18)
		Municipal Affairs and Housing; Seniors and Community Supports (LIB)

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**Government Motions**

Motion 20, 21

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading/Committee of the Whole**

Bill 31, 32, 33

And as per the Order Paper

eve. **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply** (Hours 19 to 21)Infrastructure and Transportation;  
Employment, Immigration and Industry (LIB)**Government Motions**

Motion 20, 21

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading/Committee of the Whole**

Bill 31, 32, 33

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 16 aft. **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply** (Hours 22 to 24)Children's Services; Seniors and Community  
Supports; Education (Cross-ministry: LIB -  
1.5 hr., ND - .5 hr., any Member - 1 hr.)

And as per the Order Paper

eve. **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply** (Hours 25 to 27)Energy, Environment, Health and Wellness  
(Cross-ministry: LIB - 1.5 hr., ND - .5 hr., any  
Member - 1 hr.)

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 17 aft. **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply** (Hours 28 to 30)

Education; Agriculture and Food (LIB)

**Government Motions**

Motion 22

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/  
Third Reading**

Bill 31, 32, 33

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute during Third Reading consideration of Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

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

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 30

Abbott	Ducharme	Lindsay
Ady	Evans	Lund
Amery	Goudreau	Melchin
Calahasen	Hancock	Ouellette
Cao	Herard	Pham
Cardinal	Horner	Prins
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Johnson	Tarchuk
DeLong	Johnston	Webber
Doerksen	Knight	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 6

Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Pastoor
Flaherty	Pannu	Taft

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:31 p.m. until Monday, May 14, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, May 14, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating the City of Edmonton on winning three 2007 North American Cities of the Future Awards presented by Foreign Direct Investment magazine.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating the Town of Slave Lake on winning a Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing Municipal Safety Award in Banff on May 4, 2007.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement congratulating Team Canada on winning the 2007 IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation) World Men's Hockey championship and recognizing the Team Canada players and staff from Alberta.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Edmonton on May 12, 2007.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the recent agreement between the Governments of Canada and Alberta regarding the use of temporary foreign workers.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement congratulating Team Canada on winning the 2007 IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation) World Men's Hockey Championship.

## Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 93 Albertans urging the Government to immediately establish a public inquiry into the failure of the health care system to protect the safety of patients in its care and to provide recommendations to correct the situation.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 35 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(11), 28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the investigation by Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, involving Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, dated May 11, 2007  
Sessional Paper 421/2007

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Program from the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Edmonton on May 12, 2007  
Sessional Paper 422/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Second Reading consideration of Bill 32, Animal Health Act, on May 1, 2007  
Sessional Paper 423/2007

Response to questions raised by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, during Second Reading consideration of Bill 32, Animal Health Act, on May 10, 2007  
Sessional Paper 424/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2003-2004  
Sessional Paper 425/2007

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2004-2005  
Sessional Paper 426/2007

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 427/2007

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 428/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO), 33rd Annual Report, 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 429/2007

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

Notice, dated May 1, 2007, of a rent increase issued by Alliance Realty Management to J. Fox for a suite at Alexander Court in Edmonton  
Sessional Paper 430/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Playback editorial dated July 2003 entitled "ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) has taken a lead role in just about every major cultural issue concerning performing arts in Canada" written by Peter Vamos

Sessional Paper 431/2007

Letter dated May 13, 2007, from Betty Ganert of Edmonton to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding a shortage of home care workers in the Edmonton area

Sessional Paper 432/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated May 8, 2007, from Anna Lee Magyar-Cooper of Red Deer to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding the loss of FSCD (Family Supports for Children with Disabilities) funding for her nephew, who suffers from autism

Sessional Paper 433/2007

E-mail message dated May 8, 2007, from Stephen H. Renaud of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the hardships faced by people with developmental disabilities and their care givers

Sessional Paper 434/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Program from the Calgary Arts Academy presentation of "Isabella's Renaissance" held in Calgary on April 5, 2007, at the Vertigo Theatre

Sessional Paper 435/2007

Prelude magazine dated May 2007 previewing the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, 2007/2008 season

Sessional Paper 436/2007

Program from the Calgary Meals on Wheels Fundraising Gala held on May 12, 2007

Sessional Paper 437/2007

Tag providing information concerning logging in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 438/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated May 7, 2007, from several parents of children with autistic spectrum disorder to several Members of the Legislative Assembly and G.B. (Gord) Button, Ombudsman, outlining concerns regarding Family Supports for Children with Disabilities funding

Sessional Paper 439/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated May 11, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Danielle McIntyre, Interfaith Food Bank, Lethbridge, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, and copy of a receipt for the donation

Sessional Paper 440/2007

## Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following:

Excerpt from the Concise Encyclopedia of Economics web site entitled "Rent Control" written by Walter Block

Sessional Paper 441/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ12.** Asked for by Mr. Miller:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2005-2006, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?

**WQ13.** Asked for by Mr. Miller:

As of April 11, 2007, what is the total cost of efforts to recover cheques that were sent to people who did not qualify for the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

**WQ14.** Asked for by Mr. Miller:

What was the total cost associated with administering the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ15, WQ16.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR5.** Moved by Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental or economical impact assessments, relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2006-2007.

**MR6.** Moved by Mrs. Mather:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A detailed breakdown of all expenses relating to advertising and promotional campaigns encouraging Albertans to become foster parents in each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2006-2007.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR7, MR8.

### **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 207 Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act — Mrs. Mather

A debate followed.



Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 207, Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill stand referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Temporary Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 208 School (Restrictions on Fees and Fund-raising) Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Mr. Flaherty

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Martin speaking.

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

**507.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately begin assembling land and/or negotiating rights-of-way for a high-speed electric rail line between Edmonton and Calgary, with additional stops as warranted.

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended

- (a) by striking out “immediately begin” and substituting “continue”;
- (b) by striking out “/or”; and
- (c) by striking out “electric”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., it was agreed at 5:57 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 13 to 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Energy and Environment, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement congratulating the Medicine Hat Tigers hockey team on winning the 2007 WHL (Western Hockey League) Championship in Medicine Hat on May 14, 2007, and advancing to the Mastercard Memorial Cup being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from May 18-27, 2007.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Hobbema Cadet Corps.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement congratulating several teachers from the Edmonton-Rutherford constituency who are 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards finalists and Sarah Fedoration who received an Excellence in Teaching Award on May 12, 2007.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the effectiveness of using sheriffs to patrol Alberta highways.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating the Red Deer Optimist Rebels midget AAA hockey team on winning a silver medal at the Telus Cup national championship in Red Deer on May 13, 2007.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the debate on Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 2,498 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to eliminate health care premiums for all Albertans.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 66 Albertans urging the Government to immediately establish a public inquiry into the failure of the health care system to protect the safety of patients in its care and to provide recommendations to correct the situation.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on May 2, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 442/2007

Response to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on May 8, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 443/2007

Response to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on May 8, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 444/2007

Response to questions raised by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on May 8, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 445/2007

Response to questions raised by Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, on May 8, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 446/2007

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 2, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 447/2007

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

List of documents containing information regarding the effects of the mountain pine beetle on Alberta's forests from fiscal years 2002-2003 to 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 448/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Government of Alberta news release dated May 15, 2007, entitled "Alberta artists set to benefit from new \$6-million partnership"

Sessional Paper 449/2007

Document approved on November 19, 2004, entitled "Community Initiatives Program, Program Guidelines" prepared by Alberta Gaming

Sessional Paper 450/2007

Document outlining Community Initiatives Program Unmatched Grants over \$10,000 for fiscal years 2002-2003 to 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 451/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 12, 2007, from Lucy Curtis to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding logging in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 452/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Neil and Maureen Bleakney to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the high cost of living in Alberta

Sessional Paper 453/2007

E-mail message dated May 11, 2007, from Jacques F. Boulet and family of Edmonton to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding plans to convert his apartment into a condominium

Sessional Paper 454/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

GOPAC (Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption) Network web page providing an overview of the organization

Sessional Paper 455/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

3 letters and 3 e-mail messages from Alberta school boards and societies to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, responding to requests from Mr. Chase to provide information concerning infrastructure priorities for each respective school board or society

Sessional Paper 456/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Final copy dated May 15, 2007, Spring Calendar, Committee of Supply

Sessional Paper 457/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Groeneveld:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve the continuation of the following enactments:

- (a) Section 33 of the Agricultural Societies Act,
- (b) Section 2 of the Feeder Associations Guarantee Act,
- (c) Sections 3 and 36 of the Rural Electrification Loan Act,
- (d) Section 2 of the Rural Electrification Long-term Financing Act, and
- (e) Sections 32 and 33 of the Rural Utilities Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 16 to 18 — Main 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Mitzel reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Seniors and Community Supports, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:45 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 19 to 21 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Employment, Immigration and Industry and Infrastructure and Transportation, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team's successful 2007 season.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Edmonton Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the new Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator in Leduc.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the oil sands royalty rate.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding provincial taxes and the need for a revenue-sharing formula for municipalities.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing May 13-20, 2007, as Police Week.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 262 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with on Monday, May 28, 2007:

#### **Written Questions**

To stand and retain their places: WQ15, WQ16.

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR4.

To stand and retain their places: MR7, MR8.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Summary document, undated, listing the top three infrastructure priorities for several municipalities in Alberta, with attached background information regarding Edmonton and Calgary

Sessional Paper 458/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated May 8, 2007, from Tina Voss of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, requesting funding for the Sign Language Interpreters Program at Lakeland College

Sessional Paper 459/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Letter dated May 15, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the appearance of Deputy Ministers before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Sessional Paper 460/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated March 15, 2007, from Susan Said to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding wages for day care staff who care for children over the age of six

Sessional Paper 461/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Lori Mekechuk of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting assistance in obtaining government subsidized housing

Sessional Paper 462/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated April 13, 2007, from Nicole Fedorak, Literacy Intervention Teacher, St. Philip Catholic Elementary School, to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, regarding the success of the Reading Recovery Program for grade one students

Sessional Paper 463/2007

Construction Owners Association of Alberta Workplace Respect Hand Book dated May 2005

Sessional Paper 464/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Miller on May 14, 2007:

As of April 11, 2007, what is the total cost of efforts to recover cheques that were sent to people who did not qualify for the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

Sessional Paper 465/2007



Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Miller on May 14, 2007:  
What was the total cost associated with administering the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

Sessional Paper 466/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

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

#### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 22 to 24 — Main 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. VanderBurg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Children's Services, Education, and Seniors and Community Supports, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(6), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 25 to 27 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Prins reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Energy, Environment, and Health and Wellness, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing May 13-20, 2007, as Alberta Crime Prevention Week, and the Solicitor General and Public Security Crime Prevention awards to be presented in Calgary on May 18, 2007, where the Dunluce Crime Council will receive an award.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing May 18, 2007, as International Museum Day.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing May 2007 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards presented on April 28, 2007, and nominee Coolie Pictures from Lethbridge.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the 15th annual Provincial Skills Competition held in Edmonton from May 14-16, 2007.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Aga Khan Development Network and the Aga Khan Foundation Canada World Partnership Walk to take place in Edmonton on May 27, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 27 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Planning for the Future of Communities Act — Dr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Letter dated April 5, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, responding to a question raised during Oral Question Period on March 21, 2007, concerning a disabled inmate at the Edmonton Remand Centre, with attached related correspondence

Sessional Paper 467/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated May 16, 2007, from Jason Rutledge to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability and his difficulty paying bills on a second year teacher's salary

Sessional Paper 468/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 16, 2007, from Kent Ashby of Athabasca to the New Democrat Opposition expressing concern regarding high rent costs  
Sessional Paper 469/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Graph, undated, entitled "Oil Sands Project Profiles (\$1997 Millions)" prepared by the Construction Sector Council  
Sessional Paper 470/2007

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

Document, undated, requesting the Government investigate evidence contained in the "Leatherdale Report" regarding the Edmonton Police Service  
Sessional Paper 471/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 8, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 472/2007

Letter dated May 17, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, responding to questions raised during Oral Question Period on May 16, 2007  
Sessional Paper 473/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Booklet entitled "Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers 2007 Steward of Excellence Awards Nominations"  
Sessional Paper 474/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Article dated May 10, 2007, entitled "It's time for consumer protection for tenants in Alberta" written by J. David Hulchanski, Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto  
Sessional Paper 475/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to questions raised by Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on May 3, 2007, Department of Children's Services, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 476/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on May 3, 2007, Department of Energy, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 477/2007

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 28 to May 31, 2007:

Monday, May 28	eve.	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of Supply</b> (Hours 31 to 33)</p> <p>Solicitor General and Public Security; Justice; Advanced Education and Technology (LIB)</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, May 29	aft.	<p><b>Government Motions</b></p> <p>Motion 21, 23, 24</p> <p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading/Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 26, 32, 33, 39</p> <p><b>Committee of Supply</b> (Hours 34 to 36)</p> <p>Advanced Education and Technology; Education (ND)</p> <p><b>Government Motions</b></p> <p>Motion 21, 23, 24</p> <p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 26, 32, 33, 39</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

- eve.    **Government Bills and Orders**  
           **Committee of Supply** (Hours 37 to 39)  
           Finance; Service Alberta; Environment (LIB)  
           And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 30    aft.    **Government Motions**  
           Motion 21, 23, 24  
           **Government Bills and Orders**  
           **Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/  
           Third Reading**  
           Bill 26, 32, 33, 39  
           **Committee of Supply** (Hours 40 to 42)  
           Energy; Infrastructure and Transportation;  
           Sustainable Resource Development;  
           Environment (Private Government Members)  
           **Government Motions**  
           Motion 21, 23, 24  
           **Government Bills and Orders**  
           **Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/  
           Third Reading**  
           Bill 26, 32, 33, 39  
           And as per the Order Paper
- eve.    **Government Bills and Orders**  
           **Committee of Supply** (Hours 43 to 45)  
           Agriculture and Food; Tourism, Parks,  
           Recreation and Culture; International,  
           Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations;  
           Justice (Private Government Members)  
           And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, May 31    aft.    **Government Motions**  
           Motion 21, 23, 24

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/  
Third Reading**

Bill 26, 33, 39

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 46 to 48)

Sustainable Resource Development;  
International, Intergovernmental and  
Aboriginal Relations, Tourism, Parks,  
Recreation and Culture (LIB)

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 28 to 30 — Main 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. Pham reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Agriculture and Food and Education, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(3), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until Monday, May 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, May 28, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education and its recent efforts to raise funds for MacEwan College's Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding non-matching grants provided to volunteer organizations by the Community Initiatives Program.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding a lack of Government funding for social programs.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement congratulating the Medicine Hat Tigers hockey team on their success at the Mastercard Memorial Cup held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from May 18-27, 2007.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Government task forces.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 182 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Ady

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

Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Ady



**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Booklet entitled "Funerals: An Information Guide" prepared by the Alberta Funeral Service Association

Sessional Paper 478/2007

Booklet entitled "Yours, Mine and Our Children's Grief: A Parent's Guide" prepared by the Alberta Funeral Service Association

Sessional Paper 479/2007

Booklet entitled "Grieving: 'Our Time'" prepared by the Alberta Funeral Service Association

Sessional Paper 480/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, and Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, on May 16, 2007, Department of Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 481/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 20, 2007, from Colin MacIntyre of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding rent increases and the Alberta housing market

Sessional Paper 482/2007

E-mail message dated May 27, 2007, from Seth Franklin to Whom it May Concern expressing concern regarding a lack of affordable housing in Edmonton and Calgary

Sessional Paper 483/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated May 14, 2007, from Gloria Williams to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the difficulties she is experiencing paying for multiple sclerosis medication and rent at her townhouse complex which has recently increased

Sessional Paper 484/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the production "Storybook Love" presented by John D. Bracco School on May 25 and 26, 2007

Sessional Paper 485/2007

Fax message, undated, from Liz Lister of Edmonton to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requesting action from the Federal Government in dealing with young offenders

Sessional Paper 486/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Pamphlet from the 15th annual Apache Canada Limited, Calgary Stampeders Football Club, CUPS (Calgary Urban Project Society) Kickoff Breakfast held in Calgary on May 23, 2007

Sessional Paper 487/2007

Information pamphlet outlining homelessness issues and advertising Homeless Awareness Week, September 17-24, 2006

Sessional Paper 488/2007

Program from the performance entitled "Living Legends" presented by Brigham Young University during the Northern USA/Canada Tour, April 30 to May 24, 2007

Sessional Paper 489/2007

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, 2006-2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 490/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Package of information and correspondence relating to the use of water from the Red Deer River for a development in the Balzac area

Sessional Paper 491/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, Fourth Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 492/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on May 14, 2007, Department of Energy, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 493/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ15, WQ16.

### Motions for Returns

**MR4.** Moved by Mr. Miller:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all ministerial expense claims, broken down by Minister,  
submitted between December 1, 2006, and March 1, 2007.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for Motion for Returns MR4 to read as follows:

**MR4.** Moved by Mr. Miller:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all ministerial expense claims, broken down by Minister,  
submitted between December 15, 2006, and March 1, 2007.

Motion for Returns MR4 was accepted as amended.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR7, MR8.

### 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 208 School (Restrictions on Fees and Fund-raising) Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Mr. Flaherty

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Blakeman	Flaherty	Swann
Bonko	MacDonald	Tougas
Eggen	Mather	

Against the motion: 32

Abbott	Evans	Lund
Ady	Forsyth	Mitzel
Amery	Goudreau	Oberg
Calahasen	Horner	Oberle
Cao	Jablonski	Rodney
Cenaiko	Johnson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Johnston	Stevens
DeLong	Liepert	Strang
Doerksen	Lindsay	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Lougheed	Webber
Dunford	Lukaszuk	

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

Bill 210 Gaming Planning Act — Mr. Tougas

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Ms DeLong speaking.

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

**508.** Moved by Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend section 2 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to make donations to leadership campaigns subject to the same contribution limits and disclosure requirements as other political donations.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:58 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 31 to 33 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Advanced Education and Technology, Justice, and Solicitor General and Public Security, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Ms Evans, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding homelessness and the Taste of Asia Dinner for the Homeless recently held at the Calgary Drop-in and Rehab Centre.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the 4D Human Atlas Project.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding Government recognition, funding, and support for the arts, and the 2007 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Award recipients.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding child care professionals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for affordable student housing.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta Augustana Faculty convocation held in Camrose on May 26, 2007.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise, 2006 Report to the Community

Sessional Paper 494/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Letter dated May 25, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald during debate on Government Motion 20 on May 15, 2007

Sessional Paper 495/2007

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on May 17, 2007, Department of Agriculture and Food, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 496/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, and Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, on May 8, 2007, Department of Treasury Board, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 497/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

E-mail message dated July 31, 2006, from Dan Bader to Jay Ramotar regarding support for proposed water servicing requests for the east Balzac development area

Sessional Paper 498/2007

Series of e-mail messages and handwritten notes regarding water servicing for the east Balzac development area

Sessional Paper 499/2007

Memorandum dated January 22, 2007, from Marilyn Boehm, Director, Business Expansion and Commercialization, Agriculture and Food, to Rory Campbell, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Food, regarding a grant agreement with the Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44

Sessional Paper 500/2007

Letter dated August 16, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Albert Schule, Reeve, Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44, approving their project grant assistance application to a maximum of \$8,273,000

Sessional Paper 501/2007

Document dated August 11, 2006, entitled "Project Evaluation Report" regarding an application by the Municipal District of Rocky View No. 44 for assistance under the Municipal Industrial Wastewater Infrastructure for Agricultural Processing Program

Sessional Paper 502/2007

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Memorandum dated October 12, 2006, from Barry Mehr to Faye Rault regarding a request for Alberta Finance to support the Olds College Canadian Equine Centre of Innovation, 2009 Capital Vision Campaign, with attached Briefing Note to the Minister dated July 19, 2006, and related memorandum dated July 20, 2006, from Barry Mehr, Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Brian Manning, Deputy Minister, Alberta Finance

Sessional Paper 503/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 22, 2007, from Kristine Jassman of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable housing

Sessional Paper 504/2007

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from David Gurnett of Edmonton to Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting further limits on rent increases

Sessional Paper 505/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated May 16, 2007, from Stephen H. Renaud of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable housing

Sessional Paper 506/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Edmonton's Food Bank, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 507/2007

Information package regarding Edmonton's Food Bank Plant a Row-Grow a Row program and National Hunger Awareness Day, June 5, 2007

Sessional Paper 508/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Newsletter dated June 2006 entitled "Know the Bow?" prepared by the University Elementary School

Sessional Paper 509/2007

6 recent letters from University Elementary School students to Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the declining grizzly bear population in Alberta

Sessional Paper 510/2007

Breakfast for Learning Alberta, Canadian Living Foundation, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 511/2007

Breakfast for Learning Alberta, Canadian Living Foundation handbook entitled "Fuel Up With Vegetables and Fruit"

Sessional Paper 512/2007

Pamphlet entitled "The Breakfast Club" prepared by Vegreville's School Snack Program

Sessional Paper 513/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Alberta Food Bank Network Association, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 514/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6):

Workers' Compensation Board-Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 515/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on May 15, 2007, Department of Employment, Immigration and Industry, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 516/2007

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, 2006-2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 517/2007



Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2005-06  
Sessional Paper 518/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer Bill 1, Lobbyists Act, to the Standing Committee on *Government Services* for the committee's consideration, review, and comment, and request the committee to report to the Assembly on or before the first week of the Fall 2007 sitting.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Committee of Supply (Hours 34 to 36 — Main 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Cao reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Advanced Education and Technology and Education, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:55 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 37 to 39 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Environment, Finance, and Service Alberta, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 30, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Speaker's Statement - Centennial Series Books**

The Speaker made a statement regarding the collection of books produced by staff of the Legislative Assembly Office entitled "The Centennial Series: Legislative Assembly of Alberta" highlighting the Lieutenant Governors, Premiers, Speakers, and election results in Alberta over the past 100 years, and recognized Sandra Perry, Legislature Librarian, and Dr. David McNeil, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who played key roles in the production of these books.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement congratulating several Legislative Assembly Office staff for their efforts in producing the collection of books entitled "The Centennial Series: Legislative Assembly of Alberta."

