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Monday, April 14, 2008

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Seventh 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 9th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight;

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 . . .

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

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Monday, the 14th day of April 2008, at the hour of 1:30 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

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

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 9th day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and in the Fifty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

ALISON REDFORD
Provincial Secretary.

The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor and having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats.

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

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Ms Redford, then said:

Honourable Members, I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until the Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.

He therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent hour tomorrow, to declare the causes of his calling of this Legislature.

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

Election of Speaker

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Speaker:

Ms Blakeman, nominated by Dr. Swann

Mr. Kowalski, nominated by Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Election Results

The Clerk announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 80; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 41; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Kowalski. Mr. Kowalski is hereby declared Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the 27th Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech:

Honourable Members and ladies and gentlemen, let me at the outset say thank you to the Honourable Minister of Seniors and Community Supports for moving my nomination and to all Members of the Legislative Assembly for their participation in the selection of myself as your Speaker for Alberta's 27th Legislature. This is an honour that I truly and humbly accept.

The role of a parliamentarian is paramount in the functioning of democracy in the Province of Alberta. Our traditions and our customs have seen civility and decorum as the mainstay for our conduct. It is my hope that the expectations of today will be our guide for the future. All Members have an incredible opportunity to make a difference. I'm very proud to be among you. I'm very honoured to be able to serve with you as your Speaker as we go forward.

May God watch over all of us. Thank you so much.

The Speaker then took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table. The Speaker delivered the prayer.

Let us pray. Father, on this day of a new beginning we ask for your guidance in the responsibility we have undertaken and your help in fulfilling our duties. As Members of this Legislative Assembly may we faithfully serve all Albertans and, in serving them, serve you. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

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Mr. Mitzel, nominated by Mr. Rogers

Mr. Cao, nominated by Mr. Anderson

Ms Pastoor, nominated by Mr. MacDonald

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Election Results

The Clerk announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 80; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 41. No candidate has received a majority of the votes cast. Ms Pastoor has received the least number of total votes cast. Ms Pastoor's name will therefore be excluded from subsequent ballots.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the second ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 79; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 40; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Cao. Mr. Cao is hereby declared the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 27th Legislature.

Mr. Cao thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committees

The Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mr. Mitzel, nominated by Mr. Oberle

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mr. Mitzel Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 27th Legislature.

Unanimous consent was granted to destroy all ballots and materials related to the elections.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 2:55 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

The Speaker said:

May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Province, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable construction.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Ms Redford, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of this Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From the Throne

Taking Action for Today and Tomorrow

My fellow Albertans, welcome to the First Session of the 27th Alberta Legislature. It is my honour today to deliver the Speech from the Throne.

Today begins a new chapter in the history of Alberta and in this Legislative Assembly that serves its people. This is a place of tradition, a place of ideas, and a place of honour. It's an honour shared by everyone elected to do the business of this House. There is important work, to be conducted diligently and respectfully and in recognition that public service is a privilege bestowed by the people of Alberta on only a few.

Since this House was last assembled, Albertans have chosen 83 Members of this Assembly to lead the province forward into Alberta's second century. I offer my congratulations to each of you. Yours is a responsibility both solemn and exhilarating for Albertans have entrusted you with the task of building a strong and stable future for their province. They have put their faith in the men and women elected to serve in this Legislature, and I know each of you will honour that faith with action.

Your government's work begins with a clear, realistic, and positive plan of action to fulfill the commitments we've made. It's a plan that reflects today's Alberta and the province's place as a leader in Canada. Albertans set the stage for this era of economic growth and vitality by pioneering new standards of fiscal discipline, responsibility, and accountability. Thanks to their foresight and hard work the province is now the engine of prosperity for all of Canada. This role becomes all the more vital in the face of turbulent economic times in the United States, our nation's largest trading partner.

Now more than ever Alberta's economy is the rising tide that lifts all boats across the country. It generates billions of dollars a year in investment, tax revenues for all levels of government, and one-quarter of all new jobs across the country. It is also the positive force that fuels your government's ability to make its plan into a reality that benefits the lives of all Albertans.

Albertans know that such leadership brings responsibilities, responsibilities we accept with pride. I speak not only of Alberta's responsibility to show economic leadership, which remains imperative, but also leadership in the equally crucial areas of sustainable resource development, environmental protection, and interprovincial trade.

Your government recognizes the need for Alberta to catch up in some areas, to close the gap in others, and in all cases to ensure that no one is left behind as the province moves forward.

Your government's actions to secure Alberta's future are rooted in five priorities that reflect what it has heard from Albertans. They are broadening Alberta's economy; improving the efficiency and effectiveness of health care delivery; providing roads, schools, hospitals, and other public infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing province; developing our energy resources in a responsible and sustainable way; and ensuring that strong and safe communities remain at the heart of our quality of life as our province grows. To your government these aren't just words on a page. They are priorities that will underpin a broad, thoughtful series of actions we will take in the coming years.

Action on Alberta's Economy

Alberta's economic strengths bless this province with the ability to respond decisively to Albertans' priorities. This economic engine of Canada is a source of hope for families in Alberta and for thousands of Canadians who come here to build their lives. It is an economy that has been created not only by an abundance of resources but also by the boldness, hard work, and common purpose of Albertans.

Albertans deserve to reap the rewards of their hard work. To further this goal, we will begin the process of eliminating health care premiums in a fiscally responsible manner.

Your government knows that Albertans are the drivers of this economy and will respect its limited role in economic growth. However, there are important actions government can take to protect and maintain Alberta's economic strengths, and we will take them. Your government's plan for Alberta includes adding value to services and products and broadening the province's economic base. Our future economy must be a stable foundation for continued prosperity and expanded employment opportunities. That work will begin with the creation of a new economic strategy that reflects new priorities, new needs, and new opportunities for Alberta. It will set the course for the future and ensure continued prosperity for our province.

New ideas and new technology will be the keys to Alberta's continued economic vitality. Innovation will be front and centre in Alberta's drive to lead in the next generation economy.

The Premier's Council for Economic Strategy will be created to advise government on economic policies to ensure that Albertans enjoy a high quality of life and that Alberta is the best place to live, work, and invest. We will seek out the best advice, Canadian and international, to help design a long-term strategy to transform our economy over the coming decades.

A new enterprise fund will be created to attract venture capital from around the world to support Alberta innovation. We will set the wheels in motion for an innovative new tax credit for scientific research and development. This will be supported by new-product commercialization centres, greater business development support, and new entrepreneurship awareness initiatives that focus on technology sectors.

We will support an environment of innovation and entrepreneurship throughout the advanced education system. The government will work with stakeholders to move forward on Campus Alberta to ensure that Alberta's post-secondary system remains one of the best in the world, providing a full spectrum of post-secondary education and training opportunities that are second to none.

Special attention must also be paid to enhancing the province's economic relationships within Canada. Bill 1 of this legislative session, the TILMA Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, will implement the B.C.-Alberta trade, investment, and labour mobility agreement. This is a ground-breaking agreement that is unprecedented in Canada and demonstrates Alberta's commitment to economic leadership. It means reduced business costs, greater efficiencies, and seamless access for businesses and workers in both provinces to opportunities within a single economic region of nearly eight million people.

While Alberta towns and cities continue to grow and flourish, this government will never take for granted the cultural and economic importance of vibrant rural communities and competitive agriculture, food, and forestry sectors. We will continue to work with the livestock industry as its members create their own vision for long-term sustainability. Building on more than a century of experience, Alberta will continue its work alongside individual agriculture sectors to strengthen and diversify the entire industry. It will seek to increase the market value of the many unique and value-added agricultural products and opportunities that exist in our province. This includes expanding into new markets and continuing to develop new products.

We are also committed to addressing the challenges facing Alberta's forest industry. The government will work with industry to identify options to strengthen the long-term viability of this sector and help improve its competitive position in world markets. These efforts will also include looking at ways to attract greater investment, promote innovation, and create more opportunities to develop value-added products such as biofuels and carbon offsets.

The Government of Alberta will also take steps to resolve conflicts among various land users. The government will change the way land-use decisions are made in this province. The land-use framework is about planning for responsible growth while meeting Albertans' environmental and social priorities.

A more focused regional planning approach will also be taken in the area around Alberta's capital in order to take full advantage of opportunities and provide coordinated public infrastructure necessary to accommodate development.

Alberta will continue to consult with First Nations communities any time that land and resource management activities on Crown land may affect treaty rights. To increase certainty in resource development, an updated First Nations consultation policy will be implemented to clarify the responsibilities of all parties.

Alberta's economy relies on people both to support current high levels of growth and to develop the innovations which will fuel long-term success. The government will work with First Nations and Métis to develop and implement plans to increase their participation in the labour force and the economy. This will contribute to strong, healthy, and vibrant aboriginal communities and people participating fully in the opportunities of a prosperous and diverse Alberta.

We are also finalizing a labour market agreement with the federal government that will help under-represented groups be successful in the workforce. It will support new partnerships, help finance new programs, and increase training and other supports for aboriginal Albertans, persons with disabilities, immigrants, and people who do not have a high school diploma. It will also help increase the literacy and essential skills of adults who are already working.

Special attention will be paid to recruiting workers in sectors facing the greatest need such as health care and construction trades. We will encourage potential immigrants from across Canada and around the world with a clear message that their skills, ideas, and energy are wanted here and that in Alberta they can fulfill their dreams.

The government understands that parents who are working or going to school need quality child care that helps children get a good start in life. We will play a leadership role to support the creation of 14,000 new child care spaces in a variety of settings and to meet a variety of needs by 2011. We will also help low- and middle-income families with the costs of care for their school-aged children.

Action to Sustain Alberta's Health System

Taking action to strengthen Alberta's economy is an important goal in itself, but it is also necessary so that Alberta has the ability and flexibility to act forcefully on its other priorities. Key among those priorities is a renewed commitment to improve Alberta's publicly funded health system in the coming year and over the long term. Alberta's health system must be well governed, transparent, and accountable at all levels. Your government will strengthen the structures and processes for effective governance and sound stewardship on the part of all health service providers and organizations.

Your government is determined to improve access to quality health care. It will also improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the health system so quality health care remains affordable. It will also continue to increase the capacity of the system to serve Albertans' needs through the construction of new and expanded facilities, and it will ensure that Alberta has the health care professionals it needs to meet future demand, beginning with enhanced opportunities for students to pursue health care careers with a long-term view to developing innovative approaches such as health care high schools.

Your government will ensure that the services and facilities for persons affected by mental health concerns as well as substance abuse and addictions will be expanded and improved. Additional beds and community-based programs will be brought on stream to enhance the overall spectrum of care available.

Action on Alberta's Infrastructure

The government recognizes that having the necessary and appropriate public infrastructure in place is critical to economic development and a high quality of life for Albertans. Public facilities provide a safe learning environment for children, help Albertans receive high-quality health services, and allow government to deliver core programs to the people of this province. Infrastructure is also an economic enabler, providing ways to move goods and services to market efficiently and keeping our economy strong.

Your government will continue to provide the roads, schools, post-secondary facilities, hospitals, and other public infrastructure to meet the long-term needs of Alberta's growing economy and population. The 20-year capital plan will ensure that we catch up and keep up with Alberta's infrastructure needs, not only building new facilities but also setting aside funds to protect the taxpayers' investment and properly maintain current infrastructure long into the future.

We will ensure that infrastructure is built and maintained in a timely, cost-effective, and efficient manner that focuses on projects with the highest need.

Over the next three years Alberta will invest more in the provincial highway network than ever before. This investment will see the completion of major sections of the Calgary and Edmonton ring roads, the continued twinning of Highway 63, and the enhancement of other strategic economic corridors. It will also continue to implement a plan to improve traffic safety as Alberta's contribution to a national campaign for Canada to have the safest roads in the world.

Action for Sustainable Resource Development

Energy resource development has been a defining part of Alberta's success. It holds the key to Alberta's continued growth and prosperity. From the first strike at Turner Valley to the early days of oil sands development, from the world-renowned scientific innovations in energy development to our province becoming Canada's largest producer of wind power and petrochemicals, energy has kept Alberta moving forward in more ways than one.

Recognizing the continued importance of energy to our province's future, the government will complete a provincial energy strategy this year. It will provide for the responsible and innovative development of the oil, natural gas, and coal resources with which Alberta has been blessed. This strategy will look to the future, specifically to the emergence of new, alternative energy sources and the importance of responsible energy use, efficiency, and conservation.

Energy production and in particular, oil sands development has created unique benefits and challenges for our province. That's why an important element of the energy strategy and a major focus for your government will be the continued responsible development of the oil sands in accordance with our obligation under the Constitution. This massive global resource has created significant opportunities for our province, attracted billions of dollars of investment, created tens of thousands of jobs, and drawn thousands of new families from around the world to our communities.

The oil sands have made Alberta a key contributor to the Canadian and North American energy supply and will transform the energy market in the years to come. Albertans recognize that the oil sands are integral to our success as a province and vital to our nation's energy security. They also expect their government to take the lead and ensure that energy resources are developed in an environmentally, socially, and economically responsible way. We have a duty to ensure that this unique resource is developed in the best interests of current and future Albertans. That's a duty your government takes very seriously.

Alberta is taking vigorous action to address the social, environmental, and economic aspects of oil sands development, starting with the need for housing in Fort McMurray. We will implement a long-term strategic plan to ensure that this industry continues to grow in a sustainable and responsible way.

Alberta energy must be clean energy, developed using the best technologies available. Albertans expect this, and so do those who buy our energy products in the international market. Alberta is in the world's spotlight, and the expectations for our province are high. We will meet those expectations as a leader in energy development and environmental protection.

Alberta's climate change strategy takes us down a bold new path toward meeting this challenge. We have committed to producing cleaner energy by using proven technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Alberta was the first province to implement a system to measure those emissions and the first to legislate targets for large industrial emitters, including a compliance mechanism and a technology reinvestment fund. While others talk, Albertans act.

With carbon capture and storage technology our goal is to reduce production emissions in the oil sands to equivalent to or less than those of conventional oil. A government-industry council will be created to advise on how to implement this technology on a wide scale.

Your government will also follow through on its commitment to making Alberta more energy efficient. Initiatives will include setting up consumer incentives, adding energy efficiency standards to building codes, helping municipalities adapt to climate change, and launching a public awareness program because as consumers we all share responsibility for action.

In a time of explosive economic growth Alberta is also pioneering a new way to deal with the cumulative effects of development on a regional scale. This means raising the bar to take into account the social, economic, and environmental impact of development on our province, and it means working more closely with communities, industry, and stakeholders to find the right balance. This innovative approach is already being implemented in the Industrial Heartland area and will be applied to other areas, including the oil sands region.

Action to Build Strong, Safe Communities

A high quality of life and culturally diverse and vibrant communities are important to Albertans, and they're increasingly essential in attracting and retaining the skilled workforce our province needs. As Alberta seeks to attract over 100,000 skilled workers over the next 10 years, it will continue to implement strategies to help build welcoming and inclusive communities and workplaces.

A Premier's Council on Arts and Culture will be established to make recommendations to government and champion culture in Alberta communities.

This year will also see the introduction of a new plan for parks, a long-term strategy for managing the network of parks and protected areas that Albertans value. The plan will balance conservation and preservation responsibilities with the recreational needs of Alberta's growing population.

Your government will take action to promote strong and vibrant communities and reduce crime so Albertans feel safe. This year will see the addition of 100 more front-line police officers, part of government's commitment to add 300 police officers over the next three years to support safer Alberta communities.

Government will develop and implement an integrated and innovative approach to policing in Alberta. This will be accomplished through the establishment of a policing framework that will include new models for service delivery, funding, and enhanced accountability and greater coordination and integration of law enforcement at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels. Government will also implement an action plan for provincial correctional services to help reduce crime through more effective offender management and rehabilitation.

We will work harder to prevent root causes of crime. We will build on the action government has already taken to reduce fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and prevent family violence.

During a crisis Albertans expect their government to respond quickly and effectively, so we will take steps to enhance emergency preparedness. The government will establish an interdisciplinary institute to support safety and security.

Your government has pledged to work closely with municipalities to identify and address the unique needs of urban centres in an era of dramatic growth. Among these is the need to ensure a supply of appropriate and affordable housing to make our communities stronger, safer, and healthier. We will continue to take action to address the demand for affordable housing for the homeless, families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and those in need with the goal of promoting home ownership.

The government will also ensure that vulnerable Albertans are protected. We recognize the need for more supportive living accommodations and services in communities across Alberta. Albertans in need of continuing care services want to live in affordable, homelike settings close to family and friends. We will act on these needs by ensuring that more affordable supportive living spaces are built.

In partnership with health regions and long-term care facilities new supports will be provided to about 500 younger and socially or culturally isolated people living in long-term care. Regional teams will help these Albertans obtain the supports they need to participate in community activities, recreation, and educational programs to enhance their quality of life.

Conclusion

Ladies and gentlemen, in all of the areas discussed today, your government is committed to taking decisive steps in the service of this growing province as it assumes a greater leadership role within Canada and beyond.

Ministers of the Crown have been given firm, clear mandates for action in their respective portfolios. Those mandates are based on the priorities and aspirations of Albertans. They are rooted in the belief that Albertans want meaningful, realistic, achievable actions taken in support of those priorities and aspirations, and they are founded in the principles of the people of this great province, principles such as entrepreneurship, self-reliance, compassion, and putting others' needs ahead of one's own. As your government acts on these mandates, those principles will never be forgotten. It pledges to act with openness and accountability, with integrity and goodwill, and with an abiding respect of our contract with Albertans.

Whether it's in economic development or health care, rural development or environmental sustainability, your government will act in the best interests of the people of Alberta and in the best interests of Alberta's future. The government will act on commitments it has made to future Albertans so that this great province fulfills its destiny as Canada's greatest province, its destiny to be all that it can be.

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.

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 1/2008

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Ordered, that the Honourable Mr. Stelmach have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008." Hon. Mr. Stelmach accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, a report containing the results of the General Election conducted on the third day of March 2008. The report states that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions and the said report further shows that the following Members were duly elected:

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| Airdrie-Chestermere | Rob Anderson |
| Athabasca-Redwater | Jeff Johnson |
| Banff-Cochrane | Janis Tarchuk |
| Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock | Kenneth R. Kowalski |
| Battle River-Wainwright | Doug Griffiths |
| Bonnyville-Cold Lake | Genia Leskiw |
| Calgary-Bow | Alana DeLong |
| Calgary-Buffalo | Kent Hehr |
| Calgary-Cross | Yvonne Fritz |
| Calgary-Currie | Dave Taylor |
| Calgary-East | Moe Amery |
| Calgary-Egmont | Jonathan Denis |
| Calgary-Elbow | Alison Redford |
| Calgary-Fish Creek | Heather Forsyth |
| Calgary-Foothills | Len Webber |
| Calgary-Fort | Wayne Cao |
| Calgary-Glenmore | Ron Stevens |
| Calgary-Hays | Art Johnston |
| Calgary-Lougheed | Dave Rodney |