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement congratulating several recipients of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association bursaries.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement congratulating several recipients of a 2006 Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship medal.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the Aga Khan Foundation Canada's 23rd annual World Partnership Walk held in Edmonton on May 27, 2007.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Alberta Government grants provided to several Alberta golf courses over the past three fiscal years.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the need to begin construction of a school planned for west Lethbridge.

## Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1):

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

List of Alberta Government grants provided to Alberta golf courses during the 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06 fiscal years

Sessional Paper 519/2007

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Open letter dated May 4, 2007, from His Worship Dave Bronconnier, Mayor of Calgary, to residents of Calgary outlining the amount of funding the City of Calgary will receive from the Alberta Government in the 2007-08 budget

Sessional Paper 520/2007

7 recent letters from Iain Strathern, FOIP Advisor, Alberta Environment, to David Kincade, Senior Research Analyst, Alberta Liberal Caucus, regarding request E07-G-0117 for access to documents pertaining to the race track and mega-mall development in the Balzac area

Sessional Paper 521/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

7 recent letters and 5 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the unfunded liability of the Alberta Teachers' Pension Fund and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 522/2007

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

Letter dated February 7, 2007, unsigned, from Christopher Ayers, B.Eng (RMC), MD, CCFP, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the effect of rent increases on some of his patients

Sessional Paper 523/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Energy Solutions Alberta web site article dated May 15, 2007, entitled "Money well spent: Calgary family builds geothermal dream home"

Sessional Paper 524/2007

Alberta Building Trades Council news release dated May 14, 2007, entitled "Alberta Building Trades Council ready to assist CNRL (Canadian Natural Resources Limited)"

Sessional Paper 525/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Legislature of the State of Idaho motion entitled "House Joint Memorial No. 5" agreed to during the First Regular Session (2007) of the 59th Legislature

Sessional Paper 526/2007

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

Collection of books entitled "The Centennial Series: Legislative Assembly of Alberta" comprised of "On Behalf of the Crown," "The Mantle of Leadership," "A Higher Duty," and "A Century of Democracy" highlighting the Lieutenant Governors, Premiers, Speakers, and election results in Alberta over the past 100 years

Sessional Paper 527/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on May 15, 2007, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 528/2007

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2006  
Sessional Paper 529/2007

ABSA (Alberta Boilers Safety Association), Annual Report 2006  
Sessional Paper 530/2007

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 531/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 15 and 16, 2007, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 532/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, on May 16, 2007, Department of Energy, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 533/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

**23.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer Bill 2, Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007, to the Standing Committee on Government Services for the committee's consideration, review, and comment, and request the committee to report to the Assembly on or before the first week of the Fall 2007 sitting.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Rev. Abbott moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Lukaszuk on behalf of Mr. Dunford

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

### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 40 to 42 — Main 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 Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Energy, Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation, and Sustainable Resource Development, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:47 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 43 to 45 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Agriculture and Food, International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, Justice, and Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:51 p.m. until Thursday, May 31, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Compassionate Friends of Edmonton Society.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the history of Pincher Creek.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing May 31, 2007, as World No Tobacco Day.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk held on May 27, 2007, and recognizing May 2007 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding lottery grants.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding high rent costs for seniors.

## Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 530 Albertans requesting the inclusion of complex decongestive therapy in the list of accepted therapeutic procedures covered by Alberta Health Care.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the City of Edmonton Advisory Board on Services for Persons With Disabilities 2007 Mayor's Awards presented on May 17, 2007  
Sessional Paper 534/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated May 8, 2007, from Al Weir expressing concern regarding the financial difficulties he and his wife face living on AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped)  
Sessional Paper 535/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Letter dated May 28, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Steve Petz, President and Chief Executive Officer, East Central Health Region, requesting confirmation of their attendance at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to be held on September 11, 2007  
Sessional Paper 536/2007

Letter dated May 28, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Bernie Blais, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Lights Health Region, requesting confirmation of their attendance at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to be held on September 11, 2007  
Sessional Paper 537/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated May 14, 2007, from Robert R. Hoover of High River to Bob Hawkesworth, Member, ENMAX Board of Directors, expressing concern regarding manual re-closing of tripped high voltage circuit breakers  
Sessional Paper 538/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Brochure entitled "Breaking the Information Barrier" prepared by VoicePrint Canada  
Sessional Paper 539/2007



**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 16, 2007, Department of Children's Services, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 540/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Miller on May 14, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2005-2006, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?

Sessional Paper 541/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 14 and 16, 2007, Department of Environment, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 542/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on May 16, 2007, Departments of Environment and Health and Wellness, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 543/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 8, 2007, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 544/2007

**Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of June 4 to June 7, 2007:



Thursday, June 7

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 58 to 60)

Energy; Sustainable Resource Development;  
Municipal Affairs and Housing; Environment  
(Cross-ministry: LIB - 1.5 hr., ND - .5 hr., any  
Member - 1 hr.)

All votes on 2007-08 Offices of the  
Legislative Assembly Estimates and 2007-08  
Government Estimates

And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 4, convene an evening sitting, beginning at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, June 4, 2007, for the consideration of Government Business.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 46 to 48 — Main 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, Sustainable Resource Development, and Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Government Motions**

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 4, convene an evening sitting, beginning at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, for the consideration of Main Estimates in Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer Bill 31, Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007, to the Standing Committee on Community Services for the committee's consideration, review, and comment, and request the committee to report to the Assembly on or before the first week of the Fall 2007 sitting.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Monday, June 4, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, June 4, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 12th annual Dreamspeakers Film Festival being held in Edmonton from June 4 to 9, 2007.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Suffield.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the 2007 Alberta Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony held in Red Deer on June 1, 2007.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a report card issued by the Alberta Liberal Caucus commenting on Government policies.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding retiring Edmonton City Councillor Terry Cavanagh.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing June 1-8, 2007, as Brain Injury Awareness Week.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 104 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 93 Magrath residents urging the Legislative Assembly not to grant additional taxation power to municipalities.

### **Notice of Committee of Supply Votes**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice that pursuant to Standing Order 59.04(3), the votes in Committee of Supply on the 2007-08 Main Estimates and the 2007-08 Estimates of the Offices of the Legislative Assembly will take place on June 7, 2007.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission held on August 17, 2006

Sessional Paper 545/2007

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Letter dated December 13, 2006, from John Casola, Partner, Advisory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, to Neill McQuay, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, providing results of a value for money analysis of the Northeast Stoney Trail P3 project

Sessional Paper 546/2007

Letter dated March 19, 2007, from Gary G. Campbell, QC, GGC Consultants Incorporated, to Neill McQuay, P.Eng., Director, P3 Transportation Projects, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, listing the dates of debriefing sessions held with proponents of the Northeast Stoney Trail P3 project and noting that there were no outstanding fairness issues regarding the process used for this project

Sessional Paper 547/2007

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

Document dated March 2006 entitled "Alberta Centennial 2005, Aboriginal Centennial Initiative Final Report"

Sessional Paper 548/2007

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Academy of Learning Career and Business College information package and scholarship application form, and Digital School information package

Sessional Paper 549/2007

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

14 recent e-mail messages and 3 recent letters, unsigned, from members of the Alberta Teachers' Association to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the unfunded liability of the Alberta Teachers' Pension Fund and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 550/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated May 30, 2007, from John Younk, Co-owner, Children's Academy Day Care and Out-of-School Care, to the Alberta Liberal Caucus regarding proposals by the Government to improve child care policies and requesting an opportunity to review the proposals with the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 551/2007

E-mail message dated May 23, 2007, from Blayne Rebinsky, Schneider Electric, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the price of gasoline in Alberta compared to other provinces

Sessional Paper 552/2007

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

Photographs of people standing outside the Palace Casino holding beer bottles

Sessional Paper 553/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated May 25, 2007, from Noel Somerville, Vice Chair, SALT (Seniors Action and Liaison Team), to Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to the issue of increasing rents and proposing that tenants receiving exorbitant rent increases be able to appeal them to municipal appeal boards

Sessional Paper 554/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Report entitled "A Workforce Strategy for Alberta's Tourism and Hospitality Industry"

Sessional Paper 555/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ15, WQ16.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR7, MR8.

### **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 210 Gaming Planning Act — Mr. Tougas

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 211 Planning for the Future of Communities Act — Mr. Taylor

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Ms DeLong speaking.

**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**509.** Moved by Mr. Agnihotri:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately enter into negotiations with the Federal Government to expand the Provincial Nominee Program into a reliable and permanent source of skilled labour for Alberta, thereby reducing the demand for temporary foreign workers.

A debate followed.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out “immediately enter into negotiations” and substituting “continue negotiating”; and
- (b) by striking out “reducing the demand” and substituting “further reducing the demand”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 25 agreed to on May 31, 2007, and Standing Order 4(2), on motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007 — 8:00 P.M.

**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 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

A debate followed.



Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the Bill be amended in section 3, in the proposed section 322.1(2), by striking out “existing or” in clauses (a) and (b).

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 7

Bonko	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 29

Abbott	Forsyth	Melchin
Amery	Goudreau	Mitzel
Backs	Groeneveld	Oberg
Boutilier	Jablonski	Oberle
Calahasen	Johnson	Pham
Cao	Johnston	Renner
Cenaiko	Liepert	Rodney
Danyluk	Lindsay	Strang
DeLong	Lougheed	Webber
Ducharme	Lund	

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk  
 Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld  
 Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act — Mr. Prins

Mr. Johnson, 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 26 (Hon. Member for Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie)  
 — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 556/2007

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated  
 Sessional Paper 557/2007

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

**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 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:49 p.m. until Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing June 5, 2007, as the inaugural National Hunger Awareness Day.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing June 4-10, 2007, as Seniors' Week.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Nate Gartke, a 13-year-old, grade eight student from Spruce Grove who placed second in the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C., on May 30 and 31, 2007.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Family and Community Support Services Association.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing June 5, 2007, as Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Alberta Royalty Review.

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

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has had a certain Bill under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

the Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr1 Cyberpol - the Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act —  
Mr. Cenaiko

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr1, Cyberpol - the Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act

Sessional Paper 558/2007

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 231 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 162 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2005-2006  
Sessional Paper 559/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Brandi Roach to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Alberta's uncontrolled economic growth

Sessional Paper 560/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Letter dated May 28, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Dr. David Marshall, President, Mount Royal College, requesting confirmation of their attendance at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to be held on October 16, 2007

Sessional Paper 561/2007

Letter dated May 28, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Dr. Harvey P. Weingarten, President and Vice-chancellor, University of Calgary, requesting confirmation of their attendance at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to be held on October 17, 2007

Sessional Paper 562/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated May 30, 2007, from Herman Ansink to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing support for anti-smoking legislation in Alberta

Sessional Paper 563/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society (NABIS) 16th annual NABIS Brain Injury Awareness Week Kick-off Breakfast held in Edmonton on June 1, 2007

Sessional Paper 564/2007

Program from a 75th birthday celebration for Father Bernie Gilliece held at the Northgate Lions Senior Citizens Centre on June 2, 2007

Sessional Paper 565/2007

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

9 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 566/2007

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

Signature magazine dated May-June 2007 prepared by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra

Sessional Paper 567/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

7 letters from Alberta municipalities responding to requests from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to provide information concerning infrastructure and transportation priorities

Sessional Paper 568/2007

E-mail message dated February 3, 2007, from Fred Jack of Swan Hills to several Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary constituencies expressing concern regarding the issue of affordable housing

Sessional Paper 569/2007

Letter dated May 3, 2007, from Kathy L. Belton, M.Ed., Co-director, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching a position paper dated October 2005 entitled "The Introduction of Demerit Points to Increase Compliance With Seat Belt and Child Safety Legislation in Alberta: An Alberta Occupant Restraint Program Discussion Paper"

Sessional Paper 570/2007

5 student essays regarding lowering the voting age to 16 years of age

Sessional Paper 571/2007

Letter dated May 22, 2007, from Margaret Fitch of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing support for Motions Other Than Government Motions 510 and 511, to be proposed by Mr. Chase

Sessional Paper 572/2007

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 573/2007

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 574/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s7(6), Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Annual Report 2003-2004  
Sessional Paper 575/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s24(1), Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Triennial Report 2000-2003  
Sessional Paper 576/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on May 15, 2007, Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 577/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on May 16, 2007, Department of Education, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 578/2007

Response to questions raised by Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on May 29, 2007, Department of Education, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 579/2007

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Committee of Supply** (Hours 49 to 51 — Main 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnston reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Employment, Immigration, and Industry, Infrastructure and Transportation, and Seniors and Community Supports, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to on May 31, 2007, and Standing Order 4(2), on motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:31 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 52 to 54 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Pastoor reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Children's Services, Education, Employment, Immigration, and Industry, and Seniors and Community Supports, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:31 p.m. until Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Speaker's Statement - Roberta MacAdams**

In 1916 in this Assembly, an Act called the Alberta Equal Suffrage Act was passed. That Act did two things. One, it provided for the first time the opportunity for women to vote. As well, it also offered an opportunity for women to run for political office. In 1917 a second Act was passed called the Alberta Military Representation Act. Remember, Canada was at war in 1917. That particular Military Representation Act indicated and said that in the next provincial election in Alberta, two seats would be available for men or women of military background in this Assembly.

The provincial election was held on June 7, 1917. The first woman in the history of the British Empire, one of the first women anywhere in the world, Louise McKinney, was elected as an independent in the constituency of Claresholm. At the same time servicemen and servicewomen had the right to elect two Members of this Assembly. They were all located, of course, in northern France, in the trenches.

A lieutenant nurse by the name of Roberta MacAdams was in London, England, in the summer of 1917, and she visited a lithographer, who took a picture of her. The picture to my right, your left, is a painted portrait of the original picture. She then had a campaign poster printed with a very interesting slogan. Twenty-one people contested this election in the trenches in northern France for these two seats in Alberta. Her campaign slogan, very skilful, said, "Give one vote to the man of your choice and the other to the sister." At that time "sister" referred to a nurse. Twenty-one people contested that election in the trenches in northern France: one woman, 20 men.

Under the slogan, "Give one vote to the man of your choice and the other to the sister," Roberta MacAdams became the second woman to be elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. She received 4,023 votes, which was almost 700 votes ahead of her next closest competitor on the list. The other 20 competitors, of course, were men. Ninety-plus percent of the people voting for Roberta MacAdams in the summer election of 1917 in northern France were men. So she joined Louise McKinney as one of the first two women ever to have been elected anywhere in the British Empire.

When she returned to Alberta, she became the first woman in the British Empire to have a piece of legislation introduced and passed. The Bill that was introduced and passed was on the War Veterans' Next-of-Kin Association. This is a remarkable part of the history of this Legislative Assembly and a remarkable part of Alberta's history as well.

Little has really been known about Roberta MacAdams until now. Last evening a book was released in cooperation with the University of Calgary press.



I might add one thing. This picture was commissioned in 1967 as a centennial project here in the Province of Alberta. It's a painting. It then rested in the archives for years. It has been retrieved, and we're now going to place it in permanent residency on the fifth floor of the Legislature Building so that all people in the future can come and see it. It'll come to be in the Famous Five gallery.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing June 4-10, 2007, as Environment Week and June 5, 2007, as World Environment Day.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing the nominees for the 10th annual Minister's Seniors Service Awards which will be presented by the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports at a ceremony to be held on June 6, 2007.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the University of Lethbridge's spring convocation held on May 31 and June 1, 2007, during which Richard Davidson was inducted as the University's 11th Chancellor, and former Member of the Legislative Assembly, John Gogo, and Calgary businessman, Terry Royer, received honorary doctorates.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing former Member of the Legislative Assembly John Gogo who received an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Lethbridge on June 1, 2007.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the 63rd anniversary of the D-Day invasion of occupied Europe by Allied forces.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Youth Emergency Shelter Society on April 20, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 1,206 Albertans urging the Government to immediately conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and initiate full public consultations regarding the proposed seismic testing on Marie Lake, and to deny permission for testing or further development if possible adverse effects are identified or the majority of affected members of the public are opposed.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 94 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, presented a petition from 203 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation that will ensure that where a person who holds a graduated driver's licence is operating a motor vehicle that is involved in a collision resulting in serious injury or death, that person's licence shall be suspended immediately and notification shall be provided to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board, and the Board shall immediately conduct a review of the incident to determine whether the person's licence should be reinstated, and if so, under what conditions.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1):

#### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ15, WQ16.

To stand and retain their places: None appearing on the Order Paper.

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR7, MR8.