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| Calgary-Mackay | Teresa Woo-Paw |
| Calgary-McCall | Darshan S. Kang |
| Calgary-Montrose | Manmeet Bhullar |
| Calgary-Mountain View | David Swann |
| Calgary-North Hill | Kyle Fawcett |
| Calgary-North West | Lindsay Blackett |
| Calgary-Nose Hill | Neil Brown |
| Calgary-Shaw | Cindy Ady |
| Calgary-Varsity | Harry Chase |
| Calgary-West | Ron Liepert |
| Cardston-Taber-Warner | Broyce Jacobs |
| Cypress-Medicine Hat | Len Mitzel |
| Drayton Valley-Calmar | Diana McQueen |
| Drumheller-Stettler | Jack Hayden |
| Dunvegan-Central Peace | Hector Goudreau |
| Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview | Tony Vandermeer |
| Edmonton-Calder | Doug Elniski |
| Edmonton-Castle Downs | Thomas Lukaszuk |
| Edmonton-Centre | Laurie Blakeman |
| Edmonton-Decore | Janice Sarich |
| Edmonton-Ellerslie | Naresh Bhardwaj |
| Edmonton-Glenora | Heather Klimchuk |
| Edmonton-Gold Bar | Hugh MacDonald |
| Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood | Brian Mason |
| Edmonton-Manning | Peter Sandhu |
| Edmonton-McClung | David Xiao |
| Edmonton-Meadowlark | Raj Sherman |
| Edmonton-Mill Creek | Gene Zwozdesky |
| Edmonton-Mill Woods | Carl Benito |
| Edmonton-Riverview | Kevin Taft |
| Edmonton-Rutherford | Fred Horne |
| Edmonton-Strathcona | Rachel Notley |
| Edmonton-Whitemud | Dave Hancock |
| Foothills-Rocky View | Ted Morton |

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| Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo | Guy C. Boutilier |
| Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville | Ed Stelmach |
| Grande Prairie-Smoky | Mel Knight |
| Grande Prairie-Wapiti | Wayne Drysdale |
| Highwood | George Groeneveld |
| Innisfail-Sylvan Lake | Luke Ouellette |
| Lac La Biche-St. Paul | Ray Danyluk |
| Lacombe-Ponoka | Ray Prins |
| Leduc-Beaumont-Devon | George Rogers |
| Lesser Slave Lake | Pearl Calahasen |
| Lethbridge-East | Bridget Pastoor |
| Lethbridge-West | Greg Weadick |
| Little Bow | Barry McFarland |
| Livingstone-Macleod | Evan Berger |
| Medicine Hat | Rob Renner |
| Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills | Richard Marz |
| Peace River | Frank Oberle |
| Red Deer-North | Mary Anne Jablonski |
| Red Deer-South | Cal Dallas |
| Rocky Mountain House | Ty Lund |
| Sherwood Park | Iris Evans |
| Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert | Doug Horner |
| St. Albert | Ken Allred |
| Stony Plain | Fred Lindsay |
| Strathcona | Dave Quest |
| Strathmore-Brooks | Arno Doerksen |
| Vermilion-Lloydminster | Lloyd Snelgrove |
| West Yellowhead | Robin Campbell |
| Wetaskiwin-Camrose | Verlyn Olson |
| Whitecourt-Ste. Anne | George VanderBurg |

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 April 16, 2008.

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

and, in addition thereto, there be appointed for the duration of the present Legislature, a Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

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 and one Special Standing Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (9 Members)

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| Rogers (Chair) | Blakeman | McFarland |
| Elniski (Deputy Chair) | DeLong | McQueen |
| Amery | Kang | Olson |

Legislative Offices (11 Members)

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Prins (Chair) | Horne | Mitzel |
| McFarland (Deputy Chair) | Lund | Notley |
| Blakeman | MacDonald | Webber |
| Campbell | Marz | |

Private Bills (21 Members)

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Brown (Chair) | Calahasen | MacDonald |
| Woo-Paw (Deputy Chair) | Campbell | McQueen |
| Allred | Doerksen | Olson |
| Amery | Elniski | Quest |
| Anderson | Fawcett | Sandhu |
| Benito | Forsyth | Sarich |
| Boutilier | Jacobs | Swann |

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

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|------------|
| Prins (Chair) | Johnson | Pastoor |
| Hancock (Deputy Chair) | Leskiw | Rogers |
| Bhardwaj | Liepert | Stevens |
| Boutilier | Marz | Taylor |
| Calahasen | Mitzel | Vandermeer |
| Doerksen | Notley | Weadick |
| Griffiths | Oberle | Zwozdesky |

Public Accounts (17 Members)

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| MacDonald (Chair) | Denis | Kang |
| Lund (Deputy Chair) | Drysdale | Mason |
| Benito | Fawcett | Quest |
| Bhardwaj | Griffiths | Vandermeer |
| Chase | Jacobs | Woo-Paw |
| Dallas | Johnson | |

Members' Services (11 Members)

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Kowalski (Chair) | Leskiw | Taylor |
| Oberle (Deputy Chair) | Mason | VanderBurg |
| Elniski | Rodney | Weadick |
| Hehr | Snelgrove | |

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

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: Dr. Carl Michael Paproski, Member for Edmonton-Kingsway, 1982 to 1986, who passed away on January 13, 2008, and Ms Pamela Trainor Barrett, Member for Edmonton-Highlands, 1986 to 1993 and 1997 to 2000, who passed away on January 21, 2008.

Speaker's Statement - Operation of Oral Question Period and Rotation of Members' Statements

Honourable Members, before we start on the first Question Period of the 27th Legislature, the Chair would like to review briefly some rules concerning the operation of Question Period, including the rotation of questions. While today's Order Paper outlines Government Motion 8 which proposes temporary amendments to the Standing Orders, Members may be interested to know that if they comb the Standing Orders of the Assembly, they would not find any rules concerning the operation of Question Period. Standing Order 7(1) states where Oral Question Period comes in the Daily Routine and indicates that it shall not exceed 50 minutes. The rules concerning inappropriate language found in Standing Order 23 apply, but the operation and rotation of questions is based on the practices and precedents of this Assembly.

Traditionally the Chair has made a statement at the start of a Legislature concerning Question Period and other matters such as the rotation of Members' Statements. In determining these matters, the Chair is mindful of that fundamental principle of Canadian parliamentary law which appeared in a 1916 edition of Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure and Practice in the Dominion of Canada and is restated in paragraph 1 of Beauchesne's, sixth edition, which is:

"To protect a minority and restrain the improvidence or tyranny of a majority; to secure the transaction of public business in an orderly manner; to enable every Member to express opinions within limits necessary to preserve decorum and prevent an unnecessary waste of time; to give abundant opportunity for the consideration of every measure, and to prevent any legislative action being taken upon sudden impulse."

Members may be aware that the numbers of the respective caucuses in the Assembly are very similar to those at the start of the 25th Legislature following the 2001 general election. The only difference is that the Official Opposition has nine Members instead of the seven it had after the 2001 election; the Government 72 instead of 74. The Chair sees little reason to depart from the rotation that existed at that time.

Accordingly, the Official Opposition will be entitled to the first three sets of questions, which is a main question followed by up to two supplementary questions. The third party will be entitled to ask the fourth question. A Member from the Government Caucus will be entitled to the fifth question.

The rotation will then shift back and forth between Members of the Official Opposition and private Members on the government side. This means that the Official Opposition will have the sixth, eighth, and 10th questions, and Government Members will be entitled to the seventh and ninth questions. The third party will be entitled to the 11th question. A Member from the government side will take the 12th question and the Official Opposition will be entitled to ask the 13th question.

In 2001 the 14th and subsequent questions went to Government Members. In light of the fact that the Official Opposition has two more seats than it did in 2001, they should have the 15th question, with the Government Members being entitled to the questions after that, should there be time for that many questions.

Prior to the temporary changes adopted in the spring of 2007, the well-established rule was that there could be a preamble to the first, or main, question and no preambles to supplementary questions. Last year House Leaders convinced the Chair to implement a scheme where there was a 45-second time limit on questions and answers, which virtually obliterated the difference between main and supplementary questions. In the Chair's view the implementation of a time limit without any restrictions on supplementary questions did not raise the level of decorum in the Assembly.

As has been done at the start of past Legislatures, the Chair would like to remind all Members that brevity in questions and answers is of fundamental importance to the operation of Question Period. The Chair notes that the Canadian House of Commons imposes a time limit of 35 seconds for each question and answer. It should be made clear that it is in no way the Chair's intention to limit the nature of questions asked in Question Period. As Members well know, the Chair is firmly committed to the history and traditions of parliament. In a system of responsible government it is fundamentally important that the government be held to account by the Assembly. That is a cornerstone of our system of government. Question Period is an important component of that accountability. However, observing that principle does not mean that decorum becomes irrelevant. The Chair is dedicated to making sure that this Assembly remains an honourable place. Furthermore, the purpose of Question Period is to seek information from the government about government.

To reconcile these principles and objectives, the Chair will recognize a 35-second time limit for questions and answers. There will be no preambles to supplementary questions. Supplementary questions will have to be well crafted and should not take 35 seconds. This will allow more Members to participate in Question Period and should help reinforce the purpose of Question Period, which is the seeking of information. Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, sections 407 to 414, provides clarity and guidance.

The practice will continue of caucuses submitting lists to the Speaker's office prior to the start of the session indicating those Members wishing to ask questions that day. To facilitate the operations of the Assembly, the Chair would appreciate it if the list could be submitted by 12:30 p.m. In accordance with the traditions of the Assembly, the Speaker will ultimately retain discretion when it comes to recognizing Members during Question Period, similar to the practices across Canada, out of respect for this office and the institution.

The Chair would also like to comment on the rotation of Members' Statements. Standing Order 7(5) states:

"Members' Statements shall be allocated in proportion to the number of Members other than members of the Executive Council in each party represented in the Assembly or as agreed to by House Leaders or, failing agreement, as determined by the Speaker."

As there is no House Leaders' agreement concerning Members' Statements, the Chair will have to determine the allocation.

There are 47 private Members on the government side when the Speaker and members of the Executive Council are excluded. The Official Opposition has nine Members and the third party has two Members. In keeping with the proportions, a Member of the Official Opposition will be entitled to make a statement every day. Private Members on the government side will be entitled to the other five statements for three of four days every week. On the fourth day the third party will be entitled to make a statement, which would mean the Government Members will be entitled to four statements, the Official Opposition one, the third party one, and on the previous three days the Government Members five and the Official Opposition one. The Chair will be accommodating if requested to change the rotation on certain days to accommodate Members on a given day.