To stand and retain their places: None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated April 20, 2007, unsigned, from W.S. Bill Wilson, Wheatland Developments Limited, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding a change in the design criteria of the northeast freeway being constructed in Calgary

Sessional Paper 580/2007

E-mail message dated March 1, 2007, from Rob Lerouge to affordable.housing@gov.ab.ca expressing concern regarding high rent costs and the ongoing lack of funding for social programs and suggesting these two issues be addressed collectively

Sessional Paper 581/2007

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

7 letters dated May 23, 2007, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the unfunded liability of the Alberta Teachers' Pension Fund

Sessional Paper 582/2007

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

E-mail message dated June 4, 2007, from Bob Borreson of Bon Accord to the New Democrat Caucus expressing concern regarding the exportation of raw bitumen to the United States for processing

Sessional Paper 583/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Document addressed to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, with attached appendices expressing concern regarding proposed seismic testing and oil sands development under Marie Lake

Sessional Paper 584/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 585/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on May 28, 2007, Department of Justice, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 586/2007

Response to questions raised by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, on May 30, 2007, Department of Justice, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 587/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on June 5, 2007, Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 588/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Hours 55 to 57 — Main 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 Ms Haley reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Department of Executive Council, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, made a statement recognizing Louise McKinney and Roberta McAdams, the first women to be elected to a provincial legislature in Canada on June 7, 1917.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference held in Calgary.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing the Lac La Biche Watershed Steering Committee, recently presented with a silver 2007 Canadian Environment Award.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the value of volunteer organizations.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the June 1, 2007, opening of Kentwood Place in Red Deer, a private assisted-care facility for individuals with severe mental illness.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding royalty revenues.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the need for an ecologically sustainable water management plan.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 213 Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act — Mr. Backs

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, and Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, on May 30, 2007, Department of Agriculture and Food, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 589/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated September 13, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, expressing opposition to the lack of funding for junior kindergarten and to Government grants provided to golf courses, with attached chart entitled "Grants over \$5,000 from General Revenue Fund, Province of Alberta, Public Accounts Blue Book for the year ended March 31, 2005"

Sessional Paper 590/2007

Letter dated May 24, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, requesting information regarding a high pressure steam pipeline rupture at MEG Energy Corporation's Christina Lake regional project

Sessional Paper 591/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Letter dated June 6, 2007, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, regarding questions raised by Mr. Martin on June 5, 2007, Department of Employment, Immigration and Industry, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 592/2007

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

Midwest Property Management notice and information document, undated,  
regarding heat metering

Sessional Paper 593/2007

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

E-mail message dated June 4, 2007, from Susan Meyer of Edmonton to the New  
Democratic Opposition expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable  
housing

Sessional Paper 594/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Catholic Social Services, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 595/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury  
Board and Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Rutherford, on May 29, 2007, Departments of the Treasury Board and Service  
Alberta, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 596/2007

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Miller, Acting Official Opposition House Leader,  
asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before  
the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government  
Business for the week of June 11 to June 14, 2007:

Monday, June 11

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Bill 43, 44

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, June 12

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Bill 41, 42, 45

**Government Motions**

Motion 28, 29

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 43, 44, Pr1

**Third Reading**

Bill 26, 29, 32, 33, 39

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, June 13

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Bill 46

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 43, 44, Pr1

**Third Reading**

Bill 44, Pr1

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, June 14

**Royal Assent**

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 58 to 60 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.04(1)(b), the question was put on the Estimates for the Department of Education, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady	Fritz	Ouellette
Amery	Graydon	Pham
Backs	Groeneveld	Prins
Brown	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rogers
Cenaiko	Herard	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Horner	Tarchuk
DeLong	Knight	VanderBurg
Dunford	Mar	Webber
Evans	Morton	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Taft
Eggen	Mather	Tougas

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.04(1)(b), the question was put on the Estimates for the Department of Environment, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady	Fritz	Ouellette
Amery	Graydon	Pham
Backs	Groeneveld	Prins
Brown	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rogers
Cenaiko	Herard	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Horner	Tarchuk
DeLong	Knight	VanderBurg
Dunford	Mar	Webber
Evans	Morton	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Taft
Eggen	Mather	Tougas

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.04(1)(b), the question was put on the Estimates for the Department of Executive Council, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:



For the motion: 30

Ady	Fritz	Ouellette
Amery	Graydon	Pham
Backs	Groeneveld	Prins
Brown	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rogers
Cenaiko	Herard	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Horner	Tarchuk
DeLong	Knight	VanderBurg
Dunford	Mar	Webber
Evans	Morton	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Taft
Eggen	Mather	Tougas

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.04(1)(b), the question was put on the Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady	Fritz	Ouellette
Amery	Graydon	Pham
Backs	Groeneveld	Prins
Brown	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rogers
Cenaiko	Herard	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Horner	Tarchuk
DeLong	Knight	VanderBurg
Dunford	Mar	Webber
Evans	Morton	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Taft
Eggen	Mather	Tougas

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Offices of the Legislative Assembly**

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$52,086,000
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**Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$20,770,000
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**Office of the Ombudsman**

Expense	\$2,546,000
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**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$13,228,000
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**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$884,000
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**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,128,000
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**Government**

**Advanced Education and Technology**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,918,055,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$118,300,000

**Agriculture and Food**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$574,522,000
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**Children's Services**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$975,616,000
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**Education**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,248,416,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000

**Employment, Immigration and Industry**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$856,883,000
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**Energy**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$204,519,000
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**Environment**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$162,336,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	1,000,000

**Executive Council**

Expense	\$23,209,000
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**Finance**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$124,346,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$59,695,000

**Health and Wellness**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$12,023,189,000
Capital Investment	\$26,718,000

**Infrastructure and Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,173,447,000
Capital Investment	\$1,448,512,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	2,175,000

**International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$67,671,000
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**Justice**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$358,777,000
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**Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$812,030,000
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**Seniors and Community Supports**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,754,655,000
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**Service Alberta**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$383,147,000
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**Solicitor General and Public Security**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$489,123,000
Capital Investment	\$23,894,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,454,407,000

**Sustainable Resource Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$344,725,000
Capital Investment	\$26,200,000

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007

**Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$741,904,000
Capital Investment	\$19,284,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$9,712,000

**Treasury Board**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$19,240,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:27 p.m. until Monday, June 11, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 11, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding a \$12 million Government contribution to the Rick Hansen Foundation to support initiatives to assist people with spinal cord injuries.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 60th anniversary of the discovery of oil in Alberta at the Leduc No. 1 discovery well on February 3, 1947.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the launch of a children's book written by Shane Gauthier entitled "Patches the Beaver: Welcome to Harmony Woods" held at Norwood School on May 29, 2007.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the successes of Alberta participants at the 2007 Canadian Skills Competition recently held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and the 2008 Alberta and Canadian Skills Competitions and the 2009 World Skills Competition, all to be held in Calgary.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the clean-up of sites contaminated by oil, gas, and industrial development.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the needs of seniors.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 105 Albertans urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that the traffic noise from the Edmonton Ring Road near our neighbourhood of The Woods is evaluated immediately and again in six months, and that if the noise levels measured are found to exceed acceptable provincial or municipal thresholds, that noise attenuation and reduction measures be implemented as soon as possible.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 38 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

The petition put forth by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, was not in order to be presented.

## **Notices of Motions**

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer the matter of the unethical donation from the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission to the Premier's campaign for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party to the Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures, constituted under Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), for a full and independent inquiry.

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

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

Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Notice having been given:

Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Climate Change Central, Progress Report 2006

Sessional Paper 597/2007

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on June 4, 2007, during debate on Bill 29, Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 598/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Calgary Herald article dated June 9, 2007, entitled "Residents of rural riding wear concerns on sleeves" written by Tony Seskus

Sessional Paper 599/2007

Letter dated June 6, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated May 24, 2007, expressing concern regarding MEG Energy Corporation's recent pipeline rupture

Sessional Paper 600/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

News release dated March 19, 2007, entitled "Radio Ads Highlight Need for Strong Environmental Laws" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 601/2007

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

5 photographs from the AAA feedlot operation near Didsbury

Sessional Paper 602/2007

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

Letter dated April 26, 2007, unaddressed, from Barbara Hollman expressing concern regarding the noise from large trucks braking at an intersection on Anthony Henday Drive near her home

Sessional Paper 603/2007

13 photographs from a segment of Anthony Henday Drive

Sessional Paper 604/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated June 9, 2007, from Chris Goss of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting information concerning the effect of seismic activity on fish in Utikuma Lake and other northern Alberta lakes

Sessional Paper 605/2007

E-mail message dated June 9, 2007, from Glenda Murphy of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting information concerning the effect of seismic activity on fish in Utikuma Lake and other northern Alberta lakes

Sessional Paper 606/2007

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

37 forms recently completed by Albertans entitled "Affordable Housing" containing rent and income information

Sessional Paper 607/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of a petition signed by 512 Edmonton and area residents regarding Charter of Rights and Freedoms civil rights concerning the ability to gain livelihood

Sessional Paper 608/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Pamphlet entitled "Gone Skiing" prepared by the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing

Sessional Paper 609/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Workers' Compensation Board-Alberta, 2006 Accountability Framework Report

Sessional Paper 610/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Memorandum dated June 7, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, to Mr. Loughheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, regarding grade inflation in Alberta's kindergarten to grade 12 education system

Sessional Paper 611/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 28 and 29, 2007, Department of Advanced Education and Technology, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 612/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, on May 30, 2007, Department of Energy, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 613/2007

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer the matter of the unethical donation from the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission to the Premier's campaign for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party to the Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures, constituted under Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), for a full and independent inquiry.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ15.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total departmental cost for staff time, legal fees, and consultative services to prepare the MLA from Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo for his presentation to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board 2006 hearings on Suncor Energy Incorporated's Voyageur project?

**WQ16.** Asked for by Mrs. Mather:

What is the rate of recidivism for sexually-exploited children apprehended under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act since its implementation?



The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

**MR8.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Swann:

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

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental impact assessments, relating to the effects on water levels and water quality of withdrawing water from the Red Deer River to service a project in the Municipal District of Rockyview that includes a major retail mall, a horse racing track, a casino, an industrial park, and an equine centre from fiscal year 2003-2004 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to April 10, 2007.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental impact assessments, relating to the water levels and water quality *in* the Red Deer River from fiscal year 2003-2004 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to April 10, 2007.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

**MR7.** Moved by Mr. Chase:

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

A copy of all documents, including briefings, letters, memos, policy proposals, Cabinet minutes, talking points, faxes, correspondence, and discussion papers relating to the Minister of Infrastructure's meeting with Fort McMurray Mayor Doug Faulkner on July 27, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **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 211 Planning for the Future of Communities Act — Mr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 9

Chase	Martin	Pastoor
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taft
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas

Against the motion: 36

Amery	Groeneveld	Oberle
Backs	Herard	Ouellette
Calahasen	Horner	Pham
Cao	Johnson	Prins
Cardinal	Johnston	Rodney
Coutts	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Liepert	Shariff
Doerksen	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Strang
Evans	Marz	Tarchuk
Fritz	Melchin	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Mitzel	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned.

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

**510.** Moved by Mr. Chase:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to lower the minimum age of electors in provincial elections from 18 years to 16 years.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Reynolds-Alberta Museum.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding difficulties faced by volunteer organizations.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding health issues faced by Wyatt Broughton of Red Deer.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding farm safety.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding school board funding shortfalls.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Shamsher Singh Sandhu, recipient of a 2007 Outstanding Calgary Seniors Award presented on June 9, 2007.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 34 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to ban resident trapping within five miles of the Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park and in areas where species at risk are known to be present.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 40 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 178 Albertans urging the Government to immediately conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and initiate full public consultations regarding the proposed seismic testing on Marie Lake, and to deny permission for testing or further development if possible adverse effects are identified or the majority of affected members of the public are opposed.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 269 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, presented a petition from 523 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will ensure that where a person who holds a graduated driver's licence is operating a motor vehicle that is involved in a collision resulting in serious injury or death, that person's licence shall be suspended immediately and notification shall be provided to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board, and the Board shall immediately conduct a review of the incident to determine whether the person's licence should be reinstated, and if so, under what conditions.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 60 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 84 Edmonton residents urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 42 Insurance Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services for the committee's review and requests that the committee report to the Assembly in the first week of November 2007:

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Bill 42 Insurance Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Petition signed by over 500 Calgary residents regarding the Calgary Board of Education's recommended capital plans for new school construction in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 614/2007

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Letter, undated, from Shamsher Singh Sandhu of Calgary to Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, regarding his attached translation of Canada's national anthem and Alberta's official song into Punjabi  
Sessional Paper 615/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 e-mail messages dated March 13, 2007, between Leigh Anne McCrowe, Manager, Administration, Alberta Liberal Caucus, and Scott Ellis, Director and Senior Financial Officer, Legislative Assembly Office, regarding the approval of text for a series of radio ads  
Sessional Paper 616/2007

E-mail message dated April 18, 2007, from Rod E. McConnell to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the security of electronic personal health records  
Sessional Paper 617/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Letter dated October 3, 2006, from Dan Carroll, President, Alberta Liberal Party, to Forrest Wright, Beaver Regional Waste Management Commission, requesting a financial donation to the Alberta Liberals, with attached letter dated March 31, 2006, from Sandeep Dhir, Co-chair, Alberta Liberal Party, to Mr. Wright providing information regarding the purchase of tickets to hear Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, speak at the Alberta Liberal Party's 2006 Edmonton Leader's Dinner  
Sessional Paper 618/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7, regular board meeting agenda for June 11, 2007, with attached minutes board meetings held on June 4 and 7, 2007, and 3 related inter-office memos  
Sessional Paper 619/2007

News release dated June 11, 2007, entitled "Balanced Budget Approved for 2007/08" prepared by Edmonton Catholic Schools

Sessional Paper 620/2007

Report dated May 31, 2007, entitled "The impact of the 2007/08 Budget on students, staff and parents" prepared by Edmonton Catholic Schools, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 621/2007

Edmonton Catholic Schools, Three Year Strategic Education Plan, 2007-2010

Sessional Paper 622/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Report dated June 2007 entitled "Building the Community Spirit Program" prepared by Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Sessional Paper 623/2007

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

E-mail message dated June 11, 2007, from Kathy of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to traffic noise from Anthony Henday Drive

Sessional Paper 624/2007

Letter, undated, from Alex Bernier of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to costs associated with the Alberta Graduated Driver Licensing Program

Sessional Paper 625/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Report dated May 2007 entitled "Taming the Tempest: An Alternate Development Strategy for Alberta" prepared by Diana Gibson, Parkland Institute, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 626/2007

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

Letter dated June 8, 2007, from Eric Musekamp, President, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, unaddressed, regarding Farm Worker Day, August 20, 2007

Sessional Paper 627/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Copy of an information pamphlet from City Farm

Sessional Paper 628/2007

## Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on May 28, 2007, Department of Solicitor General and Public Security, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 629/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Third Session of the 26th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until November 5, 2007, as per Standing Order 3.1(2) or until a time and date as determined by the Speaker, after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

29. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that on Thursday, June 14, 2007, the Assembly suspend its Daily Routine under Standing Order 7 for His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to attend upon the House for the purpose of Royal Assent with the Daily Routine to continue after His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor retires from the Chamber.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Ms DeLong on behalf of Mr. Cenaiko

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk  
Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott  
Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Melchin on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld  
Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act — Mr. Prins  
Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

**Second Reading**

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

- Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnson on behalf of Mr. Prins

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 13, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing June 15, 2007, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding surface rights compensation.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Sandra German of Cold Lake, a broadcast captioner and real-time translation provider.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the importance of social workers.



Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding climate change and the need to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the unfunded liabilities of the Alberta Teachers' Pension Fund and the Canada Pension Plan.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 123 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 260 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 83 Albertans urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1):

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Alberta Mental Health Research Partnership Program information package  
Sessional Paper 630/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Bertha Clendenning of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding a rental increase for her apartment

Sessional Paper 631/2007

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

E-mail message dated June 1, 2007, from Robert McLeod of Edmonton to the Alberta New Democrat Caucus expressing concern regarding a rental increase for his apartment and support for a Government imposed limit on rental increases

Sessional Paper 632/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Nicole Braseth of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a rental increase for her apartment

Sessional Paper 633/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Copy of a petition signed by 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs

Sessional Paper 634/2007

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 635/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, and Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on May 30 and 31, 2007, Department of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 636/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Mr. Eggen on behalf of Dr. Pannu on May 7, 2007:

How many long-term care facilities and beds were operating in Alberta on *March* 31 for the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive, broken down by regional health authority and whether the facility *and service providers are* owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

Sessional Paper 637/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 638/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills**

#### **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 Bills were reported:

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins

Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Ms DeLong on behalf of Mr. Cenaiko

Ms Haley, 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 Pr1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 639/2007

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins

Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**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 Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Dr. Brown, 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 17 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 640/2007

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Debate  
adjourned

Sessional Paper 641/2007

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

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

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the seventh anniversary of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on June 12, 2000, and the 14th anniversary of several Members who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on June 15, 1993.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing fathers and Father's Day, June 17, 2007.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding Climate Change Central.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and the recent unveiling of the Shumka Stage at Louise McKinney Park in Edmonton.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding programs run by the Government and the City of Edmonton to assist low-income seniors.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding parks and protected areas.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding multiculturalism and recognizing June 21, 2007, as National Aboriginal Day and June 27, 2007, as Canadian Multiculturalism Day.

### **Royal Assent**

#### **Pages of the Assembly**

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker called upon Jennifer Huygen, Head Page, to read a letter from the Pages who will not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007
- 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007
- 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007
- 32 Animal Health Act
- 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act
- 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007
- 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

### **Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly**

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 30 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 42 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 60 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 152 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 176 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

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

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Notice having been given:

Bill 214 Healthy Futures Act — Ms Blakeman

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Service Alberta:

Report dated June 13, 2007, entitled "A Presentation to the Alberta Residential Tenancies Advisory Committee" prepared by Vince Brescia

Sessional Paper 642/2007

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

E-mail message dated June 13, 2007, from Kayla England to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting information regarding seismic testing on northern Alberta lakes

Sessional Paper 643/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

4 recent letters from Sir Winston Churchill High School students expressing support for allowing children aged 12 to 15 years to work

Sessional Paper 644/2007

13 recent letters from Sir Winston Churchill High School students expressing opposition to allowing children aged 12 to 15 years to work

Sessional Paper 645/2007

3 recent letters and 1 undated from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for workers who care for school-aged children

Sessional Paper 646/2007

E-mail message dated May 17, 2007, from Carla Tetz of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the high cost of rent in Calgary

Sessional Paper 647/2007

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

Copy of a petition signed by 368 Albertans requesting the Government not allow sour gas drilling in the Mount Bacchus area

Sessional Paper 648/2007

Copy of a petition signed by 140 Albertans requesting the Government limit or suspend sour oil and gas exploration and development in the Nisku area

Sessional Paper 649/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Eric Musecamp, President and Founder, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, unaddressed, regarding the June 18, 2006, death of farm worker Kevan Chandler

Sessional Paper 650/2007

E-mail message dated June 11, 2007, from Darlene Dunlop attaching the text of a letter addressed to the Government from Eric Musecamp, President and Founder, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, regarding Farm Worker Day, August 20, 2007

Sessional Paper 651/2007



Letter, undated, unsigned, from Wendy Kurchak to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, relating to the operating costs of Calgary school boards during a recent CBC Calgary interview

Sessional Paper 652/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated June 11, 2007, from Janis Honey of Edmonton to several addressees expressing concern regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 653/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document dated August 16, 2006, entitled "Funding to the Horse Racing Industry"

Sessional Paper 654/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Report dated May 7, 2007, entitled "Glass Houses: A Critical Analysis of Democracy in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Based on the Procedures and Practices of the Senate of Canada" prepared by David Taylor

Sessional Paper 655/2007

Program from the City of Edmonton's 56th annual Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, held on June 13, 2007

Sessional Paper 656/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated April 29, 2007, from Mike and Marilyn Quaadvlieg of Edmonton to Mike and Patti Beaudry of Edmonton providing three-months' notice of a rent increase

Sessional Paper 657/2007

Letter dated May 1, 2007, from Alliance Realty Management to Linda Retallach of Edmonton providing three-months' notice of a rent increase

Sessional Paper 658/2007

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

Letter, undated, from Eric Lindstrom of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding affordable housing for low-income people

Sessional Paper 659/2007

Letter, undated, from Eric Lindstrom of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding affordable housing and social programs

Sessional Paper 660/2007

Letter dated June 8, 2007, from John A. LeBlanc of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the education portion of taxes paid by seniors

Sessional Paper 661/2007

Letter dated March 16, 2007, from Ype B. Bouma of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding road safety in Alberta, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 662/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, 2006 Annual Report and 2006 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 663/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on June 7, 2007, Department of Energy, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 664/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, and Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, on June 5, 2007, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 665/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to Written Question WQ16, asked for by Mrs. Mather on June 11, 2007:

What is the rate of recidivism for sexually-exploited children apprehended under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act since its implementation?

Sessional Paper 666/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4), Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2006/2007

Sessional Paper 667/2007

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

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 668/2007

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2006

Sessional Paper 669/2007

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 670/2007

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later this day, there was no projected Government business to report.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 43, Appropriation Act, 2007, be not now read a Third time because the Legislative Assembly believes that the expenditures contained therein fail to deliver on the Government’s promise to manage pressures created by Alberta’s over-heated economy, particularly regarding infrastructure, health, education, and housing.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **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 Bill was reported:

Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Ms Haley, 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 18 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill on June 13, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 671/2007

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Rodney

Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Lund on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Fritz on behalf of Dr. Brown

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Fritz on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 28 agreed to by the Assembly on June 12, 2007, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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**FALL SITTING**

NOVEMBER 5, 2007 TO DECEMBER 4, 2007

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Monday, November 5, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Introduction of New Members**

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Drumheller-Stettler containing the results of the by-election conducted on June 12, 2007, in the constituency and the said report further showed that Jack Hayden was duly elected as the Member for Drumheller-Stettler.

Mr. Hayden joined Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Stelmach presented Mr. Hayden to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker then announced that he had also received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-Elbow containing the results of the by-election conducted on June 12, 2007, in the constituency and the said report further showed that Craig Cheffins was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Elbow.

Mr. Cheffins joined Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Dr. Taft presented Mr. Cheffins to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow took his seat in the Assembly.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing November as Family Violence Prevention month and outlining recent Government initiatives for the prevention of family violence.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the University of Lethbridge.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a \$3 million grant to be provided to the Canadian Centre for Unmanned Vehicle Systems by the Rural Alberta Development Fund.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Alberta foster care system.



Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the responsible stewardship of Alberta's natural resources.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Government's commitment to complete the northwest section of Anthony Henday Drive by 2011.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 230 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

The petition put forth by Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, was not in order to be presented.

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the failure of the Government to promptly introduce and pass royalty legislation to prevent the loss of billions of dollars to the public treasury as oil prices rise dramatically.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Canadian Federation of Independent Business news release dated November 5, 2007, entitled "Alberta Legislature resumes today, Small business community supports Bill 213"

Sessional Paper 672/2007

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

E-mail message dated October 20, 2007, from Elaine Hyshka of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 673/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated October 2, 2007, from Tina Danecke of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding notice that her rent will increase by \$305 per month

Sessional Paper 674/2007

E-mail message dated July 3, 2007, from Sarah Jackson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for the enactment of legally binding air quality laws in Alberta

Sessional Paper 675/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated October 18, 2007, unsigned, from Neil Evans of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing support for the recommendations made by the Royalty Review Panel

Sessional Paper 676/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

RKS Research and Consulting news release dated September 20, 2007, entitled "Changing Course: Latest RKS Survey of State Utility Regulators Documents Retreat From Deregulation"

Sessional Paper 677/2007

Alberta Liberal Caucus press release dated June 20, 2007, entitled "Bill 46 will restrict Albertans' democratic rights!"