The Chair would like to make one last point. The government has created a number of Parliamentary Assistant positions. Without detracting from the work they perform, for the purposes of the Assembly, Members occupying these positions are considered private Members as opposed to the government. Accordingly, they may ask questions but cannot answer questions. Only members of the government, which is to say members of Executive Council, may answer. However, if a Parliamentary Assistant was to ask questions of the Minister with whom he or she works, there might be an expression of discomfort by the Chair and undoubtedly from Members. Furthermore, it should be noted that Parliamentary Assistants will not have any special prerogatives with respect to sponsoring Bills. Standing Order 83 is quite clear that Money Bills, that is Bills that require the Royal Recommendation, must be moved by a member of Executive Council.

Members should have received a letter from the Chair dated April 8, 2008, outlining several points about decorum and the operation of the Assembly. In the interest of time the Chair will refrain from making any further comments about the principles underlying the operation of Question Period at this time. If experience is any guide, the Chair will have an opportunity to review these principles as this session progresses.

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing April 6, 2008, as Tartan Day.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Junior B Provincial Hockey Championships held in Three Hills and Trochu from April 3-6, 2008.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Supreme Court of Canada ruling disallowing the Alberta Government from excluding gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered people from human rights legislation.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement recognizing April 13-19, 2008, as National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement congratulating Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, and Ben Hebert on winning the 2008 World Men's Curling Championships in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on April 13, 2008.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team on winning the 2008 Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship in Camrose on April 15, 2008.

Notices of Motions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of her 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 arbitrary government sponsored changes to the Standing Orders of the Assembly which threaten the basic democratic principles, especially unanimous consent, of the opposition Members.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, April 2008

Sessional Paper 3/2008

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

News release dated April 16, 2008, entitled "Government launches aggressive action plan to make public health system more efficient and ensure equitable access to services" with related attachments, all prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 4/2008

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2007, Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 5/2008

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

Flyer advertising upcoming rallies planned by the Vigils Committee concerning the privatization of health care
Sessional Paper 6/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented
Sessional Paper 7/2008

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

Pamphlet entitled "Bridges that Unite" advertising a travelling exhibition presented by the Aga Khan Foundation Canada
Sessional Paper 8/2008

Program from the Passover Haggadah festival recently held in Calgary
Sessional Paper 9/2008

Program from the 14th Alberta East Coulee Spring Festival held on April 12, 2008
Sessional Paper 10/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Alberta Progressive Conservative Party Platform Book
Sessional Paper 11/2008

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:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 12/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Mr. Miller on May 28, 2007:

A copy of all ministerial expense claims, broken down by Minister, submitted between December 15, 2006, and March 1, 2007.

Sessional Paper 13/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2):

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2001/02, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 14/2008

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2002/03, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 15/2008

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2003/04, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 16/2008

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2004/05, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 17/2008

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2005/06, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 18/2008

Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2006/07, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 19/2008

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s15(2):

Historical Resources Fund, 2001-02 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 20/2008

Historical Resources Fund, 2002-03 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 21/2008

Historical Resources Fund, 2003-04 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 22/2008

Historical Resources Fund, 2004-05 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 23/2008

Historical Resources Fund, 2005-06 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 24/2008

Historical Resources Fund, 2006-07 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 25/2008

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47:

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2001-02 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 26/2008

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2002-03 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 27/2008

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2003-04 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 28/2008

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2004-05 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 29/2008

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2005-06 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 30/2008

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2006-07 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 31/2008

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3):

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2001-02, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 32/2008

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2002-03, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 33/2008

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2003-04, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 34/2008

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2004-05, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 35/2008

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2005-06, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 36/2008

Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2006-07, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 37/2008

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the arbitrary government sponsored changes to the Standing Orders of the Assembly which threaten the basic democratic principles, especially unanimous consent, of the opposition Members.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

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

2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 38/2008

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. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 49

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| Ady | Fawcett | Marz |
| Allred | Forsyth | McFarland |
| Amery | Fritz | McQueen |
| Anderson | Goudreau | Mitzel |
| Benito | Griffiths | Morton |
| Berger | Groeneveld | Oberle |
| Bhullar | Hancock | Olson |
| Blackett | Hayden | Ouellette |
| Boutilier | Horner | Prins |
| Campbell | Jablonski | Redford |
| Cao | Jacobs | Snelgrove |
| Dallas | Johnson | Stevens |
| Denis | Klimchuk | Weadick |
| Doerksen | Knight | Woo-Paw |
| Drysdale | Leskiw | Xiao |
| Elniski | Lund | Zwozdesky |
| Evans | | |

Against the motion: 7

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| Blakeman | Kang | Swann |
| Chase | Pastoor | Taft |
| Hehr | | |

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2007-08 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. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 49

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| Ady | Drysdale | Jacobs |
| Allred | Elniski | Johnson |
| Amery | Evans | Klimchuk |
| Benito | Forsyth | Knight |
| Berger | Fritz | Leskiw |
| Bhullar | Goudreau | Liepert |
| Boutilier | Griffiths | Lund |
| Campbell | Groeneveld | Marz |
| Cao | Hancock | McFarland |
| Dallas | Hayden | McQueen |
| Denis | Horner | Mitzel |
| Doerksen | Jablonski | Morton |

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| Oberle | Redford | Webber |
| Olson | Snelgrove | Woo-Paw |
| Ouellette | Stevens | Xiao |
| Prins | Weadick | Zwozdesky |
| Quest | | |

Against the motion: 7

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| Blakeman | Kang | Swann |
| Chase | Pastoor | Taft |
| Hehr | | |

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 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

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: 47

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| Ady | Forsyth | Mitzel |
| Allred | Goudreau | Morton |
| Amery | Griffiths | Oberle |
| Anderson | Groeneveld | Olson |
| Berger | Hancock | Ouellette |
| Bhullar | Hayden | Prins |
| Boutilier | Horner | Quest |
| Campbell | Johnson | Redford |
| Cao | Klimchuk | Snelgrove |
| Dallas | Knight | Stevens |
| Denis | Leskiw | Weadick |
| Doerksen | Liepert | Webber |
| Drysdale | Lund | Woo-Paw |
| Elniski | Marz | Xiao |
| Evans | McFarland | Zwozdesky |
| Fawcett | McQueen | |

Against the motion: 7

| | | |
|----------|---------|-------|
| Blakeman | Kang | Swann |
| Chase | Pastoor | Taft |
| Hehr | | |

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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. Hancock 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 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:39 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the recent junior high and intermediate provincial Reach for the Top academic competition hosted by Trochu Valley School.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton and regarding the recent gala held to celebrate the mortgage being paid off for the twin ice arenas in Edmonton-Rutherford.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the need for the government to create a plan to deal with child poverty.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding a recent STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) fundraising dinner held in Radway.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the government to provide more affordable child care spaces in Alberta.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement congratulating the SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) Trojans men's hockey team on recently winning the Alberta College Athletic Conference Hockey Championship.

Notices of Motions

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, April 21, 2008:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 24 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 13 Edmonton 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.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from over 1,200 Albertans urging the Government to revise their policies to eliminate child poverty and its many manifestations in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 202 Alberta Volunteer Service Medal Act — Mr. Cao

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 39/2008

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

Letter dated December 5, 2007, from Anne Landry of Calgary to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting a public inquiry into how the enforcement of privacy legislation and security standards negatively affects individuals' basic rights

Sessional Paper 40/2008

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

Report dated November 2007 entitled "Temporary Foreign Workers, Alberta's disposable workforce" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 41/2008

Momentum, A Community Economic Development Organization, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 42/2008

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 21 to April 24, 2008:

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| Monday, April 21 | 9:00 p.m. | - 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 |
| Tuesday, April 22 | Aft. | - Temporary Recess Messages Budget Address And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 3 of 10) And as per the Order Paper |

- Wednesday, April 23 Aft. - **Reply to the Budget Address**
 Official Opposition Leader
 New Democrat Opposition
 **Address in Reply to the Speech
 from the Throne** (Day 4 of 10)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Address in Reply to the Speech
 from the Throne** (Day 4 of 10)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, April 24 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates
 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:
- A. Be it resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:
- 1 The following is added after Standing Order 3:**
- 2008 Fall Sitting**
- 3.1(1)** Unless otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall meet for the 2008 Fall Sitting commencing on Tuesday, October 14th and concluding no later than Thursday, December 4th.
- (2)** During the 2008 Fall Sitting, the Assembly shall stand adjourned for a constituency week during the week of November 10th.
- (3)** 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 has been duly adjourned to that time.
- (4)** Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Assembly from adjourning prior to the adjournment date in suborder (1) if so ordered by the Assembly.
- (5)** The Fall Sitting may be extended beyond the adjournment date in suborder (1) on passage of a Government motion, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.
- 2 Standing Order 4 is amended by striking out "8 p.m." wherever it occurs and substituting "7:30 p.m."**

3 Standing Order 7 is amended

- (a) **in suborder (1) by adding "At 1:50 p.m.," before "Oral Question Period";**
- (b) **by adding the following after suborder (1):**
- (1.1) At 1:50 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Oral Question Period with the balance of the daily routine to follow.
- (1.2) If the items in the daily routine are completed prior to 1:50 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

- (a) **in suborder (2) by striking out "8 p.m." and substituting "7:30 p.m.";**
- (b) **in suborder (4) by striking out "60 minutes" and substituting "55 minutes";**
- (c) **in suborder (7) 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.