Sessional Paper 678/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Program from the seventh annual Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) 2007 Scholarship Celebrations held in Edmonton on November 2, 2007

Sessional Paper 679/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 1/07 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 19)

Sessional Paper 680/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 40th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 681/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 682/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on June 7, 2007, Department of Environment, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 683/2007

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on June 11, 2007:

What was the total departmental cost for staff time, legal fees, and consultative services to prepare the MLA from Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo for his presentation to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board 2006 hearings on Suncor Energy Incorporated's Voyageur project?

Sessional Paper 684/2007

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Swann on June 11, 2007:

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental impact assessments, relating to the water levels and water quality *in* the Red Deer River from fiscal year 2003-2004 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to April 10, 2007.

Sessional Paper 685/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Ministry of Environment, Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 686/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s7(4):

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, 2007 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 687/2007

### Point of Privilege

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding deliberately misleading statements delivered to the Assembly during Oral Question Period on April 30, 2007, by Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy.

The Speaker indicated he would allow additional comments on the next sitting day.

### Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the failure of the Government to promptly introduce and pass royalty legislation to prevent the loss of billions of dollars to the public treasury as oil prices rise dramatically.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When eight Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 49

Abbott	Goudreau	Ouellette
Agnihotri	Griffiths	Pannu
Amery	Hancock	Pastoor
Blakeman	Hayden	Pham
Boutilier	Hinman	Renner
Brown	Horner	Rodney
Cao	Jablonski	Rogers
Cenaiko	Johnson	Shariff
Chase	Johnston	Stevens
Cheffins	Lindsay	Strang
DeLong	Lund	Taft
Dunford	Martin	Tarchuk
Eggen	Marz	Taylor
Elsalhy	Mason	Tougas
Evans	Melchin	Webber
Forsyth	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	
Fritz	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 11

Ducharme	Liepert	Morton
Graydon	Lukaszuk	Oberle
Groeneveld	Magnus	Prins
Knight	McFarland	

The motion was agreed to. A debate followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the Alberta film industry and Lorne MacPherson, former head of the Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Gaetz Apartments at Michener Centre, a 42-unit affordable housing complex in Red Deer transformed from an empty provincial building.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding low-income Albertans' lack of access to affordable and nutritious food.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Lethbridge Community College.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Lougheed House, an historic site located in the Calgary-Buffalo constituency.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding natural resource royalty rates.

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

Mr. Cenaiko, Chair, Standing Committee on Government Services, presented the following reports:

Standing Committee on Government Services, Report on Bill 1: Lobbyists Act, dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 688/2007

Standing Committee on Government Services, Report on Bill 2: Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007, dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 689/2007

Mr. Marz, Acting Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following reports:

Standing Committee on Community Services, Report on Bill 31: Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007, dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 690/2007

Standing Committee on Community Services, Report on Bill 41: Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 691/2007

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly with respect to the report on Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 82 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

The petition put forth by Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, was not in order to be presented.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 266 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on June 7, 2007, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 692/2007

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Municipal Affairs and Housing, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 693/2007

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007  
Sessional Paper 694/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:

Pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 695/2007

Pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3), the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-16, s38(3), the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-18, s46(3), and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS) Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report, Reporting Period: April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007  
Sessional Paper 696/2007

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Copy of a petition signed by 76 Albertans requesting 25 extended care beds for Slave Lake residents  
Sessional Paper 697/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated July 12, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of June 19, 2007, regarding security measures taken by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board during a hearing in Rimbey  
Sessional Paper 698/2007

Letter dated September 14, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting a full public inquiry into the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board's practice of hiring private investigators to attend and report on members of the public who take part in hearings

Sessional Paper 699/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated October 4, 2007, from Ryan Warden of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, providing feedback on the Alberta royalty review

Sessional Paper 700/2007

E-mail message dated August 31, 2007, from Mary Elizabeth Archer of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the human resources crisis in the human services sector

Sessional Paper 701/2007

E-mail message dated September 13, 2007, from Vernita Caron to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the health care system and hospital wait times

Sessional Paper 702/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Lindsay Chevrier of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 703/2007

Letter dated November 4, 2007, unsigned, from Gabe Krahn of Camrose to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 704/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Jaysey Carlson of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding the increasing cost of education

Sessional Paper 705/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the Family Violence Prevention Month Proclamation held on November 1, 2007

Sessional Paper 706/2007

Copy of a petition signed by 190 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 707/2007



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

Letter dated October 23, 2007, from Inderjit Singh Chohan, MD, FRCPC, Consulting Forensic and General Adult Psychiatrist, to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding racism and the misuse of mental illness labelling in public institutions for political and social control

Sessional Paper 708/2007

Copy of a document, undated, entitled "In Full Swing at the New Building" regarding the Edmonton City Young Men's Christian Association

Sessional Paper 709/2007

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

Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 26th Legislature, Third Session, Fall 2007

Sessional Paper 710/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, c-L3, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the Ninety-eighth Annual General Meeting, April 27-28, 2007

Sessional Paper 711/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2007, with attached Financial Statements, Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors dated June 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 712/2007

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2006 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program dated November 20, 2006

Sessional Paper 713/2007

Alberta Dental Association and College 2006 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, with attached Financial Statements, Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program dated December 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 714/2007

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 715/2007

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization,  
Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 716/2007

University of Calgary Authorized Radiation Health Administration Organization,  
Annual Report for the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007, with attached  
Financial Statements for the years ended March 31, 2007 and 2006

Sessional Paper 717/2007

### **Point of Privilege**

The Speaker heard comments from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, and Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, concerning the purported question of privilege raised by Ms Blakeman on November 5, 2007.

The Speaker indicated he would rule on the matter on November 7, 2007.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 35 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of  
Hon. Dr. Oberg

#### **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 Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 7, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the recent opening of the Torrington Community Wellness Centre.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the importance of influenza immunizations.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding a \$500,000 donation by Bell Canada to the Stollery Children's Hospital to implement an echocardiography telehealth outreach program.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding an announcement by the Government to provide substantial funding for the construction of the West Lethbridge Centre that will house high schools from two different school divisions and a public library.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton and area residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 280 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 53 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 26 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, presented a petition from 18 Edmonton and area residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 44 Albertans urging the Government to discard the Royalty Review Report and eliminate restructuring of the oil and gas royalties.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 493 Albertans urging the Government to discard the Royalty Review Report and negotiate with the oil and gas producers of Alberta to develop a new system of oil and gas royalties.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from an Alberta Council of Women's Shelters event entitled "Sheltering the Innocent: children, violence, and what we all can do to help" held in Edmonton on June 15, 2007

Sessional Paper 718/2007

Program from the third annual "Breakfast with the Guys" held in Edmonton on November 7, 2007

Sessional Paper 719/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated September 6, 2007, from Kathleen Lowrey of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a rent increase notice she received and inquiring whether the increase was allowed

Sessional Paper 720/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated July 25, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 9, 2007, concerning the CO<sub>2</sub> Projects Royalty Credit Program

Sessional Paper 721/2007

Letter dated October 31, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's recent letter concerning security policies at the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 722/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Graph from the Report of the Alberta Royalty Review Panel entitled "Oil Sands and Offshore/Heavy Oil Projects Combined Ownership and Government Share (Undiscounted)"

Sessional Paper 723/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated October 30, 2007, unsigned, from Shirley Reid and Janet Bowes, both of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Alberta Council, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, commenting on the Government's draft guidelines entitled "Nutrition of Children and Youth in Child Care, Schools, and Recreation Facilities"

Sessional Paper 724/2007

E-mail message, undated, from Tom Evans to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, requesting the Government implement all the recommendations made by the Royalty Review Panel

Sessional Paper 725/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Tracy Dunham of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness in Alberta

Sessional Paper 726/2007

Letter dated October 30, 2007, from Terri Calder, President, Calgary Preschool Teachers' Association, to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commenting on the Government's proposed child care licensing regulations  
Sessional Paper 727/2007

### **Point of Privilege**

The Chair and Table Officers have considered the arguments advanced by the Official Opposition House Leader on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in support of her purported question of privilege alleging that the Minister of Energy deliberately misled the Assembly in statements he made to the Assembly on April 30, 2007, concerning royalties. We have also considered the arguments made by the Minister of Energy in response to the purported question of privilege.

With respect to the preliminaries, proper notice was given by the Official Opposition House Leader under Standing Order 15(2). The Speaker's office received notice on Friday, November 2, 2007, at 10:40 a.m., so the two-hour requirement has been met.

Another important component in a question of privilege is whether the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity. When she was arguing this point on Monday, November 5, found at page 1791 of Hansard for that day, the Honourable Member provided references supporting her view that the question had been raised at the earliest opportunity and that while the Official Opposition believed the Minister's statements to be misleading at the time, they required the alleged confirmation found in the Auditor General's Annual Report released Tuesday, October 2.

The Member referred to numerous purported questions of privilege from Manitoba concerning the issue of "earliest possible opportunity." The Chair researched this point and discovered that all the purported questions of privilege from Manitoba shared one other thing in common: they were all found not to be prima facie questions of privilege. To continue to the substance of the issue, the Chair finds that the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity.

From the Member's statements, the essence of the purported question of privilege is what the Minister said in this Assembly on April 30, 2007, namely, that "there is nothing in any of those documents that would indicate to anybody that we have not collected a fair share of royalties for Albertans."

According to the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Centre, the issue is whether this statement was deliberately misleading so as to constitute a contempt of the Assembly.

As the Chair has indicated when allegations of deliberately misleading the Assembly have arisen before, these are very serious allegations. The Chair commented extensively on the origins and background to such charges in rulings found in Alberta Hansard for November 24, 2003, at pages 1803-4, and February 19, 2003, at pages 18-19, to mention only the most recent cases.

These purported questions of privilege allow Members to allege that someone is deliberately misleading the Assembly, which is something they could not say in the ordinary course of debate under our rules of debate.

The nature of this offence in the Parliament of the United Kingdom is set out in Erskine May (23rd edition) at page 132:

"The Commons may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as a contempt. In 1963, the House resolved that in making a personal statement which contained words which he later admitted not to be true, a former Member had been guilty of a grave contempt."

The reference is to the notorious Profumo affair.

As the Chair has noted before, there is really a two-part test to be met in these types of contempt applications. The Canadian House of Commons committee, studying the allegation that a former Minister of National Defence had deliberately misled the House with respect to troops in Afghanistan in 2002, used the same test. The Chair should note that in that case, the Eggleton affair, even though the Speaker of the House of Commons found there to be a prima facie question of privilege, the committee found that the Minister had not deliberately misled the House.

The test adopted by the House committee and previous rulings by this Chair are articulated by David McGee in his book *Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand* (2nd edition) where the Clerk of the New Zealand House of Representatives states at page 491:

"There are two ingredients to be established when it is alleged that a member is in contempt on this ground: the statement must, in fact, have been misleading; and it must be established that the member making the statement knew at the time the statement was made that it was incorrect and that, in making it, the member intended to mislead the House."

In this case the Opposition House Leader alleges that the statement by the Minister of Energy that "there is nothing in any of those documents that would indicate to anybody that we have not collected a fair share of royalties for Albertans," is misleading and that the Minister intended to mislead the House.

The Chair cannot agree with either point. The Minister was referring to documents he tabled in the Assembly on April 16, 2007, as Sessional Paper 250/2007. The Minister indicated yesterday in the Assembly that some of the missing pages from the reports tabled can be found in his Department's library. Accordingly, they can be reviewed and evaluated.

The Minister's statement was clearly subjective when he referred to "a fair share of royalties." The Assembly held a special debate on this issue of royalties on Monday and the Chair thinks that any fair observer would be hard-pressed to say there was any agreement on what constitutes "a fair share" of royalties.

Accordingly, if the Chair does not objectively view the Minister's statement as necessarily misleading, there is no reason to examine whether it was "deliberately misleading."

It was interesting to the Chair that the Member raising this purported question of privilege referred to the Auditor General's report as the basis for the allegation that the Minister deliberately misled the Assembly. While the Auditor General, as an Officer of the Legislature, performs important work for Members, his views on policy do not supplant the views of those who have been chosen by the people of Alberta to represent them.

Accordingly, the Chair does not find there to be a prima facie question of privilege and that concludes the matter.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Dr. Brown, 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 45 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 728/2007

Amendment to Bill 45 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 729/2007

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 730/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of  
Hon. Mrs. Ady

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, November 8, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

The Speaker invited Nicole Stewart, grade 10 student from Catholic Central High in Lethbridge, to recite the poem she wrote in commemoration of Remembrance Day entitled "Eyes." Miss Stewart's poem placed first in the Alberta 2007 Intermediate Poem Competition, Alberta-Northwest Territories Command and second place in the Dominion 2007 Intermediate Poem Competition, Royal Canadian Legion.

### **Members' Statements**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day, November 11, 2007.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day, November 11, 2007.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the opening of the Edgeworth Centre, a sport development and wellness complex in Camrose.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding lost royalty revenues.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing 12-year old Shelby Chalmers of Slave Lake who raised over \$2,000 for the Slave Lake Municipal Library.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the affordable housing crisis in Alberta.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, presented a petition from 7 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 1,232 Albertans urging the Government to stop commercial logging in Kananaskis Country and protect this entire area as a park.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents urging the Legislative Assembly pass Bill 213, Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act, which will eliminate unnecessary regulations and reduce red tape.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 216 Water Protection and Conservation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Dr. Swann

Bill 218 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (Repeal of Ministerial Briefing Exemption) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Agnihotri

Bill 222 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (Tobacco Investment Elimination) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Miller

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2006  
Sessional Paper 731/2007

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Petition signed by 9 Calgary residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta

Sessional Paper 732/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document dated October 2004 entitled "Confidential Draft Oil Sands Royalty Regime Review"

Sessional Paper 733/2007

Document, undated, entitled "Kill Bill 46"

Sessional Paper 734/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Central Alberta Refugee Effort Committee (CARE) Fall newsletter dated October-December 2007

Sessional Paper 735/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated November 4, 2007, unsigned, from Erin Jamieson of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness in Alberta

Sessional Paper 736/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

FPinfomart.ca reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated September 26, 2007, entitled "A foundation of fairness for infrastructure funding; Liberals would replace Stelmach's rich-get-richer grant system with a per capita funding formula that treats all Albertan's as equals"

Sessional Paper 737/2007

News release dated November 2, 2007, entitled "Seven Years of Tory Mismanagement Have Short Changed Albertans" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 738/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Veterans Affairs Canada web site article entitled "Native Soldiers - Foreign Battlefields, Sharpshooter: Henry Louis Norwest"

Sessional Paper 739/2007

Document, undated, entitled "TTLog for Transportation Officers"  
Sessional Paper 740/2007

2 documents, undated, both entitled "Driver's Daily Log and Vehicle Inspection Report" prepared by KPS and Associates, Inc.  
Sessional Paper 741/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Document dated September 2007 entitled "Review of Section 8 of the Fatal Accidents Act"  
Sessional Paper 742/2007

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4), Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2006  
Sessional Paper 743/2007

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2), Alberta Law Foundation, Thirty Fourth Annual Report 2007 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st) with attached Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information of the Alberta Law Foundation, Year Ended March 31, 2007  
Sessional Paper 744/2007

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 13 to November 15, 2007:

Tuesday, November 13

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

##### **Third Reading**

Bill 7, 8

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 24

##### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 24, 35, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 14      **Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

Bill 37, 45

**Second Reading**

Bill 11, 23, 41

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 31, 41

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 15      **Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 46

**Third Reading**

Bill 1, 2, 13, 31

And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

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

Bill 213 Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act — Mr. Backs

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 8(1) and 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Eggen speaking.

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

**511.** Moved by Mr. Chase:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve service for families involved in legal proceedings by implementing a fully effective unified family court, as called for by the Unified Family Court Task Force Report.

Mr. Johnson moved the motion be amended by striking out “as called for by the Unified Family Court Task Force Report” and substituting “process.”

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

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

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

Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Mr. Rogers 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 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Hon. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Alberta Relationship Threat Assessment and Management Initiative.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding ethics in the Legislative Assembly and democracy.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day, November 11, 2007, and the quality of life in Alberta.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the use of the Alberta education curriculum at the International School of Macao.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 146 Edmonton residents requesting the Government consider providing additional capital funding to the Edmonton Public School Board and the Edmonton Catholic School District to address the need for new community schools in Edmonton-Ellerslie.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 736 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to establish a multicultural long-term care facility in south-east Edmonton to accommodate seniors from diverse ethnic groups who reside there and who have special needs relating to language, traditional customs, and food requirements that may not be met in standard long-term care facilities.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

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Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 82 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 215 School (Canadian History Content) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Cao

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the play entitled "Vimy" performed at the Citadel Theatre from October 20 to November 11, 2007

Sessional Paper 745/2007

Program from Shumka's eighth annual fund-raising gala entitled "Red Boots, Ballet and Bubbly" held on November 10, 2007, at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Sessional Paper 746/2007

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

Program from the Beth Israel Synagogue's 100th anniversary gala entitled "The Art Scroll Illustrated Birchon" held on January 28, 2007

Sessional Paper 747/2007

Program from the 2007 Edmonton Negev Gala Concert in Tribute to Don and Marie Wheaton held on June 14, 2007

Sessional Paper 748/2007



Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Copy of an Alberta Government job recruitment advertisement for the positions of Chair, Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board and Chair, Alberta Utilities Commission, printed in the Globe and Mail on July 7, 2007

Sessional Paper 749/2007

Copy of an Alberta Utilities Commission job recruitment advertisement dated October 19, 2007, for the positions of Leader, Finance and Administration, Leader, Human Resources, and Leader, Information Technology

Sessional Paper 750/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Program from the Alberta Teachers' Association, Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37, New Teacher Induction Ceremony held on November 12, 2007

Sessional Paper 751/2007

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader:

Excerpts from the Department of Energy 2003-2004 Operational Overview, from an Alberta Act, and from the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 752/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated September 20, 2007, from Jennifer Matyjanka of Edmonton to a Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding standards and regulations for child care

Sessional Paper 753/2007

Letter dated September 9, 2007, unsigned, from Leah Webber, President, Meadowlark Park Childcare, to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding child care subsidy calculations for middle-income families

Sessional Paper 754/2007

Letter dated September 7, 2007, unsigned, from Sheila Gough of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the human resources crisis in the human services sector

Sessional Paper 755/2007

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

Memorandum dated November 13, 2007, from Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 212, Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, be given early Committee of the Whole consideration on November 19, 2007

Sessional Paper 756/2007

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2006/07 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 757/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report 2006/2007

Sessional Paper 758/2007

Charitable Gaming in Alberta, 2006-07 in Review

Sessional Paper 759/2007

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber

Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

**Committee of the Whole**

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Wednesday, November 14, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Speaker's Statement - Assembly's Mace Rest**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the Alberta Trappers' Association's gift to the Assembly of an Alberta beaver pelt, dyed in the Chamber's green livery, which covers the Assembly's Mace rest. The Speaker also introduced Ted Callbeck, Dennis Wohlgemuth, Nolan Wohlgemuth, Margaret Kidner, Linda Stolberg, and Karen Lebeau, representatives from the Alberta Trappers' Association.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding a workshop held on November 14, 2007, entitled "Real Jobs Real People" organized to encourage employers to hire people with disabilities and hosted by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing the opening of the Alberta Diabetes Institute in Edmonton.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the latitude available to Members making Members' Statements.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding trust in the Legislative Assembly and democracy.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding government funding of non-profit human services agencies.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement recognizing Corley Farough of Taber who placed first in Canada in the senior division of the 2007 Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day poetry contest and Sarah-Anne Jozsa of Taber who placed first in Alberta in the junior division of the 2006 Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day poetry contest.