5 Standing Order 34 is amended

- (a) **by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:**
- (3) On Thursday, the Government House Leader shall give the Assembly notice of any written questions or motions for returns that will be accepted or otherwise dealt with on the following Monday.
- (3.1) On Monday afternoon, written questions and motions for returns are deemed to stand and retain their places except those for which notice has been given under suborder (3) or those which are otherwise due for consideration.
- (3.2) The Clerk shall read the number, text and name of the sponsor of any written question or motion for return of which notice of acceptance has been given pursuant to suborder (3) when this item of business is called.
- (b) **in suborder (4)(a) by striking out "the sitting day" and substituting "the Wednesday".**

6 The following is added after Standing Order 38:**Intersessional deposits**

38.1(1) If the Assembly stands adjourned for a period of more than 14 days, any return, report or other periodic statement that is to be laid before the Assembly in accordance with an Act or any resolution or Standing Order of the Assembly may be deposited with the Clerk (with the required number of copies) and such return, report or other periodic statement is deemed to have been laid before the Assembly on the day on which it is deposited.

(2) The Clerk shall publish a list of documents deposited under this Standing Order at least once every 4 weeks during a period of adjournment.

(3) A record of documents deposited under this Standing Order shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings on the next sessional day.

7 The following is added after Standing Order 52:**Policy Field Committees**

52.01(1) Five Policy Field Committees, consisting of 11 members each, shall be established to consider the following subject areas:

- (a) Standing Committee on Community Services - mandate related to the areas of culture and community spirit, education, housing and urban affairs, municipal affairs, and tourism, parks and recreation;
- (b) Standing Committee on the Economy - mandate related to the areas of advanced education and technology, employment and immigration, finance and enterprise, infrastructure, and transportation;
- (c) Standing Committee on Health - mandate related to the areas of children and youth services, health and wellness, and seniors and community supports;
- (d) Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services - mandate related to the areas of aboriginal relations, government services, government organization, personnel administration, expenditure management, revenue, justice, policing and public security;
- (e) Standing Committee on Resources and Environment - mandate related to the areas of agriculture and rural development, energy, environment, international and intergovernmental relations, and sustainable resource development.

(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.

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

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) If funds are not available for the conduct of an inquiry by a Policy Field Committee, then approval for any additional funds is required from the Members' Services Committee.

Additional powers of Policy Field Committees

52.08(1) A Policy Field Committee may hold public meetings on any matter within its mandate.

(2) A Policy Field Committee may recommend to the Assembly on the need for legislation in any area within the Committee's mandate.

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.

8 Standing Order 53 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Public accounts referred

53(1) Public accounts and all reports of the Auditor General shall stand permanently referred to the Public Accounts Committee as they become available.

(2) The Government shall respond to a report of the Public Accounts Committee within 150 days of the date on which the Committee reports.

9 The following is added after Standing Order 55:

Reports of the Officers of the Legislature

55.01 Reports of the Officers of the Legislature shall stand referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices unless otherwise ordered.

10 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), including a Member who is substituting for the Committee Chair, 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.

(2.5) If the Assembly is adjourned and the Chair of a committee resigns his or her position or is otherwise unable to carry out the duties of Chair, the committee may elect one of its Members as Chair.

11 The following is 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.
- (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 main estimates,
- (a) officials of the Government may be admitted to the floor of the Assembly to advise the Minister whose estimates are under consideration, and
 - (b) staff of the opposition may also be admitted to assist Members who are participating in estimates consideration,
- provided that at least 24 hours' written notice of the names of the officials or staff is given to the Clerk.

Hours of main estimates

- 59.02(1)** During the 2008 Spring Sitting, the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the main estimates for 60 hours.
- (2)** The schedule for consideration of main estimates shall be determined by House Leaders but if they fail to reach an agreement, the Government House Leader shall schedule the appearances of departments for estimates consideration by the Committee of Supply and such schedule shall include a minimum of 2 hours of consideration for each department.
- (3)** The schedule for consideration of main estimates shall be tabled in the Assembly no later than one sitting day following the Budget Address.
- (4)** On the first day of consideration of the main estimates by the Committee of Supply, the first member of the Executive Council to speak shall move that the main estimates in their entirety be considered by the Committee.
- (5)** If at 10:30 p.m. the main estimates are being considered by Committee of Supply, the Chair shall interrupt and the Committee shall immediately rise and report without question put.

(6) When the time allotted for a department's estimates has expired or if there are no Members who wish to speak, the Committee or subcommittee may then proceed to the next department's estimates that are scheduled for consideration.

(7) When the time allotted for a department's estimates has not expired, but there are no Members who wish to speak, that department's estimates shall be deemed to have been considered for the time allotted in the schedule.

(8) 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.

Voting - Main Estimates

59.03(1) On the date scheduled or at the end of 60 hours of consideration, there shall be one vote on main estimates unless

- (a) additional votes are required on amendments pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(8) 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(8).
- (3) For the 2008 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 main estimates have been given 60 hours of consideration, unless otherwise ordered.
- (4) 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.
- (5) At 5:15 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.

12 The following Standing Orders shall have no force and effect for consideration of the main estimates during the 2008 Spring Sitting:

- (a) 60(1);
- (b) 61(1), (2), (4) - (8);
- (c) 62(2);
- (d) 65(1)(b).

13 Standing Order 62(1) is amended by striking out "11 p.m." and substituting "10:30 p.m.".

14 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 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.

15 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 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.

B. 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 in this motion 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) the process used for Committee of Supply consideration of main estimates in 2008,

and shall report to the Assembly with its recommendations no later than October 30, 2008.

C. Be it further resolved that the Policy Field Committees referenced in Part A of this motion be designated as Category A Committees for the purposes of the Members' Services Committee Allowances Order, RMSC 1992, c.M-2.

D. And be it further resolved that

- 1** The amendments in this motion come into force on passage.
- 2** The amendments in this motion shall have effect until the conclusion of the 2008 Fall Sitting.

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved adjournment of the Assembly.

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: 5

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| Blakeman | Kang | Taylor |
| Chase | MacDonald | |

Against the motion: 25

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| Allred | Groeneveld | Notley |
| Benito | Hancock | Oberle |
| Bhardwaj | Johnson | Olson |
| Danyluk | Knight | Prins |
| Doerksen | Leskiw | Rogers |
| Drysdale | Lund | Sandhu |
| Elniski | Mason | Sarich |
| Goudreau | Mitzel | VanderBurg |
| Griffiths | | |

Debate continued on the 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: 24

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| Allred | Goudreau | Mitzel |
| Benito | Griffiths | Oberle |
| Bhardwaj | Groeneveld | Olson |
| Boutilier | Hancock | Prins |
| Danyluk | Johnson | Rogers |
| Doerksen | Knight | Sandhu |
| Drysdale | Leskiw | Sarich |
| Elniski | Lund | VanderBurg |

Against the motion: 5

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| Blakeman | MacDonald | Taylor |
| Kang | Mason | |

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, April 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 21, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the Capital Junior Hockey League's Leduc Myers Norris Penny Riggers and Beaumont Chiefs junior B hockey teams and their successes during the 2007-08 season.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 130 semi-finalists of the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing Calgary-Montrose constituents Laurie Gerdina and Heather Raskey, recipients of Volunteer of the Year Awards for the community of Abbeydale.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a parks and protected areas plan to be released by the government.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing the Student Torch Relay Across Canada, which began in Newfoundland in October 2007 and is scheduled to end in Nunavut in June 2008, and its goal of increasing awareness of the importance of organ donation.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing Amber Thomas of Drayton Valley who recently qualified in the event of swimming to compete at the Paralympic Games to be held in Beijing, China, this summer.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Program from the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Awards Semi-Finalist Celebration held on April 15, 2008, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 43/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 44/2008

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

Letter dated March 17, 2008, unsigned, from Debbie Morris of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the privatization of health care and offering suggestions to improve the public health care system

Sessional Paper 45/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Automobile Insurance Rate Board (AIRB) web site article entitled "AIRB Review of Mandatory Premiums, Formal Public Meetings" listing dates and locations of public meetings

Sessional Paper 46/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3):

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2001/2002 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 47/2008

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2002/2003 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 48/2008

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2003/2004 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 49/2008

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2004/2005 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 50/2008

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2005/2006 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 51/2008

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2006/2007 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 52/2008

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 53/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

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 202 Alberta Volunteer Service Medal Act — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

Mr. Marz 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 201 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act — Mr. Mitzel

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions**501.** Moved by Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the feasibility of eliminating personal income tax in the province and replacing it with a consumption tax.

A debate followed.

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: 24

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| Berger | Fritz | Olson |
| Bhardwaj | Griffiths | Pastoor |
| Blackett | Jacobs | Redford |
| Calahasen | Johnson | Rodney |
| Cao | Knight | Sandhu |
| DeLong | Lukaszuk | Sarich |
| Doerksen | Mitzel | Snelgrove |
| Fawcett | Oberle | VanderBurg |

Against the motion: 15

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| Ady | Drysdale | Renner |
| Benito | Johnston | Rogers |
| Brown | Kang | Swann |
| Chase | Marz | Weadick |
| Denis | Mason | Woo-Paw |

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 Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2007-08 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, 2008, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Relations

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$16,000,000 |
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Education

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$52,000,000 |
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Employment and Immigration

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$14,887,000 |
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Energy

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$14,500,000 |
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Environment

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$103,700,000 |
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Finance and Enterprise

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$105,073,000 |
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Housing and Urban Affairs

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$47,800,000 |
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Transportation

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| Capital Investment | \$95,000,000 |
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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. Blakett moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:53 p.m. until Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the 45th annual Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts held at the Red Deer College Arts Centre and the Crossroads Church from April 21-26, 2008.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing Sherwood Park resident Trevor Gladue on receiving the Men of Honour Award presented by the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton on April 18, 2008.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement recognizing April 22, 2008, as Earth Day.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing the 90th birthday of Edmonton-Ellerslie constituent Jack Maguire.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing April 22, 2008, as Earth Day.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the closure of the Braman Furniture plant in Lethbridge and the assistance provided by Economic Development Lethbridge and Alberta Employment and Immigration to find new jobs for 95 percent of the plant's 140 employees.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 17 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 111 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 2 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the 43-hectare Qualico gravel pit operation proposed for southwest Edmonton from going ahead as it will have significant adverse effects, such as lower property values and a decline in quality of life due to noise, pollution, and heavy trucks.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