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

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Chair, Select Special Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee, Final Report dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 760/2007

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 65 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 39 Red Deer and area residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 10 Hilda residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 3 High River residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 60 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 18 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 542 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

The second petition put forth by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 187 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 122 Albertans urging the Government to discard the Royalty Review Report and eliminate restructuring of the oil and gas royalties.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 160 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society's seventh dinner and silent auction held on November 3, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 761/2007

Program from the official opening of the Alberta Diabetes Institute  
Sessional Paper 762/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Document, undated, signed by 13 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 46,  
Alberta Utilities Commission Act  
Sessional Paper 763/2007

E-mail message dated November 3, 2007, from Rhondda Dugdale to Bartek  
Kienc, Government Members' Office, Legislative Assembly of Alberta,  
expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act  
Sessional Paper 764/2007

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

Several e-mail messages from Peter Harvey to Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of  
Agriculture and Food, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, the Alberta New Democrat  
Caucus, and G.B. (Gord) Button, Alberta Ombudsman, expressing concern  
regarding health care difficulties he is experiencing  
Sessional Paper 765/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated October 29, 2007, from Sharon Malott of Red Deer to  
Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, describing health  
issues she is experiencing and requesting a rent subsidy  
Sessional Paper 766/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

18 letters from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding child care regulations proposed in the  
report entitled "Building Quality Child Care Together" prepared by Alberta  
Children's Services  
Sessional Paper 767/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated June 27, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, requesting an investigation  
into the legality of the activities of private investigators hired by the Alberta  
Energy and Utilities Board  
Sessional Paper 768/2007

2 e-mail messages dated October 24, 2007, between Stacey Leighton, Secretary  
to the Minister, Department of Energy and Dave Bairnes outlining a list of  
attendees for a meeting with Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy  
Sessional Paper 769/2007

Excerpt from the web site "Killbill46.ca" expressing opposition to Bill 46,  
Alberta Utilities Commission Act  
Sessional Paper 770/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

#### 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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Rev. Abbott, 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 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 771/2007

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, made a statement regarding the proposed federal Bill to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (Democratic Representation), which will give Alberta five new seats in the House of Commons.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Hayden, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding an Amber Alert issued yesterday that was successful in safely returning an abducted child to his family.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the need to increase Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing November 11-17, 2007, as Métis Week, and the 122nd anniversary of Louis Riel's death.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing November 15, 2007, as National Philanthropy Day.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing Laurie Lang for his contributions to communities and organizations in Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the lack of fairness in Alberta's labour laws.



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

Mr. Ducharme, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, Recommendations Upon Review of Key Issues Pertaining to the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 772/2007

Mr. Rodney, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices dated November 2007 recommending that Mr. Frank Work be reappointed as Information and Privacy Commissioner for a term of four years

Sessional Paper 773/2007

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Mitzel

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Program from the second annual Sage Awards, presented by Servus Credit Union, held on November 14, 2007

Sessional Paper 774/2007

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

Letter dated November 8, 2007, from Beverley Smith of Calgary to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the state of disrepair of many schools in Alberta and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 775/2007

Letter dated November 7, 2007, from several representatives of Citizens Against Nuclear Development to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to a proposed nuclear power plant near Lac Cardinal in the Peace River area

Sessional Paper 776/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from a celebration in recognition of the 90th birthday and 60th anniversary of the ordination of Father Michael Troy held at the Shaw Conference Centre on October 6, 2007

Sessional Paper 777/2007

Report dated November 14, 2007, entitled "Canola Industry Policy Issues, Alberta Government Reception" prepared by the Canola Council

Sessional Paper 778/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated June 29, 2007, from Jaysey Carlson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding the need for additional education funding

Sessional Paper 779/2007

E-mail message dated October 3, 2007, from Holly Doll of Ponoka to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to Bill 4, Child Care Licensing Act

Sessional Paper 780/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Christine Pittet to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 781/2007

E-mail message dated November 6, 2007, from Richard MacKay requesting financial support for individuals who care for people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 782/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

CBC News web site article dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Stelmach says he was never told about past reports calling for higher royalties"

Sessional Paper 783/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Book entitled "Nineteen Eighty-Four" written by George Orwell

Sessional Paper 784/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated June 14, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Lethbridge Food Bank attaching Ms Pastoor's cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 785/2007

Letter dated June 27, 2007, from Evelyn Laqua of Stirling to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing several concerns regarding Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 786/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "FAVA 25th Anniversary Fall/Winter Calendar 2007" prepared by the Film and Video Arts Society - Alberta

Sessional Paper 787/2007

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

6 documents dated April 2007 to September 2007 entitled "Traffic Collisions and Top 10 Collision Locations and Cause of Events"

Sessional Paper 788/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Alberta Liberal Caucus web site article entitled "Shadow Energy Minister Hugh MacDonald's Presentation to the Royalty Review Panel"

Sessional Paper 789/2007

Alberta Royalty Review web site article entitled "Public Meeting Transcripts and Submission to the Panel"

Sessional Paper 790/2007

Alberta Liberal Caucus news release, undated, entitled "Taft says 20 Per Cent Increase in Royalties is Bottom-Line"

Sessional Paper 791/2007

Alberta Liberal Caucus video transcript dated October 23, 2007

Sessional Paper 792/2007

Text of a speech, undated, given by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce

Sessional Paper 793/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14, on behalf of:

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Advanced Education and Technology, Annual Report 2006-07

Sessional Paper 794/2007

- Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:  
Agriculture and Food, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 795/2007
- Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:  
Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2006-07  
Sessional Paper 796/2007
- Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:  
Education, Annual Report 2006-07  
Sessional Paper 797/2007
- Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:  
Employment, Immigration and Industry, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 798/2007
- Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:  
Energy, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 799/2007
- Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:  
Environment, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 800/2007
- Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:  
Executive Council, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 801/2007
- Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:  
Finance, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 802/2007
- Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:  
Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2006-2007, Section I  
Sessional Paper 803/2007  
Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2006-2007, Section II  
Sessional Paper 804/2007
- Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:  
Infrastructure and Transportation, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 805/2007
- Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:  
International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 806/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Justice, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 807/2007

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 808/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:

Service Alberta, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 809/2007

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 810/2007

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 811/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 812/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Treasury Board, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 813/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Measuring Up, Progress Report on the Government of Alberta Business Plan,  
Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 814/2007

Consolidated Financial Statements of the Government of Alberta, Annual Report  
2006-2007

Sessional Paper 815/2007

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, c20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2007  
Annual Report

Sessional Paper 816/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act, cA-14.2, s3(5), Alberta  
Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 817/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30, Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 818/2007

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 2007, First Quarter Fiscal Update 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 819/2007

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 820/2007

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 821/2007

Alberta Heritage Science and Engineering Research Endowment Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 822/2007

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 823/2007

ATB Financial, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 824/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22, Ingenuity Inside, 06/07 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 825/2007

Alberta Ingenuity, Triennial Report 2003-2006

Sessional Paper 826/2007

Alberta Prion Research Institute, 2006-2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 827/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2006, Section 1

Sessional Paper 828/2007

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2006, Section 2

Sessional Paper 829/2007

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2006, Section 3

Sessional Paper 830/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Johnston, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 831/2007

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Update for the three months ended June 30, 2007  
Sessional Paper 832/2007

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 19 to November 22, 2007:

Tuesday, November 20

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

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 46

##### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 31

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 21

#### **Message - Supplementary Supply Estimates**

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

##### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 31, 40

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 46

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 22

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

##### **Committee of Supply**

Day 1 of 1

And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

**30.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved: that Mr. Marz replace Hon. Mrs. Ady as Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**31.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved: that Mr. Lougheed replace Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky as Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Mr. VanderBurg 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on November 14, 2007.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be further amended in Part B, clause (6), by striking out clause (c).

A debate followed on the subamendment.



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

For the subamendment: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Taft
Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas
Elsalhy	Pannu	

Against the subamendment: 28

Abbott	Griffiths	Oberle
Ady	Groeneveld	Pham
Amery	Hancock	Prins
Boutilier	Jablonski	Renner
Calahasen	Johnston	Rodney
Cao	Lougheed	Rogers
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lund	Tarchuk
Fritz	Melchin	VanderBurg
Goudreau		

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Subamendment to Amendment to Bill 1 (Part A) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 833/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Part A) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 834/2007

Subamendment to Amendment to Bill 1 (Part B) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 835/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Part B) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 836/2007

Subamendment to Amendment to Bill 1 (Part C) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 837/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Part C) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 838/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Part D) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 839/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Part E) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 840/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Part F) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 841/2007

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Monday, November 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, November 19, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, made a statement regarding an agreement in principle reached with the Alberta Teachers' Association to address the teachers' unfunded pension liability.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating Albertans Bill Gunter, Stefan Bachu, and David Keith, co-winners of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for their contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change document on global warming.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing November 19-25, 2007, as Adoption Awareness Week.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding a net zero energy house being constructed in Edmonton's Riverdale neighbourhood.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's response to recommendations made by the Oil Sands Multistakeholder Consultation Panel in its report released July 7, 2007.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and the 2007 RAP scholarship recipients.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the "Curb the Danger" impaired driving program initiated by the Edmonton Police Service.

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

Mr. Johnston, Chair, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report dated November 2007  
Sessional Paper 842/2007

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 113 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 13 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 85 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 252 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 560 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 14 Edmonton residents urging the Government to cut unnecessary regulations that cause time to be lost in filling out forms and other burdensome and unnecessary rules by supporting Bill 213, Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act.

Mr. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, presented a petition from 18 Calgary residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 37 Albertans urging the Government to immediately establish, in consultation with community leaders and interested citizens, the Keystone Wildlife Preserve in a designated area west of Edmonton, north of Highway 16, and east of Highway 751, to ensure that wildlife habitat and the surrounding environment are protected for generations to come.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 4 Edmonton and area residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 231 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation or amend regulations to give consumers in Alberta access, even if limited or controlled, to raw (unpasteurized) dairy products, particularly for health or medical reasons.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 3 Calgary residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the November 15, 2007, Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Franklin J. Work be reappointed Information and Privacy Commissioner for a 4-year term.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

E-mail message dated November 19, 2007, from Wayne and Marjorie Brideaux to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Associate Minister of Affordable Housing and Urban Development, and Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to the recommendations made by the Affordable Housing Task Force

Sessional Paper 843/2007

Letter dated November 2, 2007, from Aubrey Finnen to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, attaching a package of several letters from Albertans to several addressees expressing concern regarding difficulties experienced with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 844/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

ProQuest web site reprint of a Vancouver Sun article dated October 27, 2007, entitled "Earth as a heat source and 'sink'" written by Kim Davis

Sessional Paper 845/2007

Memorandum dated November 16, 2007, from Janine Halbesma, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing support for Bill 213, Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act

Sessional Paper 846/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Banff Crag and Canyon newspaper web site article dated November 13, 2007, entitled "Baby steps towards more child care" written by Kevin Duncan  
Sessional Paper 847/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Document, undated, entitled "A Review of Discovery Wildlife Park" prepared by Zoo Check Canada and the World Society for the Protection of Animals  
Sessional Paper 848/2007

Document, undated, entitled "A Review of Guzoo Animal Farm" prepared by Zoo Check Canada and the World Society for the Protection of Animals  
Sessional Paper 849/2007

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

News release dated November 5, 2007, entitled "New initiative connects Edmonton art lovers and immigrant talent" prepared by the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers  
Sessional Paper 850/2007

Program from the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers "Global Gallery" held on November 9, 2007  
Sessional Paper 851/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated September 23, 2007, from Stephen H. Renaud of Edmonton to Dave Thiele, Councillor, Ward 6, City of Edmonton, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding financial difficulties faced by persons with developmental disabilities  
Sessional Paper 852/2007

E-mail message dated September 14, 2007, from M. Platts to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding funding for child care and early childhood education  
Sessional Paper 853/2007

E-mail message dated September 14, 2007, from Kerri Bischoff to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing opposition to Bill 4, Child Care Licensing Act  
Sessional Paper 854/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Program from the Calgary Stampede "Western Legacy Awards" held on November 9, 2007  
Sessional Paper 855/2007

E-mail notice dated November 14, 2007, from the Parkland Institute outlining highlights from the conference entitled "From Crisis to Hope: Building Just and Sustainable Communities" held November 16-18, 2007, at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 856/2007

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

Letter dated October 14, 2007, from Yvonne Mireau to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, with attached letter dated October 12, 2007, from Ms Mireau to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, both expressing concern regarding services that are not insured by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 857/2007

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Fort McMurray Youth Housing Needs Report dated August 2007 prepared by the Youth Shelter Sub-Committee at the request of the Homelessness Initiatives Steering Committee

Sessional Paper 858/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Mana Energy Group Limited invoice #DE02 dated June 1, 2007, submitted to Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 859/2007

Mana Energy Group Limited invoice #DE05 dated September 1, 2007, submitted to Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 860/2007

Letter dated November 8, 2007, from His Worship Dave Bronconnier, Mayor of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 861/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR9.

## **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 213 Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act — Mr. Backs

A debate followed.

Mr. Griffiths moved that the motion be amended by striking out the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 213, Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Government Services pursuant to Temporary Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

Mr. Marz, 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 212 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 862/2007



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

**513.** Moved by Mr. Elsalhy (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *take measures to exempt not-for-profit organizations that provide affordable housing and not-for-profit post-secondary educational institutions' campus residences from the provincial educational property tax requisition and examine the feasibility of extending the exemption to small scale landlords.*

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement recognizing brothers Barrie and Richard Vickery, who farm in Kneehill County, on being named Agri-Trade Farm Family of the Year.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 20, 2007, as National Child Day.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing the Famous Five, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney, Emily Murphy, and Irene Parlby, and suggesting a maquette of the Famous Five be installed in the rotunda of the Alberta Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Scott Parazynski, MD, former Olympic coach and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronaut, on recently completing his fifth walk in space, and the contributions of several Albertans associated with the space program.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the 18th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing November 18-24, 2007, as National Addictions Awareness Week.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, on behalf of Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace (Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture) presented a petition from 74 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, presented a petition from 67 Calgary residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition from 217 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 47 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will require schools to eliminate any fees that are charged to parents or guardians for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 58 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 66 Albertans urging the Government to immediately establish, in consultation with community leaders and interested citizens, the Keystone Wildlife Preserve in a designated area west of Edmonton, north of Highway 16, and east of Highway 751, to ensure that wildlife habitat and the surrounding environment are protected for generations to come.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 141 Albertans urging the government to discard the Royalty Review Report and eliminate restructuring of the oil and gas royalties.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 52 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 76 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, presented a petition from 348 Calgary residents urging the Government to enter into an agreement with the Tsuu T'ina First Nation to build a section of the southwest Calgary ring road and crossing of the Elbow River on the Tsuu T'ina Reserve.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

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

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report  
2006-2007

Sessional Paper 863/2007

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Copy of a petition signed by 15 Albertans requesting 25 extended care beds for  
Slave Lake residents

Sessional Paper 864/2007

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

Letter dated August 15, 2007, from Eva Makowichuk to Edith Baranicki,  
Director, Protection for Persons in Care, Alberta Seniors and Community  
Supports, expressing concern regarding an investigation involving Nick Washylk,  
with attached response from Ms Baranicki dated August 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 865/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Booklet entitled "Elder Abuse What is it? What can be done about it?" and  
pamphlet entitled "Elder Abuse Intervention Team," both prepared by the  
Edmonton Community Action Committee on Elder Abuse

Sessional Paper 866/2007

Program from the Northeast Zone Sports Council 38th annual awards banquet  
held on November 17, 2007

Sessional Paper 867/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Petition signed by 99 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to  
re-evaluate proposed changes to day care regulations

Sessional Paper 868/2007

E-mail message dated October 4, 2007, from Shauna Grabinsky of Sherwood  
Park to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Mrs. Forsyth,  
Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing concern regarding Bill 4, Child  
Care Licensing Act

Sessional Paper 869/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Dean Whalen of Edmonton to  
Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern  
regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 870/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated October 25, 2007, from Herta Ogertschnig of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Alberta Seniors Benefits, with attached letter dated August 22, 2007, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, requesting information about a review of the cost of living for seniors

Sessional Paper 871/2007

E-mail message dated November 2, 2007, from Alyssa Fraser-Hopkins to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting that midwifery services be covered by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 872/2007

2 letters, undated, from Michael L. Smith and Eva Rose G. Angcoy, both of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 873/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

3 letters, undated, from Dave Wilson, Deano Mitchelmore, and Theresa O'Connor, all of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 874/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

5 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 875/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 2/07, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 20)

Sessional Paper 876/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 3/07, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 21)

Sessional Paper 877/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 4/07, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 14)

Sessional Paper 878/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 5/07, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 15)

Sessional Paper 879/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 6/07, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 9)

Sessional Paper 880/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

34. Oral notice having been given November 19, 2007, Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the November 15, 2007, Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Franklin J. Work be reappointed Information and Privacy Commissioner for a 4-year term.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mrs. Mather speaking.

### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 21, 2007

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding a recent grass fire north of Castor that threatened farms and homes in the area and the volunteer firefighters from surrounding areas who successfully fought the fire.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary of the CKUA Radio Network.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing November 18-24, 2007, as Bullying Awareness Week.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Medicine Hat.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing November 22, 2007, as National Housing Day.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 45 Edmonton residents urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system, and instead, commit to strengthening the single-payer, public system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 182 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 262 Calgary residents urging the Government to introduce legislation that will place a temporary limit of 10 percent per year on the amount that rent may be increased; and prevent landlords from avoiding the one year notice requirement for condominium conversions by forcing tenants to leave due to unreasonable rent increases.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) —  
Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) —  
Mrs. Jablonski

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the Edmonton-Manning Constituency Awards ceremony held on  
November 20, 2007

Sessional Paper 881/2007

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

Letter dated June 26, 2007, from Kathy Hogman, Chair, Edmonton Presbytery,  
United Church of Canada, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat  
Opposition, expressing concern regarding the recent eviction of several homeless  
people from a vacant lot adjacent to the Bissell Centre in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 882/2007

E-mail message dated November 5, 2007, from Christopher Legere to Mr. Martin,  
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding  
the length of time Mr. Legere has been awaiting surgery

Sessional Paper 883/2007

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

Memorandum dated September 29, 2007, from Tim Losey and Cheryl Kerpan to  
Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, attaching 2 letters  
from Dr. Losey and Ms Kerpan, the first dated September 28, 2007, to  
Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and the second dated  
August 28, 2007, to Earle Shirley, Executive Manager, Facilities Applications  
Branch, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, expressing concern regarding a  
proposal by West Energy Limited and Highpine Energy Limited to drill several  
sour gas wells in the Nisku reef near Tomahawk

Sessional Paper 884/2007



Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

6 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 885/2007

2 e-mail messages dated November 18, 2007, the first from Randie Anderson to Whom it May Concern and the second from Rebekah Movold of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, both expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 886/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

News release dated November 21, 2007, entitled "Province grows success in bone and joint care for Albertans, Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute receives \$18 million increase" with attached backgrounder dated November 21, 2007, entitled "Bone and Joint care in Alberta," both prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 887/2007

Mr. Johnston, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s15(2) and 16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2007-2008, Second Quarter Update for the six months ended September 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 888/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document dated September 24, 2007, entitled "Bill 4: A Stupid Proposal" prepared by Nicole Scharmann of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 889/2007

Letter dated July 3, 2007, unsigned, from Carol Hanson of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding changes to standards and regulations relating to child care

Sessional Paper 890/2007

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report 2006-07

Sessional Paper 891/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 892/2007

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

6 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 893/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Program entitled "A Special Thank You for Your Support, Supporting the Heroes Behind the Heroes" from an event held on November 16, 2007, sponsored by the Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre  
Sessional Paper 894/2007

Mr. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on behalf of Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated November 18, 2007, from Jennifer Dong of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness  
Sessional Paper 895/2007

Letter dated July 6, 2007, unsigned, unaddressed, from Carlie Smith, RN, GU Tumour Group Coordinator, Outpatient Department, Cross Cancer Institute, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed child care licensing regulations  
Sessional Paper 896/2007

Letter dated September 13, 2007, unsigned, unaddressed, from Jules Munteer expressing concern regarding proposed changes to child care standards  
Sessional Paper 897/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 898/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated November 11, 2007, unsigned, from Derek Wynnyk of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness  
Sessional Paper 899/2007

E-mail message dated November 9, 2007, from Bruce Horsman to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) payment levels  
Sessional Paper 900/2007

Letter dated October 9, 2007, unsigned, unaddressed, from Neil Evans of Edmonton commenting on the quality of Alberta provincial parks and user fees for leisure facilities

Sessional Paper 901/2007

Letter dated July 29, 2007, unsigned, from Joyce Peeke to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the bargaining process for Government of Alberta correctional officers

Sessional Paper 902/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, undated, from Malcolm Ball of Edmonton to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 903/2007

Letter dated September 6, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding Alberta Energy's Regulated Rate Option and the cost of electricity

Sessional Paper 904/2007

2 letters, undated, from Olga Sandberg and Justin Fex, both of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 905/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2007, 2007-2008 Second Quarter Fiscal Update dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 906/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, then tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 907/2007

## **Government Motions**

**32.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates 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.

**33.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

### **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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Ms Haley, 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 40 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 908/2007
- Amendment to Bill 1 (Part G) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 909/2007
- Amendment to Bill 1 (Part H) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 910/2007
- Amendment to Bill 1 (Part I) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 911/2007
- Amendment to Bill 1 (Part J) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 912/2007
- Amendment to Bill 1 (Part K) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 913/2007
- Amendment to Bill 1 (Government House Leader) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 914/2007

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, November 22, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the third anniversary of several Members being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 22, 2004.

### **Deputy Speaker's Statement - Speaker's Anniversary**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, then made a brief statement in recognition of the 28th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 21, 1979, and on being Canada's longest-serving Speaker.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the new Wetaskiwin City Hall that now resides in the building that formerly housed the Wetaskiwin courthouse.

Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 2007 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Royal Society of Canada Fellowships.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta School Boards Association.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing November 17, 2007, as the 90th anniversary of 4-H in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding Muriel Stanley Venne, founder and President of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition from over 1,100 Albertans urging the Government to initiate consultations with Albertans to determine their wishes regarding the production of power through nuclear means.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 50 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 251 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

The petition put forth by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, was not in order to be presented.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Bill 54 County of Westlock Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden

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

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

7 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 915/2007

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

200 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 916/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated August 30, 2007, from Doug Wiebe, Executive Director, L'Arche Association of Lethbridge, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, regarding persons with developmental disabilities  
Sessional Paper 917/2007

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Ray Ambler, Security Team Leader, Alberta Energy Utilities Board, to Roger B. Maslen and Iain McClean regarding security measures at the Rimbey courthouse and community hall  
Sessional Paper 918/2007

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

6 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 919/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, undated, from Alfreda Strzelec of Edmonton to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 920/2007

Document entitled "Transcription of Tapes From Austin Annual Meeting General Session, October 16, 2006, Minister-Counsellor Murray Smith, Alberta"

Sessional Paper 921/2007

2 letters, undated, from Donald George Milford and John McClellan, both of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 922/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 923/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Pamphlet entitled "Victims' Assistance Program" prepared by the Edmonton John Howard Society

Sessional Paper 924/2007

Booklet entitled "Prevent Abuse, Wife Abuse, 'I want the violence to stop!'" prepared by Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 925/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated September 28, 2007, from Tina Copp of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding a 25 percent rent increase notice

Sessional Paper 926/2007

E-mail message dated September 28, 2007, from Diane Currah to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding rent costs

Sessional Paper 927/2007

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 26 to November 29, 2007:



Tuesday, November 27

**Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill Pr1

**Second Reading**

Bill 46, 56

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 9, 11, 23, 24, 31, 38, 41

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 28

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

As per the Order Paper

**Second Reading**

Bill 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 56

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 29

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 46

As per the Order Paper

**Third Reading**

Bill 13, 35, 36, 40, 56

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 1 — 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 Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates, 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, 2008, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Advanced Education and Technology**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$145,100,000

**Children's Services**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$10,000,000

**Education**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$110,400,000

**Employment, Immigration and Industry**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$5,600,000

**Energy**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$3,250,000

**Environment**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$2,500,000

**Executive Council**

Expense \$575,000

**Finance**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$825,000,000

**Health and Wellness**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$54,650,000

**Justice**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$9,585,000

**Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$148,700,000

**Seniors and Community Supports**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$15,000,000

**Service Alberta**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,000,000
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**Solicitor General and Public Security**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$9,454,000
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**Sustainable Resource Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$152,600,000
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**Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,500,000
Capital Investment	\$31,724,000

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until Monday, November 26, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 26, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Dallas Wilbur Schmidt, Member for Wetaskiwin-Leduc, 1975 to 1982, who passed away on November 22, 2007.

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Alberta Symposium on Human Trafficking, hosted by Changing Together, a centre for immigrant women, held on October 13, 2007, in Red Deer.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the week of November 26, 2007, as Health Care Aide Awareness Week.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding financial difficulties faced by Albertans with health issues.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding corporate donations to political parties.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club on winning the Canadian Football League Grey Cup Championship held on November 25, 2007, in Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding ratification of the agreement in principle reached with the Alberta Teachers' Association to address the teachers' unfunded pension liability.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 21 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 76 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 928/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated November 15, 2007, from Pauline Alakija, MD, FRCPC, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 929/2007

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 930/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

3 letters, undated, from Bernie Douglas, Orest Yakimishyn, and Geroge Jurak, all of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 931/2007

Document advertising a rally to express opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, to be held November 27, 2007, at the Alberta Legislature

Sessional Paper 932/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated August 9, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Coaldale Food Bank attaching a copy of Ms Pastoor's receipt for her donation of half of her 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 933/2007

Letter dated November 11, 2007, from Doreen Brazier of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 934/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Marion Ellerman to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding health care problems experienced by Mrs. Ellerman's husband

Sessional Paper 935/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Document dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Northeast Edmonton Study Area" with several related attachments, written by R. Hunt

Sessional Paper 936/2007

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 955 program entitled "Local 955 Long Service Award Recipients, 2007" held on August 11, 2007

Sessional Paper 937/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 938/2007

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

200 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 939/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated October 16, 2007, from Joyce L. Tona, Concerned Parents and Friends of Michener Centre, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing support for Michener Centre, a residential facility for developmentally disabled people, and concern regarding its possible closure

Sessional Paper 940/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated June 26, 2007, from Jenny Hoops, Parents for Quality Child Care, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, commenting on proposed changes to Alberta's child care standards

Sessional Paper 941/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ17, WQ18.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 an amendment:

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

Dr. Brown, 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 212 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays on November 19, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 942/2007

## Second Reading

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

Bill 214 Healthy Futures Act — Ms Blakeman

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Coutts speaking.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

**514.** Moved by Mr. Tougas:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will set minimum drink prices in licensed establishments, as recommended in the 2006 Report of the Alberta Roundtable on Violence In and Around Licensed Premises, which will help curb the over-consumption of alcohol that may lead to violence.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Blakeman	Elsalhy	Taft
Chase	Flaherty	Taylor
Cheffins	McFarland	Tougas
Doerksen	Pannu	
Dunford	Pastoor	

Against the motion: 25

Brown	Haley	Oberle
Cardinal	Hayden	Ouellette
Coutts	Hinman	Renner
Danyluk	Horner	Rodney
Evans	Johnston	Rogers
Fritz	Knight	Stevens
Graydon	Melchin	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Mitzel	
Groeneveld	Morton	

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:11 p.m. until Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Italian Government's proposed closure of the Consulate of Italy in Edmonton.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing Jan Hudec of Calgary on winning an FIS (Fédération Internationale de Ski) World Cup downhill ski race held in Lake Louise on November 24, 2007.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding a memorial tribute held in Calgary on November 25, 2007, recognizing the famine imposed in Ukraine from 1932-1933.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Goodwill Industries of Alberta.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 27 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 26 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.



Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 454 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

The petition put forth by Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, was not in order to be presented.

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

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

Bill 56 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Proposed Government amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act  
Sessional Paper 943/2007

Background document dated November 26, 2007, entitled "House Amendments to Bill 46"

Sessional Paper 944/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Program from the North Edmonton Seniors Association open house held on September 6, 2007

Sessional Paper 945/2007

Pamphlet entitled "Circle of Safety Family Violence Program" prepared by Aboriginal Consulting Services Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 946/2007

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

E-mail message dated November 22, 2007, from Dave Denholm to Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding the cancellation of the "Keep Fitt" and "Get Set" programs offered at the Edmonton General Hospital

Sessional Paper 947/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated July 6, 2007, from Janine Halbesma, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, in response to the "Building Quality Child Care Together" discussion guide on proposed child care licensing regulations

Sessional Paper 948/2007

Letter, dated July 4, 2007, unsigned, from William Parker of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding proposed child care licensing regulations

Sessional Paper 949/2007

Letter, dated July 3, 2007, unsigned, from Cathy Pasula-Jones of Sherwood Park to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, expressing concern regarding proposed child care licensing regulations

Sessional Paper 950/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 7, 2007, from Stan Nykiel, Board Member, Coalition of Seniors' Advocates Association, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting the Government exempt all senior citizens from paying the education portion of property taxes

Sessional Paper 951/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

5 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 952/2007

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 953/2007

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Report dated Summer 2007 entitled "Seniors' Centres Funding Recommendations" presented by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta and the Alberta Council on Aging to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports

Sessional Paper 954/2007

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

7 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 955/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

E-mail message dated October 10, 2007, from Wendy Nelson to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding a proposal to create turning lanes rather than twin Highway 3 between Medicine Hat and Taber, with attached photo of her daughter, Ashley Nelson, who was involved in a fatal traffic collision on Highway 3

Sessional Paper 956/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 957/2007

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

Letter dated November 26, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, to His Excellency Gabriele Sardo, Italian Ambassador to Canada, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of the Consulate of Italy in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 958/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Report dated Summer 2007 entitled "Seniors' Centres Funding Recommendations" presented by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta and the Alberta Council on Aging to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports

Sessional Paper 959/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Private Bills/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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Mr. Cenaiko

Mr. Hayden, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 960/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 961/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 962/2007

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Adjourned  
debate  
Sessional Paper 963/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) —  
Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on  
behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 54 County of Westlock Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden

### **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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Mr. Hayden, 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 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 964/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 965/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 966/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 967/2007

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 28, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating the students, teachers, and parents of Bishop Routhier School in Peavine for the excellent results obtained on their 2007 provincial achievement tests.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the need to provide more support services for seniors.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating the Government of Alberta and the Stoney Trail General Partnership on receiving a national award of merit for P3 implementation from the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the ongoing issue of violence against women.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-*Buffalo*, made a statement recognizing November 24 to December 1, 2007, as National AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2007, as World AIDS Day.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for *Cardston-Taber-Warner*, made a statement regarding the effect of the new royalty framework on the oil and gas industry.

### **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for *Athabasca-Redwater*, on behalf of Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for *Lac La Biche-St. Paul* (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) was not in order to be presented.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4, the Legislative Assembly convene, if called, for evening sittings beginning at 8:00 p.m. on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, for consideration of Government Business.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 35 regarding evening sittings on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Report dated November 2007 entitled "Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publicly Funded Advanced Education System" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 968/2007

Letter dated November 22, 2007, from Dave J. Hayes, Chair, Alberta Graduate Council, to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, with attached quotes from Jonathan Hill, Chair, Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council, and Mike Selnes, Chair, Council of Alberta University Students, expressing support for the Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publicly Funded Advanced Education System report

Sessional Paper 969/2007

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Report on the June 12, 2007 By-Elections, Calgary-Elbow and Drumheller-Stettler, prepared by the Chief Electoral Office, Elections Alberta  
Sessional Paper 970/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 971/2007

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

Letter dated November 23, 2007, from Geoffrey Pounder to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding a lack of available physicians in Rocky Mountain House  
Sessional Paper 972/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated September 6, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Kainai Food Bank attaching copies of Ms Pastoor's cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase and a receipt for the donation  
Sessional Paper 973/2007

E-mail message dated August 22, 2007, from Marg Triskle of Medicine Hat to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding a staff shortage at the Good Samaritan Residence in Medicine Hat  
Sessional Paper 974/2007

Letter, undated, from Edward and Geraldine Buchanan of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act  
Sessional Paper 975/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

2007 Souvenir Program from the Canadian Women's Open held August 13-19, 2007, at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club in Edmonton  
Sessional Paper 976/2007

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) information pamphlet entitled "Advancing Affordable Housing Solutions, CMHC Affordable Housing Centre"  
Sessional Paper 977/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, Statistical Supplement 2006/2007  
Sessional Paper 978/2007

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

Progressive Conservative Association advertisement thanking supporters of the Cardston Taber Warner Progressive Conservative Association Premier's Golf Tournament held on August 29, 2007, at the Taber Golf Club

Sessional Paper 979/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated June 7, 2007, unsigned, from Mr. Cake's Day Care in Sherwood Park to parents and staff expressing concern regarding proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 980/2007

Letter dated August 27, 2007, from Kathleen Vestby, CMA, of Calgary to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, providing feedback on proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 981/2007

Letter dated October 11, 2007, unsigned, from Fred and Leah Sacha of Sherwood Park to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, providing feedback on proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 982/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Marcie Whalen of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 983/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

200 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 984/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Presentation entitled "National Centre for Upgrading Technology, An Integrated Energy Solution" by Soheil Asgarpour, Ph.D., P.Eng., Alberta Department of Energy Oil Sands Business Unit, given on September 25, 2006

Sessional Paper 985/2007

Presentation entitled "Merchant Transmission and Wind Powered Generation: A Natural Fit?" by Robert van Beers, Chief Operating Officer, Tonbridge Power Incorporated given at the Environmental Finance Workshop: Infrastructure - Sustainability and Building the Public Realm, on March 7, 2007

Sessional Paper 986/2007

3 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 987/2007



Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, undated, from William Eady of Edmonton to Honourable Members of Parliament requesting the Department of Education introduce training for junior high students who may be seeking employment in the retail sector

Sessional Paper 988/2007

## 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 56 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

#### 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 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 22, in the proposed section 32.1(1), by striking out “6 months” and substituting “12 months”;
- (b) in section 30, in the proposed section 23.1(2) of the Public Service Act, by striking out “6 months” and substituting “12 months”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 7

Chase  
Elsalhy  
Flaherty

MacDonald  
Mason

Pastoor  
Swann

Against the amendment: 31

Abbott	Fritz	Morton
Ady	Goudreau	Oberg
Amery	Graydon	Pham
Backs	Hancock	Prins
Boutilier	Jablonski	Shariff
Calahasen	Johnson	Stevens
Cao	Liepert	Strang
Cenaiko	Lougheed	VanderBurg
Coutts	Lund	Webber
DeLong	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Ducharme		

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Rev. Abbott, 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 9 (Hon. Minister of Finance) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 989/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
on division  
Sessional Paper 990/2007

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Cenaiko on behalf of Mr. Johnston

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta, made a statement regarding the 13th annual Premier's Awards of Excellence.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

**Speaker's Statement - Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay**

The Speaker made a statement recognizing Mr. Mar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, on his last day serving as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing Dr. Austin Mardon, CM, MSc, on being appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the Alberta Research Council.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing December 1, 2007, as World AIDS Day.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Fort Macleod Santa Claus Parade.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Buffalo Hotel Housing First Project in Red Deer.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding nuclear power.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, presented a petition from 2,385 Albertans urging the Government to continue to accommodate the Métis harvesting for food throughout the province through a negotiated harvesting agreement with the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 43 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where the Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 29 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that the traffic noise from the Edmonton Ring Road near our neighbourhood of The Woods is evaluated immediately and again in six months, and that if the noise levels measured are found to exceed acceptable provincial or municipal thresholds, that noise attenuation and reduction measures be implemented as soon as possible.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Second Reading at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Leaflet entitled "Christmas for Darfur"

Sessional Paper 991/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

14 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 992/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated November 20, 2007, from Melissa Wilk, a student at Laurier Heights Elementary-Junior High School in Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, inquiring about fines for littering and seat belts on school buses

Sessional Paper 993/2007

Letter dated November 25, 2007, unsigned, from Teagan Wensel, a student at Laurier Heights Elementary-Junior High School in Edmonton, suggesting legislation be introduced to ban cell phone use while driving

Sessional Paper 994/2007

List of 298 names and addresses of Edmonton residents

Sessional Paper 995/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 29, 2007, from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, expressing concern regarding the amount of time allotted for Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 996/2007

9 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 997/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated November 29, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, demanding the immediate release of all draft regulations for Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 998/2007

5 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 999/2007

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1000/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated November 20, 2007, from Mark Hopkins of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding formulae used to calculate rent subsidies and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 1001/2007

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

200 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1002/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated November 28, 2007, unsigned, from Sandy Guilbert, President, Central Area Council of Community Leagues, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding certain sections of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1003/2007

Letter dated November 24, 2007, from Linda Cheu, CGA, of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1004/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

mostlywater.org web site article dated March 29, 2007, entitled "Tar Sands to Need 20 Candu Nuclear Plants in Northern Alberta"

Sessional Paper 1005/2007

House of Commons Report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources dated March 2007, 39th Parliament, 1st Session, entitled "The Oil Sands: Toward Sustainable Development"

Sessional Paper 1006/2007

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

Letter dated November 26, 2007, with the sender's name struck out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding several rent increases received and suggesting that rent controls be implemented on older properties

Sessional Paper 1007/2007

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

8 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1008/2007

Letter, undated, from Kim-Mia Rudiger-Prybylski of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, outlining the health issues she faces due to Crohn's disease and urging the Government to allow the purchase of unpasteurized dairy products, with attached photos documenting her medical condition before and after consuming unpasteurized dairy products  
Sessional Paper 1009/1007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

7 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 1010/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2006/2007  
Sessional Paper 1011/2007

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2006/2007, with attached Financial Statements of Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors dated June 30, 2007  
Sessional Paper 1012/2007

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006  
Sessional Paper 1013/2007

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2006/2007 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 1014/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), (AR 286/94, s6(3)(b)), Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2006/07  
Sessional Paper 1015/2007

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2006  
Sessional Paper 1016/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):  
Aspen Regional Health, 2006-2007 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 1017/2007

Calgary Health Region, 2006-2007 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 1018/2007

Capital Health, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 1019/2007

- Chinook Health, Annual Report 2006/07  
Sessional Paper 1020/2007
- David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report, April 2006 - March 2007  
Sessional Paper 1021/2007
- East Central Health, Annual Report, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007  
Sessional Paper 1022/2007
- Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 1023/2007
- Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 1024/2007
- Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):  
College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2006  
Sessional Paper 1025/2007
- College of Alberta Denturists, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 1026/2007
- Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 1027/2007
- College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2006-07  
Sessional Paper 1028/2007
- College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 1029/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Advanced Education and Technology, Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements  
Sessional Paper 1030/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Document entitled "Speaking Notes, The Canadian Institute's 6th Annual Oil Sands Conference, Metropolitan Conference Centre Calgary, November 26, 2007, Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Finance, MLA, Strathmore Brooks Constituency"  
Sessional Paper 1031/2007

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.



Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of December 3 to December 6, 2007:

Monday, December 3	eve.	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 56</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 46</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 31, 41, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, December 4	aft.	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 31, 41, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
	eve.	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 46</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 31, 38, 41, 50, 53, 54, 55</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, December 5	aft.	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>As per the Order Paper</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>As per the Order Paper</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
	eve.	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>As per the Order Paper</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>As per the Order Paper</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

35. Oral notice having been given November 28, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4, the Legislative Assembly convene, if called, for evening sittings beginning at 8:00 p.m. on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, for consideration of Government Business.

A debate followed.

Mr. VanderBurg 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 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

### Government Motions

36. Oral notice having been given November 28, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 35 regarding evening sittings on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 31

Ady	Goudreau	Lund
Amery	Haley	Marz
Boutilier	Hancock	Oberg
Calahasen	Hayden	Oberle
Cao	Horner	Pham
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Shariff
Danyluk	Liepert	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lindsay	Strang
Doerksen	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Dunford		

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Pastoor
Eggen	Mather	Tougas
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

**35.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4, the Legislative Assembly convene, if called, for evening sittings beginning at 8:00 p.m. on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, for consideration of Government Business.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36 agreed to on November 29, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:46 p.m. the question was immediately put, 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 5:45 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 question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Ady	Ducharme	Lindsay
Amery	Dunford	Lougheed
Backs	Goudreau	Lukaszuk
Boutilier	Haley	Marz
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberg
Cao	Hayden	Oberle
Cenaiko	Horner	Pham
DeLong	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Liepert	Tarchuk

Against the motion: 6

Bonko	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Eggen	Mather	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 56 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Mr. Marz, 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 31 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) —  
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1032/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate  
adjourned

Sessional Paper 1033/2007

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to resolve into Committee of the Whole to allow Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to complete her remarks on Bill 31, Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007.