The 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan dated January 29, 2008, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 54/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 55/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona :

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 56/2008

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

Calgary Board of Education, Annual Education Results Report, 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 57/2008

Calgary Board of Education, Report to the Community 2008

Sessional Paper 58/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:45 p.m. until 3:00 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 9, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2008-09 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 59/2008

2008-09 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 60/2008

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13:

Budget 2008, Ministry Business Plans
Sessional Paper 61/2008

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2008-09 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2008-09 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, s7, s9:

Budget 2008, Government Strategic Business Plan
Sessional Paper 62/2008

Prior to moving Government Motion 10, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4, s7.1(1):

Budget 2008, Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 63/2008

10. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:26 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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 Woo-Paw moved adjournment of the debate, which 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 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Snelgrove

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

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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. Allred moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:24 p.m. until Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding Dr. Martha Kostuch who passed away on April 23, 2008.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding public education funding.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing Calgary-Montrose constituent Shinia Van who was recently selected as a grade six finalist in the Alberta Branch of the 2008 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association essay contest.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the St. Albert Rotary Music Festival 2008 held from April 7-17, 2008, with the grand concert and awards presentation being held on April 23, 2008.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the achievements of Calgary Board of Education students and teachers.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing April 23, 2008, as St. George's Day.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 18 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 46 Edmonton and areas 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(3):

2008 Committee of Supply Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 64/2008

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Temporary Foreign Worker Guide for Employees (provided in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, and German)

Sessional Paper 65/2008

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

Canada.com web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 23, 2008, entitled "Environmentalism Martha Kostuch dies"

Sessional Paper 66/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2006-2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 67/2008

Speaker's Statement - Officials and Staff on the Floor of the Assembly

Honourable Members, the Government House Leader advised the Assembly that Committee of Supply would be called tomorrow, Thursday, April 24, 2008, to consider Main Estimates. At this time the Chair wants to outline the rules concerning officials and staff on the floor of the Assembly. Members who were here last spring for the Main Estimates may recall the practice of government officials on the floor of the Assembly to assist their respective Ministers. While the practice this year is similar, there are some differences of which Members and Ministers should take note.

First, the practice of allowing officials on the floor of the Assembly is permitted under the temporary Standing Orders approved by the Assembly last Thursday, April 17. Temporary Standing Order 59.01(3) states:

- (3) During Committee of Supply consideration of the main estimates
 - (a) officials of the Government may be admitted to the floor of the Assembly to advise the Minister whose estimates are under consideration, and
 - (b) staff of the opposition may also be admitted to assist Members who are participating in estimates consideration,provided that at least 24 hours' written notice of the names of the officials or staff is given to the Clerk.

There is no restriction on the number of officials or staff who may attend but Members should be aware that, unlike last year, there is no relaxation this year of the quorum rule, so there will likely be fewer seats for officials to occupy than was the case last year. Accordingly, any official seated in the chair of a Member who wishes to occupy his or her chair must yield the seat immediately. The Chair reminds Members that even in Committee they must speak and vote from their own seats. This requirement may mean that additional chairs will have to be brought in to accommodate the officials and staff so that they can sit in close proximity to the Minister or Member they are assisting, but it may very well be that those officials will be sitting in the back of this Assembly.

Of course, officials or staff may not speak on the Minister's or Member's behalf or otherwise participate in the debate. Officials and staff must meet the accepted dress standard for access to the Chamber. The use of cellular telephones or the telephone mode of any personal digital appliance is prohibited for officials and staff as it is for Members. They may use laptop computers or other personal digital appliance functions in support of their respective Minister or Member. Access to the Internet or departmental intranet will not, however, be provided.

The names and titles of officials or staff who will be attending the Chamber must be provided in writing 24 hours in advance. This notice should be directed to the Clerk and be sent to Room 315 of the Legislature Building, with a copy to the Sergeant-at-Arms in Room 411. As estimates are considered tomorrow, the Chair will relax the 24-hour rule, but the names should be provided as soon as possible and prior to the officials or staff requesting access to the Chamber. This will not be enforced as a result of the situation tomorrow but will be effective the next day.

The Chair would ask that Ministers make their officials aware of this statement.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

7. 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.

10. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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 Notley moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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. Zwozdesky moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

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

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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. Mrs. Fritz 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 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason 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 sometime spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:19 p.m. until Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the Carbon Capture and Storage Development Council.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the unveiling of a monument for Private Walter Strang in Hoevelaken, Holland, attended by 10 members of the Regimental Association of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the retirement of Wayne Stewart as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Calgary Homeless Foundation.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2008, as the International Day of Mourning.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the Edmonton Kiwanis Music Festival held from April 21 to May 7, 2008.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Yellowhead Rotary Arts Festival to be held in Hinton and Edson from April 25 to May 2, 2008, with a grand concert to be held on May 7, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 6 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.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady
- Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 203 Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Allred
- Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnston

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Suncor web site article, undated, entitled "Suncor Energy reports financial results for first quarter and updates growth plans"

Sessional Paper 68/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, undated, from Cecily Mills to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the preservation of 11,400 square kilometres of forest in the Wood Buffalo region

Sessional Paper 69/2008

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

Document dated September 2006 entitled "Alberta Royalty Review Results and Competitiveness Assessment, Report of the Cross Commodity Resource Valuation Team"

Sessional Paper 70/2008

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 71/2008

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

Letter dated April 7, 2008, from Gene Miller, Center for Urban Innovation, to a colleague regarding the Gaining Ground Conference to be held in Calgary May 1-2, 2008, with attached program

Sessional Paper 72/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2006/2007

Sessional Paper 73/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Travel Alberta, Strategic Tourism Marketing Plan 2008-2011

Sessional Paper 74/2008

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 28 to May 1, 2008:

Monday, April 28 8:30 p.m. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates
Aboriginal Relations

Third Reading

Bill 5

Second Reading

Bill 1, 6

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

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, April 29

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates

Seniors and Community Supports

And as per the Order Paper

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates

Energy

Third Reading

Bill 5

Second Reading

Bill 1, 6

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

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 30

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates

Employment and Immigration

And as per the Order Paper

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates

Environment

Third Reading

Bill 5

Second Reading

Bill 1, 6

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

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 1

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates

Agriculture and Rural

Development

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Monday, April 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 2008

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 people killed or injured in the workplace.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2008, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2008.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Education Week and the successful test results achieved by Alberta students in the 2007 Pan-Canadian Assessment Program.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the education portion of property taxes.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the APPLE (Alberta Project Promoting Active Learning and Healthy Eating) Project, an initiative involving five Alberta school districts, the University of Alberta School of Public Health, and an anonymous donor.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement congratulating the Lethbridge Hurricanes hockey team on recently winning the Western Hockey League Meyers Norris Penny Eastern Conference Championship.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, presented a petition from 406 Albertans urging the Government to take measures to ensure that annual PSA (prostate-specific antigen) screening tests for men over 40 years of age are covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 20 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Ft. Saskatchewan and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated April 22, 2008, from Kenn Hample with the addressees' names struck out, with several related attachments, regarding proposed changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Code

Sessional Paper 75/2008

Canada.com web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 25, 2008, entitled "We export wheat, beef and oil - why not electricity?" prepared by Gordon Jaremko

Sessional Paper 76/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated November 9, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Mable Both, Director, Claresholm Food Bank, 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 77/2008

Document, undated, entitled "All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Injuries in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness, the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, and the University of Alberta School of Public Health

Sessional Paper 78/2008

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

2 posters commemorating the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 79/2008

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 80/2008

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

Letter dated March 27, 2008, unsigned, from Kelly Juhaszi of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding a lack of supervision on school buses transporting public school students with severe special needs and requesting assistance to rectify this situation

Sessional Paper 81/2008

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Report dated September 2000 entitled "Working Alone Safely, A Guide for Employers and Employees" prepared by the Minister's Committee to Promote Health and Safety - Working Alone Best Practices

Sessional Paper 82/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

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

Motions for Returns

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4.

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 Alberta Volunteer Service Medal Act — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 202, Alberta Volunteer Service Medal 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.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 203 Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Allred

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions**502.** Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to lower personal and corporate taxes by one percent.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. McQueen reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Aboriginal Relations, 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:48 p.m. until Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 105th anniversary of the Frank Slide and new technologies used to monitor Turtle Mountain.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Education Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the rising cost of living for seniors.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling prohibiting police from conducting random searches with sniffer dogs to locate illegal drugs in schools and public places.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Calgary being selected to host the Canadian Football League 2009 Grey Cup Championship.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the Lions Pride in the Community Awards presented by the Lions Clubs of Calgary on April 26, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Fort Saskatchewan and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 20 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 41 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 412 Albertans urging the Government to appoint a Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform to assess all possible models for electing the Members of the Legislative Assembly, including preferential ballots, proportional representation, and our current electoral system and further urging the Government to give the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform a mandate to hold public hearings throughout Alberta, and if it recommends changes to the electoral system, that option to be put to a province-wide referendum.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 43 residents of a seniors' complex in central Edmonton regarding their rising cost of living

Sessional Paper 83/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 letters from Albertans to 4 members of Executive Council and one Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the proposed Lac Cardinal nuclear power plant and to any nuclear power plant in Alberta or Western Canada

Sessional Paper 84/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 85/2008

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Memorandum dated April 22, 2008, from Marcia Blesi, Fleet Coordinator, Vehicle Services, Service Alberta, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding executive vehicle assignment for Dr. Taft, with attached pamphlet dated February 2008 entitled "Executive Vehicle Information, Deputy Ministers and Senior Officials"

Sessional Paper 86/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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 of the Department of 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. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:30 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of 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.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 7)

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:07 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the use of technology in education and recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Education Week.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding financial assistance options available to post-secondary students in Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for a land-use framework in Alberta.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing May 2008 as Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement congratulating Dr. Brent Saik and his teammates on breaking their previous Guinness World Record for the world's longest hockey game played from February 8-18, 2008, and for raising over \$500,000 for pediatric cancer research.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 40 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 70 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 40 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 11 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar
 Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner
 Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans
 Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

- Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Errata to the 2008-09 Main Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
 Sessional Paper 87/2008

Mr. Rogers, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 2007-2008, Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2007
 Sessional Paper 88/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Brochure requesting donations for the Friends for World Development organization
 Sessional Paper 89/2008

Letter, undated, unsigned, from S. Michael Marlowe, Seniors Advocate, to Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, requesting the reinstatement of funding for senior universal support programs that were eliminated in 1993

Sessional Paper 90/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 91/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated March 14, 2008, from Jeannette Beaudoin of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding inadequate staffing and salary levels at the long-term care facility where Ms Beaudoin's mother resides

Sessional Paper 92/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered) Pension Plans, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 93/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, 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 the Members of the Legislative Assembly, 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 94/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Employment and Immigration 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.