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Mr. Marz, 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 31 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) —  
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1032/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate  
adjourned

Sessional Paper 1033/2007

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:04 p.m. until Monday, December 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Monday, December 3, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the Hockey Alberta Centennial Gala held at Rexall Place in Edmonton on November 29, 2007.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the need for accessible quality child care in Alberta.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Awards of Excellence, which were announced in conjunction with the International Day of Disabled Persons, on December 3, 2007.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Royal Alberta Museum on December 6, 2007.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2007, as the International Day of Disabled Persons.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the 2007 AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Convention held in Calgary from November 28-30, 2007.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than three hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 225 Mines and Minerals (Alberta Value Added) Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Mr. Martin

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 230 Protection for Persons in Care (Clients' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act,  
2007 — Dr. Pannu

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Copy of a petition signed by 185 Albertans requesting Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, act immediately on a motion passed at a public meeting held in Thorsby on April 24, 2007, concerning the overstocking of walleye in Pigeon Lake

Sessional Paper 1034/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated November 26, 2007, from Nigel Douglas, AWA (Alberta Wilderness Association) Conservation Specialist, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to certain parts of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1035/2007

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1036/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Leaflet entitled "We need more CANADA at the movies. And you can make it happen!" prepared by ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists)

Sessional Paper 1037/2007

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1038/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated December 3, 2007, from Leon Comer to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 1039/2007

7 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1040/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

The Economist magazine article dated November 24, 2007, entitled "Canada's guest workers, Not such a warm welcome"

Sessional Paper 1041/2007

Program from the International Day of Disabled Persons celebration held on December 3, 2007, at Edmonton City Hall

Sessional Paper 1042/2007

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

Letter dated November 28, 2007, from Noel Somerville, Vice Chair, SALT (Seniors Action Liaison Team), to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1043/2007

Research summary dated December 6, 2006, regarding the status of research being conducted on Métis historical issues, prepared by Neil Reddekopp

Sessional Paper 1044/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated October 16, 2007, from Matthew Russell to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding equal access to post-secondary education by disabled students

Sessional Paper 1045/2007

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

8 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1046/2007

E-mail message dated November 15, 2007, from Trevor Hansen to Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, and letter, undated, from Thomas J. Keenan of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, both expressing concern regarding the reclassification of sheriff positions and its effect on the classification of correctional officer positions

Sessional Paper 1047/2007

E-mail message dated October 22, 2007, from Donna Cardinal of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing support for allowing the purchase of unpasteurized dairy products

Sessional Paper 1048/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Petition signed by 7 Calgary residents urging the Government to assist those in need with increasing rent costs

Sessional Paper 1049/2007

Article, undated, entitled "Good news for PDD (persons with developmental disabilities) care-givers at long last" written by Dave Hughes

Sessional Paper 1050/2007

Letter dated September 9, 2007, from L. Lyster to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding a lack of affordable housing for families and children

Sessional Paper 1051/2007



Program entitled "Balancing Acts" from the seventh annual Disability Arts Festival held November 27 to December 1, 2007, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 1052/2007

E-mail message dated November 19, 2007, from Danny Hogg to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to Bill 215, School (Canadian History Content) Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 1053/2007

Copy of a Government of Alberta advertisement entitled "What Alberta landowners need to know about Bill 46 the Alberta Utilities Commission Act"

Sessional Paper 1054/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated October 16, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Crowsnest Pass Food Bank donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase and response, undated, from the food bank thanking Ms Pastoor for her donation

Sessional Paper 1055/2007

Letter dated November 30, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Vulcan County Food Bank attaching a copy of her cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 1056/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Marg Triskle of Medicine Hat to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requesting a new section be added to the Good Samaritan Residence in Medicine Hat to house younger residents suffering from multiple sclerosis together in order to provide mutual support

Sessional Paper 1057/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

24 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1058/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ17, WQ18.

### Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12.

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

### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

### Second Reading

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

Bill 214 Healthy Futures Act — Ms Blakeman

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 15

Ady	Cao	Horner
Agnihotri	Chase	Johnston
Amery	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Fritz	Pastoor

Against the motion: 26

Boutilier	Johnson	Ouellette
Brown	Liepert	Pham
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Renner
Danyluk	Lougheed	Rogers
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Lund	Strang
Griffiths	Melchin	Tarchuk
Hayden	Mitzel	Webber
Jablonski	Oberg	

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

Bill 215 School (Canadian History Content) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mrs. Jablonski speaking.

**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**515.** Moved by Mr. Mitzel:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the tradition of hunting and fishing for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, moved the motion be amended by adding “, trapping” after “hunting”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 35 agreed to by the Assembly on November 29, 2007, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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**Government Motions**

**37.** Oral notice having been given November 29, 2007, Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Second Reading at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, and Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

Debate resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, at 8:08 p.m.

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on November 20, 2007, that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, 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.

Pursuant to Government Motion 37 agreed to on December 3, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:08 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment, which was defeated. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Cheffins  
Elsalhy  
Hinman

MacDonald  
Martin  
Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)  
Pastoor  
Tougas

Against the amendment: 33

Ady	Johnston	Oberg
Amery	Knight	Pham
Backs	Liepert	Prins
Cao	Lindsay	Renner
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Rodney
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Shariff
DeLong	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stevens
Goudreau	McFarland	Tarchuk
Jablonski	Melchin	VanderBurg
Johnson	Mitzel	Webber

Pursuant to Government Motion 37 agreed to on December 3, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:20 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be read a Second time, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Ady	Knight	Pham
Amery	Liepert	Prins
Boutilier	Lindsay	Renner
Cao	Lougheed	Rodney
Cenaiko	Lukaszuk	Shariff
DeLong	Magnus	Snelgrove
Forsyth	McFarland	Stevens
Goudreau	Melchin	Tarchuk
Jablonski	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Johnson	Oberg	Webber
Johnston	Ouellette	

Against the motion: 9

Cheffins	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Elsalhy	Martin	Pastoor
Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Liepert  
Bill 54 County of Westlock Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner  
Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Mr. Shariff, Deputy 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 46 (Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne) —  
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 1059/2007

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Minister of Finance) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1060/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Mitzel  
Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock  
Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston  
Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:54 p.m. until Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, made a statement recognizing 15-year old Alberta students on ranking second in the world in science achievement, third in reading and reading literacy, and fifth in mathematics on international student assessments conducted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, and Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

### **Members' Statements**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Mr. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the need for a Calgary ring road.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding primary care health networks.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing several Alberta athletes on their recent accomplishments in world cup alpine and downhill skiing, bobsledding, and skeleton.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding tourism in the Wetaskiwin area.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need to reform Alberta labour laws.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, on behalf of Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View (Minister of Sustainable Resource Development) presented a petition from 1,115 Albertans regarding support for the establishment of a network of legislated protected areas in the Rocky Mountain Foothills of Alberta in the Kakwa, Little Smoky, and Bighorn.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Solicitor General and Public Security, Victims Programs Status Report 2006/2007  
Sessional Paper 1061/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document listing Treasury Board discussions and decisions of November 7, 2007, and questions for a November 14, 2007, Treasury Board meeting regarding Alberta schools alternative procurement

Sessional Paper 1062/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1063/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Richard Merry of Edmonton to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1064/2007

Letter, undated, from Michael Troitsky of Rimbey to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding an unlicensed gas well drilled on his property and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1065/2007



4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 1066/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated November 18, 2007, from George Wayboer of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding his difficulty affording rent while receiving AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 1067/2007

14 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1068/2007

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

ProQuest web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated November 29, 2007, entitled "Young Alberta readers among best in world; grade 4 pupils shine in 2006 study"

Sessional Paper 1069/2007

ProQuest web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated November 9, 2007, entitled "Calgary tradesman test skills against best in the world"

Sessional Paper 1070/2007

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

Letter dated November 27, 2007, from John Fawcett of Bluffton to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding a decision to build a power line on his property, forcing him to relocate, and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1071/2007

Letter dated November 26, 2007, from Warren Werner of Hoadley to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding a decision to build a transmission line on his property, forcing the destruction of his home, and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1072/2007

Letter, undated, from Michael Troitsky of Rimbey to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding an unlicensed gas well drilled on his property and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1073/2007

3 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1074/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated December 2, 2007, from Diane Millar of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to certain sections of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1075/2007

Letter dated November 8, 2007, from Brian Staples, Seniors' Action and Liaison Team (SALT) Chair and Spokesperson for the Circle of Chairs of Seniors' Advocacy Groups, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, regarding an independent seniors' advocate proposal with attached document, undated, entitled "A Proposal for a Province of Alberta Independent Seniors' Advocate" prepared by the Circle of Alberta Seniors's Advocacy Group Chairpersons

Sessional Paper 1076/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Sharon Cohen, Executive Assistant, St. Michael's Long Term Care Centre, to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding an excessive rent increase

Sessional Paper 1077/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Dr. Judy K. Ustina of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 1078/2007

Newsletter entitled "Libertas Rights and Democracy" prepared by the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

Sessional Paper 1079/2007

Letter dated October 22, 2007, from Maryclare Hall of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing support for allowing the purchase of raw dairy products, with attached copy of a petition signed by Ms Hall urging the Government to introduce legislation to allow Albertans access to raw or unpasteurized dairy products

Sessional Paper 1080/2007

11 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1081/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity,:

Letter dated November 27, 2007, from Jim Feeney of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing support for a pause in development on the Pekisko Rangeland

Sessional Paper 1082/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

E-mail message dated December 3, 2007, from Chips Reid of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1083/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated December 1, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Medicine Hat and District Food Bank attaching a copy of her cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 1084/2007

Letter dated August 9, 2007, from Linda Egli of Lethbridge to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the lack of maintenance at Park Lake Provincial Park

Sessional Paper 1085/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

25 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1086/2007

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells in Committee of the Whole from 10 minutes to one minute, following the first division.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

### Government Motions

**38.** Oral notice having been given December 3, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than three hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Ms Blakeman commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 38

Abbott	Graydon	Oberg
Ady	Hancock	Oberle
Amery	Horner	Ouellette
Backs	Jablonski	Pham
Boutilier	Johnson	Prins
Brown	Johnston	Rogers
Cenaiko	Liepert	Shariff
DeLong	Lougheed	Stevens
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Strang
Dunford	Lund	Tarchuk
Evans	Marz	VanderBurg
Forsyth	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Fritz	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Eggen	Martin	Pannu
Elsalhy	Mason	Pastoor
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taft
Hinman		

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 3:13 p.m., and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5) and Government Motion 35 agreed to by the Assembly on November 29, 2007, the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the amendment to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:13 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part A of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 9(3) is struck out and the following is substituted:
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Commission is not required to hold a hearing where
- (a) no person requests a hearing in response to the notice of application, and
  - (b) on an application for the construction or operation of a hydro development, power plant or transmission line under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act or a gas utility pipeline under the Gas Utilities Act, the Commission is satisfied that the applicant has met the relevant Commission rules respecting each owner of land that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the application.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31

Abbott	Fritz	Mitzel
Backs	Graydon	Oberle
Brown	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Cao	Haley	Prins
Cardinal	Hancock	Renner
Coutts	Horner	Rodney
Danyluk	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	VanderBurg
Forsyth		

Against the amendment: 13

Agnihotri	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Cheffins	Martin	Pastoor
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taylor
Elsalhy		

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part B of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

B Section 17 is amended by striking out "gas transmission pipeline" wherever it occurs and substituting "gas utility pipeline".

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31

Abbott	Fritz	Mitzel
Backs	Graydon	Oberle
Brown	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Cao	Haley	Prins
Cardinal	Hancock	Renner
Coutts	Horner	Rodney
Danyluk	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	VanderBurg
Forsyth		

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Hinman	Pannu
Cheffins	MacDonald	Pastoor
Eggen	Martin	Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:41 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part C of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

C Section 21 is amended  
 (a) in subsection (1) by striking out "Subject to subsection (2), the" and substituting "The";

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- (b) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:  
 (2) The Commission may make rules respecting the payment of costs to an intervener other than a local intervener referred to in section 22.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 29

Abbott	Forsyth	McFarland
Backs	Fritz	Mitzel
Brown	Graydon	Oberle
Cao	Groeneveld	Prins
Cardinal	Haley	Renner
Coutts	Hancock	Rodney
Danyluk	Horner	Rogers
DeLong	Knight	Stevens
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Dunford	Magnus	

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Hinman	Pannu
Cheffins	MacDonald	Pastoor
Eggen	Martin	Taylor

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part D of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- D Section 22(1) is amended by striking out "gas transmission pipeline" wherever it occurs and substituting "gas utility pipeline".

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Abbott	Fritz	Oberle
Backs	Graydon	Ouellette
Brown	Groeneveld	Prins
Cao	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rodney
Coutts	Horner	Rogers
Danyluk	Knight	Stevens
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Magnus	VanderBurg
Dunford	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	Mitzel	

Against the amendment: 10

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Martin	Taylor
Eggen		

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:09 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part E of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

E Part 5 is struck out.



The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Abbott	Fritz	Oberle
Backs	Graydon	Ouellette
Brown	Groeneveld	Prins
Cao	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rodney
Coutts	Horner	Rogers
Danyluk	Knight	Stevens
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Magnus	VanderBurg
Dunford	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	Mitzel	

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pannu
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Martin	Taylor
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part F of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- F Section 67 is amended by adding the following after subsection (5):  
 (5.1) A specified penalty paid to the Commission under this section shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Abbott	Fritz	Oberle
Backs	Graydon	Ouellette
Brown	Groeneveld	Prins
Cao	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rodney
Coutts	Horner	Rogers
Danyluk	Knight	Stevens
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Magnus	VanderBurg
Dunford	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	Mitzel	

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pannu
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Martin	Taylor
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:40 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part G of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

G Section 78 is amended

(a) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following:

Administrative penalties

78(1)If the Commission, after a hearing or other proceeding, determines that a person has contravened or failed to comply with any provision of this Act or any other enactment under the jurisdiction of the Commission, any decision or order of the Commission or any Commission rule or ISO rule, the Commission may by order do either or both of the following:

- (a) impose an administrative penalty on that person;
- (b) impose any terms or conditions on that person that the Commission considers appropriate.

(b) by striking out subsections (3) to (6) and substituting the following:

(3) The terms and conditions referred to in subsection (1)(b) may include, but are not limited to, prohibiting the person from engaging in conduct specified in the order or directing the person to take action specified in the order.

(4) A person who pays an administrative penalty in respect of a contravention may not be charged under this Act or any other enactment with an offence in respect of that contravention.

(5) An administrative penalty paid to the Commission under this section or pursuant to section 82 shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 29

Abbott	Forsyth	Mitzel
Backs	Fritz	Oberle
Brown	Graydon	Prins
Cao	Groeneveld	Renner
Cardinal	Haley	Rodney
Coutts	Hancock	Rogers
Danyluk	Knight	Stevens
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Magnus	VanderBurg
Dunford	McFarland	

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pannu
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Martin	Taylor
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:01 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part H of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

H Section 79 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by adding "made under this Act or any other enactment" after "Commission";
- (b) by striking out subsections (2) to (6) and substituting the following:
  - (2) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations or a Commission rule or an ISO rule is guilty of an offence.
  - (3) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
    - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations or a Commission order or rule or an ISO rule, or
    - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations or a Commission order or rule or an ISO rule
 is guilty of an offence.
  - (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
  - (5) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (4), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 30

Abbott	Forsyth	Mitzel
Backs	Fritz	Oberle
Brown	Graydon	Ouellette
Cao	Groeneveld	Prins
Cardinal	Haley	Renner
Coutts	Hancock	Rodney
Danyluk	Horner	Rogers
DeLong	Knight	Stevens
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pannu
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Martin	Taylor
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:14 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part I of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

I Section 80 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Limitation period

80 An administrative penalty may not be imposed nor may a prosecution be commenced after

- (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31

Abbott	Graydon	Oberle
Backs	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Brown	Haley	Prins
Cao	Hancock	Renner
Cardinal	Horner	Rodney
Coutts	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Magnus	Stevens
Dunford	McFarland	Strang
Forsyth	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Fritz		

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Cheffins	Martin	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:26 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part J of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

J Section 81 is amended by adding "and the hearing or other proceeding" after "costs of the investigation".

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31

Abbott	Graydon	Oberle
Backs	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Brown	Haley	Prins
Cao	Hancock	Renner
Cardinal	Horner	Rodney
Coutts	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Magnus	Stevens
Dunford	McFarland	Strang
Forsyth	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Fritz		

Against the amendment: 10

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Cheffins		

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:39 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part K of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

K Section 91(1)(g) is amended by striking out "section 9(3)(c)" and substituting "section 9(3)(b)".

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Abbott	Fritz	Oberle
Backs	Graydon	Ouellette
Brown	Groeneveld	Prins
Cao	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rodney
Coutts	Horner	Rogers
Danyluk	Knight	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	VanderBurg
Forsyth	Mitzel	

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Cheffins	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:51 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part L of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

L Section 93(2) is amended by striking out "gas transmission pipeline" wherever it occurs and substituting "gas utility pipeline".

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 30

Abbott	Fritz	Mitzel
Backs	Graydon	Oberle
Brown	Groeneveld	Prins
Cao	Haley	Renner
Cardinal	Hancock	Rodney
Coutts	Horner	Rogers
Danyluk	Knight	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Cheffins	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:04 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part M of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

M Section 95 is amended

- (a) in subsection (3) by striking out "commenced but not completed" and substituting "for which a notice of hearing has been issued and which has not been completed";
- (b) in subsections (10) and (12) by adding "(a), (g) or (h)" after "subsection (7)" wherever it occurs.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31

Abbott	Graydon	Oberle
Backs	Groeneveld	Pham
Brown	Haley	Prins
Cao	Hancock	Renner
Cardinal	Horner	Rodney
Coutts	Knight	Rogers
Danyluk	Lougheed	Snelgrove
DeLong	Magnus	Stevens
Doerksen	McFarland	Strang
Dunford	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Fritz		

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Cheffins	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:16 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part N of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- N The following is added after section 95:  
Consequential amendments to regulations
- 95.1(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purpose of
- (a) amending references in regulations to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, the Energy Resources Conservation Board and the Public Utilities Board, or
  - (b) adding references to the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board
- in consequence of the enactment of this Act.
- (2) An amendment under subsection (1) may be made even if the regulation being amended was made by a member of the Executive Council or some other body or person.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 36

Abbott	Dunford	McFarland
Ady	Fritz	Mitzel
Amery	Graydon	Oberg
Backs	Groeneveld	Oberle
Brown	Haley	Pham
Cao	Hancock	Prins
Cardinal	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Johnston	Rodney
Coutts	Knight	Rogers
Danyluk	Liepert	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Magnus	VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Flaherty	Pastoor
Cheffins	MacDonald	Taylor



Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:29 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part O of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- O Section 96(4) is amended
- (a) by striking out clause (a)(i) and substituting the following:
    - (i) by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following:
      - (a) "affiliated electricity retailer" has the meaning given to it in regulations made by the Minister under section 108;
      - (a.1) "affiliated gas retailer" has the meaning given to it in regulations made by the Minister under section 108;
      - (a.2) "affiliated retailer" means an affiliated electricity retailer or an affiliated gas retailer;
    - (i.1) by repealing clause (e) and substituting the following:
      - (e) "Commission" means the Alberta Utilities Commission established by the Alberta Utilities Commission Act;
  - (b) by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:
    - (d) in section 17
      - (i) in clause (i) by striking out "market participants" and substituting "Alberta";
      - (ii) by repealing clause (l) and substituting the following:
        - (l) to administer load settlement;
        - (l.1) to monitor the compliance of market participants with rules made under sections 19, 20 and 24.1;
  - (c) in clause (i) by striking out "after section 24" and substituting "before the heading for Division 3 of Part 2";
  - (d) by striking out clauses (l) and (m) and substituting the following:
    - (l) in section 33 by striking out "market participants" and substituting "Alberta";
    - (m) in section 34
      - (i) in subsection (1) by striking out "required to meet the needs of market participants" and substituting "or may be required to meet the needs of Alberta and is in the public interest";
      - (ii) in subsection (3) by adding ", subject to the regulations," after "may";
    - (m.1) in section 35(1) by striking out the portion preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:  
 Transmission facilities directions and proposals  
 35(1)The Independent System Operator may, at the time of preparing a needs identification document, after submitting a needs identification document to the Commission or after receiving Commission approval of a needs identification document,
  - (e) by adding the following after clause (p):
    - (p.1) in section 95(1) by adding "and the regulations" after "section";
    - (p.2) in section 99 by adding the following after clause (b):
      - (b.1) respecting micro generation generating units, including, without limitation, regulations

- (i) defining "micro generation generating unit",
  - (ii) respecting the development, connection and operation of micro generation generating units, and
  - (iii) specifying which provisions of this Act and the regulations do not apply to micro generation generating units;
- (b.2) setting out circumstances, in addition to those set out in section 95, in which a municipality may hold an interest in a generating unit;
- (b.3) respecting any matter relating to a municipality holding an interest in a generating unit, including providing for approvals or other requirements necessary for a municipality to hold such an interest;
- (f) by adding the following after clause (s):
- (s.1) in section 108(o) by striking out " "affiliated retailer" " and substituting " "affiliated electricity retailer", "affiliated gas retailer" ";
- (g) by adding the following after clause (y):
- (y.1) by repealing section 142(1)(l) and (m) and substituting the following:
- (l) respecting any aspect of the interconnected electric system, including, without limitation, regulations
    - (i) respecting the use of the interconnected electric system for the import and export of electricity,
    - (ii) respecting the implementation of principles and requirements related to the import and export of electricity,
    - (iii) setting out the principles and criteria that the Commission must or may have regard for when considering approval of
      - (A) a needs identification document described in section 34,
      - (B) an expansion or enhancement of the transmission system, or
      - (C) a tariff of the ISO, an owner of a transmission facility or an owner of an electric distribution system,
    - (iv) respecting costs and any other matters relating to the planning, development and operation of a safe, reliable and economic interconnected electric system,
    - (v) respecting directions that the ISO may give to market participants relating to
      - (A) the planning, development and operation of a safe, reliable and economic interconnected electric system, or
      - (B) ensuring an adequate supply of electricity on a short term basis or during abnormal conditions,
- and
- (vi) respecting the combining of an application for an approval under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act with an application for approval of a needs identification document described in section 34.

- (h) by adding the following after clause (bb):
- (bb.1) by repealing section 150 and substituting the following:
- Offences
- 150(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
- (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations, or
- (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations
- is guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
- (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.
- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
- (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Abbott	Haley	Melchin
Ady	Hancock	Mitzel
Amery	Jablonski	Oberg
Backs	Johnson	Oberle
Boutilier	Johnston	Pham
Cao	Knight	Prins
Cenaiko	Liepert	Renner
Coutts	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Griffiths	Magnus	Strang
Groeneveld	McFarland	

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Flaherty	Pastoor
Cheffins	MacDonald	Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part P of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

P Section 96(5) is amended by adding the following after clause (j):

(j.1) by adding the following after section 27:

Board's funds and expenditures

27.1(1) All expenditures incurred by the Board must be charged against money provided in accordance with this section.

(2) In each fiscal year, funds equivalent to the estimated net expenditures to be incurred in the year by the Board, if not provided under section 27.2, shall be provided from money voted by the Legislature for that purpose.

(3) The Minister responsible for this Act shall pay the funds provided by vote and referred to in subsection (2) as soon after April 1 as convenient and in an amount that the Minister in consultation with the Board decides.

Funding

27.2(1) In this section,

- (a) "administration fee" means an amount imposed as an administration fee under this section;
- (b) "facility" means any scheme or operation that is under the jurisdiction of the Board or is subject to any enactment that is administered by the Board;
- (c) "oil sands project" means a scheme or operation that is the subject of an approval under the Oil Sands Conservation Act;
- (d) "operator" means, in relation to any facility, oil sands project or well,
  - (i) the person who is the actual operator of the facility, oil sands project or well, or
  - (ii) the person who holds an approval, licence or permit issued by the Board or to whom or in respect of whom an order is granted by the Board;
- (e) "prescribed date" means, in relation to any year, the date or dates prescribed by the regulations under subsection (3) as the prescribed date or dates for that year for the purposes of this section;
- (f) "well" has the meaning given to it in the Oil and Gas Conservation Act.

(2) The Board may in respect of any fiscal year impose and collect an administration fee with respect to any facility, oil sands project or well on a basis that will produce a sum sufficient to defray a portion or all of the estimated net expenditures of the Board in that fiscal year.

(3) The Board may make regulations

- (a) prescribing the rates of the administration fees applicable to facilities, oil sands projects or wells or any classes of facilities, oil sands projects or wells;
- (b) prescribing a date or dates in the calendar year during which a regulation is made under clause (a) as the prescribed date or dates for that year for the purposes of this section;
- (c) respecting the imposition and payment of administration fees;

- (d) prescribing, in any manner the Board considers appropriate, classes of facilities, oil sands projects or wells;
  - (e) respecting the exemption of any facility, oil sands project or well or any class of facility, oil sands project or well from the imposition of an administration fee;
  - (f) respecting the imposition and payment of penalties for the late payment of administration fees;
  - (g) respecting appeals with respect to the determination or imposition of administration fees and penalties.
- (4) An administration fee prescribed in a fiscal year with respect to a facility, oil sands project or well is payable to the Board by the person who was the operator of the facility, oil sands project or well on the prescribed date or dates.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 26

Abbott	Hancock	Oberg
Ady	Jablonski	Oberle
Amery	Johnson	Pham
Backs	Johnston	Prins
Boutilier	Knight	Renner
Cao	Liepert	Rodney
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Goudreau	Magnus	Strang
Haley	Melchin	

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Flaherty	Pastoor
Cheffins	MacDonald	Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:54 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part Q of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- Q Section 96(6) is struck out and the following is substituted:
- (6) The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act is amended
    - (a) in section 7(1) by adding the following after clause (b):
      - (b.1) the Chair of the Alberta Utilities Commission;
    - (b) in section 53(a) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission, as the case may be," after "Energy Resources Conservation Board" wherever it occurs;
    - (c) in section 68(4)(a) and (b) by adding "the Alberta Utilities Commission," after "Energy Resources Conservation Board,";

- (d) in section 95
  - (i) in subsection (2)(a) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission" after "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
  - (ii) in subsection (5)(b)(i) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission" after "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
- (e) in section 134
  - (i) in clause (b)(iii) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission" after "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
  - (ii) in clause (b)(iv)(E) by striking out "Alberta Energy and Utilities Board" and substituting "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
  - (iii) in clause (e) by striking out "Public Utilities Board" and substituting "Alberta Utilities Commission".

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 27

Abbott	Haley	Melchin
Ady	Hancock	Oberg
Amery	Jablonski	Oberle
Backs	Johnson	Pham
Boutilier	Johnston	Prins
Cao	Knight	Renner
Cenaiko	Liepert	Rodney
Goudreau	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Griffiths	Lukaszuk	Strang

Against the amendment: 12

Blakeman	EGgen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Flaherty	Pastoor
Cheffins	MacDonald	Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:08 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part R of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

R Section 96(12) is amended

- (a) in clause (a)
  - (i) by adding the following after subclause (i):
    - (i.1) by adding the following after clause (a):
      - (a.1) "affiliate" for the purposes of clause (g.1) has the meaning given to it in the Business Corporations Act;
  - (ii) by striking out subclauses (iv) to (vi) and substituting the following:
    - (iv) in clause (g)(iv) by striking out "Energy Resources Conservation Board" and substituting "Commission";

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- (v) by adding the following after clause (g):
  - (g.1) "gas utility pipeline" means a gas pipeline of a gas utility designated by regulation or of its affiliates;
- (vi) by adding the following after subsection (1):
  - (2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation designate a gas utility for the purposes of subsection (1)(g.1).
- (b) by striking out clause (b) and substituting the following:
  - (b) by adding the following after section 4:  
Jurisdiction of Commission  
4.1(1) In addition to the jurisdiction of the Commission with respect to gas utility pipelines under this Act, the Commission has jurisdiction with respect to gas utility pipelines and exercises all the powers, functions and duties of the Energy Resources Conservation Board set out in the Pipeline Act with respect to gas utility pipelines.
  - (2) The Commission may, in respect of gas utility pipelines, delegate to the Energy Resources Conservation Board its powers, duties and functions respecting operational and compliance matters.
- (c) by adding the following after clause (c):
  - (c.1) by repealing section 28(a) and substituting the following:
    - (a) "affiliated electricity retailer" has the meaning given to it in the regulations;
    - (a.1) "affiliated gas retailer" has the meaning given to it in the regulations;
    - (a.2) "affiliated retailer" means an affiliated electricity retailer or an affiliated gas retailer;
- (d) by adding the following after clause (e):
  - (e.1) in section 28 by adding the following after clause (i):
    - (i.1) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the Government Organization Act as the Minister responsible for this Act;
- (e) in clause (g) by adding the following after subclause (ii):
  - (iii) by striking out "Lieutenant Governor in Council" wherever it occurs and substituting "Minister";
- (f) by adding the following after clause (l):
  - (l.1) by repealing sections 52 to 57 and substituting the following:  
Offences and penalties  
52(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
    - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations, or
    - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations
 is guilty of an offence.
  - (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.

- (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.
- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
- (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
  - (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence,
- whichever occurs first.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 25

Abbott	Jablonski	Melchin
Ady	Johnson	Oberg
Amery	Johnston	Oberle
Boutilier	Knight	Pham
Cenaiko	Liepert	Prins
Goudreau	Lindsay	Renner
Griffiths	Lukaszuk	Rodney
Haley	Lund	Strang
Hancock		

Against the amendment: 12

Blakeman	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Flaherty	Pastoor
Cheffins	MacDonald	Taylor

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:21 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part S of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:



S Section 96(13) is struck out and the following is substituted:

(13) The Government Organization Act is amended

- (a) in section 9(b) of Schedule 5 by striking out "Public Utilities Board" and substituting "Alberta Utilities Commission";
- (b) by adding the following after Schedule 13:

Schedule 13.1

Office of the Utilities

Consumer Advocate

Office of Utilities Consumer Advocate established

1 The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate is established as part of the department of the responsible Minister, consisting of the Utilities Consumer Advocate and such staff as the responsible Minister determines.

Responsibilities

2 The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate has the following responsibilities:

- (a) to represent the interests of Alberta residential, farm and small business consumers of electricity and natural gas before proceedings of the Alberta Utilities Commission and other bodies whose decisions may affect the interests of those consumers;
- (b) to disseminate independent and impartial information about the regulatory process relating to electricity and natural gas, including an analysis of the impact of decisions of the Alberta Utilities Commission, other bodies and the courts relating to electricity and natural gas;
- (c) to inform and educate consumers about electricity and natural gas issues;
- (d) to carry out such other responsibilities relating to electricity and natural gas as the responsible Minister determines.

Regulations

3 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) adding to, clarifying, limiting or restricting any of the responsibilities of the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate or regulating how they are to be carried out;
- (b) respecting any other matter necessary to carry out the intent of this Schedule.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 26

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cenaiko	Liepert	Renner
Goudreau	Lindsay	Rodney
Griffiths	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Haley	Lund	Strang
Hancock	Melchin	

Against the amendment: 13

Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Mason	Taylor
Eggen		

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:33 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part T of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

T Section 96(14) is amended

- (a) in clause (d)
  - (i) by striking out the proposed section 15.2(1)(a) and substituting the following:
    - (a) shall make its decision in a timely manner and, if possible, within 180 days after receipt of a complete application, and
  - (ii) by striking out the proposed section 15.2(2) and substituting the following:
    - (2) If the Commission cannot make a decision within the 180 day period referred to in subsection (1)(a), the Commission shall
      - (a) before the 180 day period expires
        - (i) notify the applicant of the reasons why it has not made or will not be able to make a decision,
        - (ii) state its best estimate as to when it reasonably expects to make a decision, and
        - (iii) make the reasons and estimate public,
      - and
      - (b) make its decision within 90 days after the expiry of the 180 day period.
    - (3) The Minister may, by order, extend the 90 day period specified in subsection (2)(b) whether the period has or has not expired.

- (b) by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:
- (e) by adding the following heading after section 17:
- General Matters
- (e.1) by repealing sections 21 and 22 and substituting the following:
- Approval required to discontinue operations
- 21(1) No holder of an approval, permit or licence under this Part, and no person who operated a hydro development, power plant or transmission line on June 1, 1971, shall discontinue the operation of, or dismantle or remove any works or installations forming part of, the holder's or person's hydro development, power plant or transmission line unless the holder or person has obtained the authority in writing of the Commission to do so.
- (2) This section applies in respect of a power plant only if the power plant contains an isolated generating unit within the meaning of the Electric Utilities Act.
- Notice of discontinuance of operations required
- 22(1) This section applies only to a power plant that contains a generating unit that is not an isolated generating unit within the meaning of the Electric Utilities Act.
- (2) A person who holds an approval for a power plant under this Part, and a person who operated a power plant on June 1, 1971, shall provide written notice to the Commission and the Independent System Operator established under the Electric Utilities Act before permanently discontinuing the operation of, or permanently dismantling or removing any works or installations forming part of, the power plant.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2) must be given
- (a) at least 60 days before the action described in that section is taken, if reasonably practicable, or
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable in any other case.
- (c) by adding the following after clause (g):
- (g.1) by repealing section 44(1) and (2);
- (g.2) by repealing sections 45 and 46 and substituting the following:
- Offences and penalties
- 45(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or licence made or issued pursuant to this Act is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
- (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or licence made or issued pursuant to this Act, or
- (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or licence made or issued pursuant to this Act
- is guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.

(4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.

(5) A prosecution may not be commenced after

- (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 25

Abbott	Johnson	Oberg
Ady	Johnston	Oberle
Amery	Knight	Pham
Boutilier	Liepert	Prins
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Renner
Goudreau	Lund	Rodney
Haley	Marz	Snelgrove
Hancock	Melchin	Strang
Jablonski		

Against the amendment: 13

Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Mason	Taylor
Eggen		

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:45 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part U of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

U Section 96(20) is amended by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:

- (d) in sections 5 and 6 by striking out "Part 10" and substituting "section 27.2 of the Energy Resources Conservation Act";
- (e) in Part 10 by repealing the heading preceding section 57 and substituting the following:  
Borrowing, Guarantees and Advances
- (f) by repealing sections 57 to 64 and 67.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 26

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cao	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lund	Snelgrove
Haley	Melchin	Strang
Hancock	Mitzel	

Against the amendment: 12

Blakeman	Eggen	Mason
Bonko	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Cheffins	MacDonald	Pastoor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:57 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part V of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

V Section 96(22) is struck out and the following is substituted:

(22) The Pipeline Act is amended

(a) in section 1(1)

(i) by adding the following after clause (i):

(i.1) "gas utility pipeline" means a gas utility pipeline as defined in the Gas Utilities Act;

(ii) by repealing clauses (m) and (n) and substituting the following:

(m) "licence" means a licence to construct and operate a pipeline under this Act or a gas utility pipeline;

(n) "licensee" means the holder of a licence for a pipeline according to the records of the Board or the holder of a licence for purposes of a gas utility pipeline according to the records of the Alberta Utilities Commission and includes a trustee or receiver manager of the property of a licensee;

(b) by adding the following before section 4:

Jurisdiction of Board

3.1(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Board has jurisdiction with respect to pipelines.

(2) The Alberta Utilities Commission has jurisdiction with respect to gas utility pipelines and exercises all the powers, functions and duties of the Board with respect to gas utility pipelines.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 25

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cao	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lund	Snelgrove
Haley	Melchin	Strang
Hancock		

Against the amendment: 9

Bonko	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Cheffins	Mason	Pastoor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:10 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part W of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

W Section 96(25) is amended

- (a) by adding the following after clause (h):
  - (h.1) in section 117(1) by striking out "set out in section 52" and substituting "determined by the Commission";
  - (h.2) by repealing section 118;
- (b) by adding the following after clause (i):
  - (j) by repealing sections 124 to 128 and substituting the following:
 

Offences and penalties

124(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person

    - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations, or
    - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations

is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this Act is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.

(4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this Act and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.

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- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
- (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
  - (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 25

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cao	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lund	Snelgrove
Haley	Melchin	Strang
Hancock		

Against the amendment: 10

Bonko	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Mason	Pastoor
Cheffins	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taft
Flaherty		

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:22 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part X of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- X Section 96 is amended by adding the following after subsection (28):
- (28.1) The Surface Rights Act is amended in section 15
- (a) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:
    - (3) Where the Board receives an application and the operations in respect of which the application is made require a licence, permit or other approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board, the Surface Rights Board may request the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board to provide it with a copy of the licence, permit or other approval together with any other information in the possession of the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board that is relevant to the right of entry, and the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board, as the case may be, shall forthwith comply with the request.

- (b) by repealing subsection (6) and substituting the following:
- (6) Where the Board makes a right of entry order under this section, it
- (a) shall describe the portion of the surface of the land that is necessary for the performance of the operator's operations, and
- (b) may make the order subject to any conditions it considers appropriate,
- but where the activity the operator proposes to engage in is the subject of a licence, permit or other approval granted by the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board, and a copy of the licence, permit or other approval has been provided to the Surface Rights Board pursuant to subsection (3), the Surface Rights Board shall ensure that the right of entry order is not inconsistent with the licence, permit or other approval.
- (28.2) The Turner Valley Unit Operations Act is amended
- (a) in section 17 by striking out "except Part 10";
- (b) by repealing section 18.

The amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 25

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cao	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lund	Snelgrove
Haley	Melchin	Strang
Hancock		

Against the amendment: 11

Bonko	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	MacDonald	Pastoor
Cheffins	Mason	Taft
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:34 a.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:



For the motion: 25

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cao	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lund	Snelgrove
Haley	Melchin	Strang
Hancock		

Against the motion: 10

Bonko	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Cheffins	Mason	Taft
Flaherty		

After sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Mr. Johnson, 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 46 (Part A) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1087/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part B) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1088/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part C) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1089/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part D) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1090/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part E) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1091/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part F) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1092/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part G) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1093/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part H) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1094/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part I) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1095/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part J) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1096/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part K) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1097/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part L) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1098/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part M) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1099/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part N) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1100/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part O) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1101/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part P) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1102/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part Q) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1103/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part R) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1104/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part S) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
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Amendment to Bill 46 (Part T) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1106/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part U) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1107/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part V) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1108/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part W) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1109/2007

Amendment to Bill 46 (Part X) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1110/2007

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Hon. Mr. Knight 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 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock  
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

### **Government Motions**

39. Oral notice having been given December 3, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Miller commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 29

Abbott	Jablonski	Oberg
Ady	Johnson	Oberle
Amery	Johnston	Pham
Boutilier	Knight	Prins
Cao	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Shariff
Griffiths	Lund	Snelgrove
Haley	Marz	Strang
Hancock	Melchin	

Against the motion: 9

Bonko	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Cheffins	Mason	Taft

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

Debate resumed on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, at 2:11 a.m.

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be not now read a Third time, but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering sections 3 to 24.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:11 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Blakeman	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Mason	Taft
Cheffins		

Against the amendment: 29

Abbott	Johnson	Oberg
Ady	Johnston	Pham
Amery	Knight	Prins
Boutilier	Liepert	Renner
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Rodney
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Rogers
Griffiths	Lund	Shariff
Haley	Marz	Snelgrove
Hancock	Melchin	Strang
Jablonski	Mitzel	

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:24 a.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Abbott	Johnson	Oberg
Ady	Johnston	Oberle
Amery	Knight	Pham
Boutilier	Liepert	Prins
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Renner
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Rogers
Griffiths	Lund	Shariff
Haley	Marz	Snelgrove
Hancock	Melchin	Strang
Jablonski	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	MacDonald	Pastoor
Chase	Mason	Taft
Cheffins	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells in Committee of the Whole from 10 minutes to one minute.

**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 Bills were reported:

- Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) —  
Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon.  
Mr. Hancock

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Dr. Brown, 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 49 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1111/2007

Amendment to Bill 52 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 1112/2007

Amendment to Bill 52 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 1113/2007

Amendment to Bill 52 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 1114/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Parts A, G to K) (introduced by the Hon.  
Minister of Health and Wellness on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to  
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Subamendment to Bill 31 (Part C) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1116/2007

Amendment to Bill 31 (Parts A, B, D to K) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1117/2007

Amendment to Bill 31 (Part C) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1118/2007

Amendment to Bill 31 (Part L) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1119/2007

Amendment to Bill 41 (Parts A, D, F, G) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1120/2007

Amendment to Bill 41 (Parts B, E) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1121/2007

Amendment to Bill 41 (Part C) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1122/2007

Amendment to Bill 48 (Parts A to H, K to M) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1123/2007

Amendment to Bill 48 (Parts I, J) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1124/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 1, Lobbyists Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering amendments to section 6.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

During debate on Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells in Committee of the Whole from 10 minutes to one minute.

Debate continued on the motion.

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

For the motion: 29

Abbott	Groeneveld	Oberle
Ady	Haley	Ouellette
Amery	Hancock	Prins
Backs	Jablonski	Renner
Boutilier	Johnston	Rodney
Cao	Knight	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Liepert	Stevens
Evans	Lindsay	Strang
Goudreau	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Griffiths	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	Martin	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Chase	Mather	Pastoor
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taylor
Flaherty		



The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford
- Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Mr. Rodney
- Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 35 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady
- Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 54 County of Westlock Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Hayden
- Bill 56 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

**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 Bills were reported:

Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

**Third Reading**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77 in order to allow consideration of Bill 57, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2), at more than one stage in one day.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Renner  
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 38, Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007, Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, tabled the following documents:

Letter, undated, from Dereck Abboud of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1125/2007

List of 197 names and addresses of Edmonton residents

Sessional Paper 1126/2007

**Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly**

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented them a gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

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# **PROROGATION**

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

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**Prorogation**

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

NORMAN L. KWONG  
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...

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,  
Deputy Minister of Justice  
and Deputy Attorney General

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 Third  
Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of  
Alberta:

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective  
February 3, 2008, 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 Fourth Session of the Twenty-sixth  
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of  
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on  
Monday, the 4th day of February, 2008, 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: THE HONOURABLE NORMAN L. KWONG, Lieutenant Governor of  
Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this  
Sixteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and in the  
Fifty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

RON STEVENS  
Provincial Secretary.