Government Motions

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

Standing Committee on Community Services (11 Members)

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Rodney (Chair) | Chase | Lukaszuk |
| Hehr (Deputy Chair) | Doerksen | Notley |
| Benito | Johnson | Sarich |
| Bhardwaj | Johnston | |

Standing Committee on the Economy (11 Members)

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Allred (Chair) | Blakeman | McFarland |
| Taylor (Deputy Chair) | Campbell | Weadick |
| Amery | Marz | Xiao |
| Bhullar | Mason | |

Standing Committee on Health (11 Members)

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|------------------------|---------|------------|
| Horne (Chair) | Fawcett | Sherman |
| Pastoor (Deputy Chair) | Notley | Swann |
| Dallas | Olson | Vandermeer |
| Denis | Quest | |

Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services (11 Members)

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|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| VanderBurg (Chair) | Calahasen | Notley |
| Kang (Deputy Chair) | Cao | Sandhu |
| Anderson | Jacobs | Woo-Paw |
| Brown | MacDonald | |

Standing Committee on Resources and Environment (11 Members)

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Prins (Chair) | Drysdale | McQueen |
| Swann (Deputy Chair) | Griffiths | Oberle |
| Berger | Hehr | Webber |
| Boutilier | Mason | |

- B.** Be it further resolved that Government Motion 8, passed by the Assembly on April 17, 2008, be amended in Part C
- (a) by adding “remuneration for” before “the Policy Field Committees”;
 - (b) by striking out “designated as Category A Committees for the purposes of the Members’ Services Committee Allowances Order, RMSC 1992, c.M-2” and substituting “at rates determined by the Special Standing Committee on Members’ Services”.

A debate followed.

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 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2008

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding the opening of the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute in Edmonton on May 1, 2008.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the Calgary Olympic Development Association Centre of Sport Excellence.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing May 3, 2008, as Search and Rescue Day.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for sustainable oil sands development.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the River Valley Alliance.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing May 1, 2008, as May Day or International Workers' Day.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 40 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 35 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 38 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 45 Albertans urging the Government to take measures that will require school boards and schools to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and materials and general school services, including textbooks, musical instruments, physical education programs, locker rentals, lunch hour supervision, and required field trips and to ensure that schools are not deprived of the resources necessary to offer these programs and services without additional charges to parents or guardians.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 4 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the 43-hectare Qualico gravel pit operation proposed for southwest Edmonton from going ahead as it will have significant adverse effects, such as lower property values and a decline in quality of life due to noise, pollution, and heavy trucks.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Bhardwaj

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on April 24, 2008, Department of Education, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 95/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document, undated, entitled "The Alberta Labour History Institute (ALHI)"

Sessional Paper 96/2008

Report, undated, entitled "Coal-Fired Power Plant Approval Process" prepared by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 97/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Scott Chule to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting assistance with his Workers' Compensation Board claim

Sessional Paper 98/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 99/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Report, undated, entitled "How to exempt yourself from the law. . . and win!" with attached report, undated, entitled "Request for Royal Commission or Provincial Inquiry" prepared by Larry Elford of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 100/2008

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2008, from Gail Rivard of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing support for Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008

Sessional Paper 101/2008

E-mail message dated May 1, 2008, from Philip Carson of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing support for a ban on the use of hand-held cell phones while driving and opposition to a ban on hands-free devices while driving

Sessional Paper 102/2008

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

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, First Session, Spring 2008"

Sessional Paper 103/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2006-2007, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 104/2008

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

Alberta College of Social Workers, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 105/2008

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 106/2008

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2006/07, with attached Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 107/2008

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, P-14, s8(4), College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 108/2008

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 109/2008

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Peace Country Health, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 110/2008

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3) (AR130/2006), Health Quality Council of Alberta, 2006-2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 111/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, Annual Review, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 112/2008

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 5 to May 8, 2008:

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| Monday, May 5 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates |
| | | Service Alberta |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 6 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 1, 2 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, May 6 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates |
| | | Culture and Community Spirit |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 6 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 1, 2 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates |
| | | Infrastructure |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 6 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 1, 2 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |

- Wednesday, May 7
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates
Tourism, Parks and Recreation
Second Reading
Bill 1, 2
And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates
Justice
Second Reading
Bill 1, 2
And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, May 8
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates
Advanced Education and
Technology
Second Reading
Bill 1, 2
And as per the Order Paper

Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period and Main Estimates Consideration

In light of the decorum that's been displayed in the House during Oral Question Period and, quite frankly, the unprecedented numbers of questions and answers that are occurring on a daily basis, I revisited the ruling that I gave on April 16, 2008, and I wish to advise that effective Monday, because of the large number of questions and responses, the 17th question will now be given to the Official Opposition if they choose to use it. That means that there will be one additional question that will be afforded to the Official Opposition.

When I originally mapped this strategy out, I calculated the amount of time it would take to do a question and answer and then inflated it by just a couple of seconds in the event that there might be a little bit of enthusiasm in the House, divided into 50 and came out with 15. The 15th was the last question that I thought would go to the Official Opposition. I basically made the statement then, that each question thereafter would go to private Government Members.

The fact is that we're doing 17, 18, and 19 questions. The intent was always to maximize the fairness. In essence, if we get to 17 questions, the Official Opposition would have nine, the Members of the Government Caucus would have six, and the third party would have two. That will start effective Monday. That means that there are nine questions for the Official Opposition, and it means that each of their Members can raise a question, or if one Member wants to raise all nine, that's their right as well. They can determine that order.

The second matter. I'm pleased that three House Leaders – the Government, the Official Opposition, and the third representation – had a discussion with respect to Standing Order 61(3) with respect to Committee of Supply. Essentially, since 2001 Standing Order 61(3) has indicated that the opposition would have the first hour in estimates. In 2007, as the result of a temporary Standing Order, that read that the Official Opposition would have the first hour. So there has been some discussion, I understand, in the House and in Committee with respect to how this has been applied. I've looked at the Standing Order and the Standing Order basically says:

The Committee of Supply shall consider estimates in the following manner:

- (a) the Minister, or member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, and Members of the opposition may speak during the first hour, and
- (b) any Member may speak thereafter.

I'd ask both the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees and the Deputy Chair of Committees to start reviewing that interpretation as of today's estimates to read that it is the Official Opposition that will have the first hour in the estimates, and then a Member of another grouping would have their time thereafter. Like all agreements the success of this will depend on the goodwill of all parties. This should be another matter, as a result of the motion that was passed not too long ago, that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing will consider when it reviews all of the temporary Standing Orders and reports back to the Assembly later in the year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural 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

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, May 5, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the Guru Nanak Shrine Fellowship, a part of Edmonton's Sikh community, which raised over \$2.3 million to purchase the naming rights for the Guru Nanak Dev Healing Garden located in the recently opened Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement commemorating Holodomor, the imposed famine in Ukraine that took place in 1932 and 1933.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2008, as International Day of the Midwife.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding atrocities that have occurred throughout the world and the importance of human rights.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2008, as the 63rd anniversary of National Liberation Day in Holland.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2008, as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 21 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, 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
2006/2007

Sessional Paper 113/2008

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

Letter dated February 19, 2008, from Barbara Bird of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the findings contained in a report released on November 7, 2007, by Zoocheck Canada and the World Society for the Protection of Animals relating to conditions at the Guzoo Animal Farm in Three Hills and the Discovery Wildlife Park in Innisfail, and requesting the government address this issue

Sessional Paper 114/2008

Document entitled "Promoting Revenue Transparency, 2008 Report on Revenue Transparency of Oil and Gas Companies" prepared by Transparency International

Sessional Paper 115/2008

Alberta Government web site reprint of a blog written on April 28 and 29, 2008, by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, during a trip to Washington, D.C. to discuss energy issues with U.S. government officials

Sessional Paper 116/2008

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

Open letter, undated, from Everett Tanis of Picture Butte expressing concern regarding the long-term effects of the 2003 BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) crisis on beef producers

Sessional Paper 117/2008

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented
Sessional Paper 118/2008

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

Program from the Gala Fundraiser entitled "Light up Papua New Guinea, The Captain Nichola Goddard Project" organized by the Light Up the World Foundation on May 2, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 119/2008

Volunteers Quick Reference Guide for the 41st annual Pathway and River Cleanup held on May 4, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 120/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated July 16, 2007, from André B. Lalonde, MD, FRCSC, FSOGC, FACS, MSc, Executive Vice-President, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for Alberta to fully fund and integrate midwifery into the health care system

Sessional Paper 121/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 2005-06

Sessional Paper 122/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4.

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 201 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act — Mr. Mitzel

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Allred

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 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.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion:

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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.

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: 37

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| Allred | Griffiths | Oberle |
| Amery | Hayden | Ouellette |
| Berger | Horner | Prins |
| Bhullar | Jacobs | Quest |
| Campbell | Johnson | Renner |
| Cao | Knight | Rogers |
| Dallas | Leskiw | Snelgrove |
| DeLong | Lund | Stevens |
| Doerksen | Marz | VanderBurg |
| Drysdale | McQueen | Weadick |
| Elniski | Mitzel | Webber |
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| Goudreau | | |

Against the motion: 4

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| Chase | Notley | Pastoor |
| MacDonald | | |

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Dr. Brown on behalf of Mr. Johnston:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to allow a vehicle to be seized if a driver is charged with racing on a highway.

A debate followed.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, moved the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by adding “section 172 of” before “the Traffic Safety Act”;
- (b) by adding “for a period longer than 24 hours” after “vehicle to be seized”.

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.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of 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.

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)

And after sometime spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m., the Deputy Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

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

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the Yellow Ribbon Gala Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction held at the Edmonton Garrison on May 3, 2008, in support of the Military Family Resource Centre and recognizing Darcia Arndt and Anna Thede for establishing the western Canada Silver Memorial Cross support group.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the opening of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the federal government raising the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 years of age on May 1, 2008.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding long-range growth planning in the Capital Region.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement congratulating the Canadian women's and men's curling teams on winning gold medals at the World Seniors Curling Championships held on March 16, 2008, in Vierumäki, Finland, Larry Taylor and Ed Granger of Lethbridge on winning the bronze medal at the recent Canadian Masters Curling Championships, and recognizing Shirley McPherson, Shirley Kohuch, and Chris Wilson of Lethbridge who were designated as Lethbridge's Female Athletes of the Year for 2008.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing Myranda Stewart of Strathmore for receiving the 2008 4-H Premier's Award.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 25 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation to have midwife-attended homebirths funded by Alberta Health Care.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 St. Albert and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on May 5, 2008, regarding Alberta Environment staffing arrangements in the Fort McMurray region
Sessional Paper 123/2008

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

Report, undated, entitled "Political Party Annual Financial Statement, January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta" prepared by Elections Alberta
Sessional Paper 124/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canmore Leader web site article dated April 30, 2008, entitled "Jonker donates dollars to community day care"
Sessional Paper 125/2008

News release dated May 1, 2007, entitled "New initiatives target more staff and the creation of child care spaces" prepared by Alberta Children's Services, with attached backgrounder
Sessional Paper 126/2008

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented
Sessional Paper 127/2008

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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 of the Department of Culture and Community Spirit, 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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:29 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Infrastructure, 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

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved: that Ms Notley replace Mr. McFarland.

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 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:10 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision prohibiting the use of canine units to conduct random drug searches.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Esquao Awards gala recognizing the achievements of aboriginal women held in Edmonton on May 1, 2008.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing May 5-11, 2008, as Mental Health Week.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the 2008 David Thompson Brigade, a canoe trip starting on May 10, 2008, in Rocky Mountain House and ending on July 12, 2008, at the Fort William historic site in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2008, as Emergency Preparedness Week.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the County of Wetaskiwin and the Griffiths-Scott Middle School in Millet which was recently designated a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) ASPnet (Associated Schools Project) school.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 40 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 33 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

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

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report, undated, entitled "Creating a Healthy Future, Our Plan for Public Health Care" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 128/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

WhoCaresAlberta.com web site article dated May 7, 2008, entitled "Community Organizations Fear Crisis is Worsening, Many organizations are being forced to shut down spaces for children or cut programs to families" and letter dated May 1, 2008, from Patty Kilgallon, President, Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for staffing at child and family service agencies, with associated attachment

Sessional Paper 129/2008

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 130/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, 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 2006-07
Sessional Paper 131/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 132/2008

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, Annual Report 2007
Sessional Paper 133/2008

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 134/2008

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists, Annual Report 2007 dated March 31, 2008
Sessional Paper 135/2008

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2006/2007, with attached Financial Statements dated June 30, 2007
Sessional Paper 136/2008

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 137/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at 5:28 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, and Justice, 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 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:41 p.m. until Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Alberta's public health care system.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Cassie Campbell Street Hockey Festival held in Calgary from April 25-26, 2008, in support of the Ronald McDonald House of Southern Alberta.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Ronald McDonald House of Northern Alberta.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Alberta Environment Support and Emergency Response Team.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing May 8, 2008, as Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding tar sands tailing ponds and the need to promote “green” energy.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government’s administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers’ Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 5 Edmonton 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 17 Edmonton residents 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.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 41 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government’s administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers’ Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 19 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government’s administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers’ Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 60 Edmonton residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petition for Private Bills:

of the Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton for the Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.

Notices of Motions

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

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6

To be dealt with: WQ1

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR2

To be dealt with: MR1, MR3, MR4

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Marz on behalf of Mr. Rodney

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 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to a question raised by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2008, regarding reclamation securities held by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 138/2008

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Brenda Stayko of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding staff shortages at continuing care centres

Sessional Paper 139/2008

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2007 Activities dated February 2008

Sessional Paper 140/2008

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 141/2008

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

News release dated February 28, 2008, entitled "Alberta doctors assign a "B," a "C+," a "C" and a "D" to political parties for their health care policies" prepared by the Alberta Medical Association, with attached list of 10 questions posed by the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 142/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Family Choices, Manitoba's Five-Year Agenda for Early Learning and Child Care" prepared by the Manitoba Child Care Program
Sessional Paper 143/2008

Copies of 5 cards, undated, signed by Edmonton residents regarding the government's long-term commitment to funding affordable, quality child care programs for children 12 years of age and younger
Sessional Paper 144/2008

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Taylor, Official Opposition Deputy 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 May 12 to May 15, 2008:

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| Monday, May 12 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates |
| | | International and Intergovernmental Relations |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, May 13 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates |
| | | Executive Council |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of Supply |
| | | Main Estimates |
| | | Health and Wellness |

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Advanced Education and Technology, 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 5:29 p.m. until Monday, May 12, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing May 12-18, 2008, as National Nurses Week and May 12, 2008, as International Nurses Day.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing May 12, 2008, as Canada Health Day.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Professional Association of Residents of Alberta.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 2008 David Thompson Brigade, a canoe trip that began on May 10, 2008, in Rocky Mountain House and will end on July 12, 2008, at the Fort William historic site in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding Corporal Michael Starker, a paramedic with the City of Calgary Emergency Medical Services and a reservist with the 15 Field Ambulance Regiment, who was recently killed in the line of military duty in Afghanistan.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2008 Alberta Child Care Professional Awards of Excellence presented by Alberta Children and Youth Services in Calgary on May 9, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 4 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the 43-hectare Qualico gravel pit operation proposed for southwest Edmonton from going ahead as it will have significant adverse effects, such as lower property values and a decline in quality of life due to noise, pollution, and heavy truck traffic.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 99 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 37 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation to have midwife-attended homebirths funded by Alberta Health Care.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, 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 tailings ponds created by the oil sands industry and the potential for an environmental disaster due to them.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of page 8 of the Total E&P Canada Limited booklet entitled "Innovative Technology" describing new technologies to be used to recover bitumen from oil sands at the Joslyn North Mine Project

Sessional Paper 145/2008

Diagram illustrating the bitumen process

Sessional Paper 146/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Program from the Ironworkers Local 720 Pin and Award Banquet held on May 10, 2008, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 147/2008

News release dated March 19, 2007, entitled "Radio Ads Highlight Need for Strong Environmental Laws" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 148/2008

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 and a copy of the text for the radio ads

Sessional Paper 149/2008

Copies of an invoice dated March 26, 2007, issued by Corus Radio Edmonton to the Alberta Liberal Caucus and a Government of Alberta Direct Purchase Order dated March 14, 2007, both regarding the purchase of radio advertising on the CHED AM radio station during the weeks of March 19 and 26, 2007

Sessional Paper 150/2008

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

Document entitled "Canadian Parks for Tomorrow: 40th Anniversary Conference Program" held at the University of Calgary from May 8-12, 2008

Sessional Paper 151/2008

Program from the CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) Visions Luncheon 2008 presented by the Transalta Corporation and Westjet on May 9, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 152/2008

Leaflet from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Calgary presentation entitled "Spiritual Solutions to Ending Homelessness: A Panel Discussion" held on May 10, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 153/2008

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

Booklet dated May 2008 entitled "How to Fill in the Blanks . . . A Nursing Care Plan for Nursing in Alberta" prepared by the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 154/2008

E-mail message dated April 17, 2008, from Bob and Lin McDonaugh of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the need for an additional PET (positron emission tomography) scanner in Calgary and requesting the government provide funding for the scanner

Sessional Paper 155/2008

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Pages 20, 25, and 26 from the Suncor Energy Incorporated 2007 Annual Report regarding royalties and tailings management

Sessional Paper 156/2008

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

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 157/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 11, 2008, from Shawny Adrian, Edmonton Christian School student to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding wait times in local hospital emergency departments

Sessional Paper 158/2008

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the tailings ponds created by the oil sands industry and the potential for an environmental disaster due to them.

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 accepted:

WQ2. Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

What was the total cost of implementing the InterRAI MDS (Minimum Data Set) system for continuing care facilities and home care, including hardware, software technical installation, and staff training between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2007, broken down annually and by health region?

WQ3. Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What percentage of the 15 percent surcharge collected from provincial statutory offences has the Victims of Crime Fund received from the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security since its inception to February 4, 2008?

WQ4. Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What is the total number of successful claimants who requested compensation through the Victims of Crime Fund since its inception to February 4, 2008?

WQ5. Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What is the total number and value of any overpayments made by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security from the Victims of Crime Fund from its inception to February 4, 2008?

WQ6. Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What is the total number of litigants, broken down by year, dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project since its inception in April 2001 to February 4, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided to the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project by the Alberta Health and Wellness Health Innovation Fund from April 1, 2004, to February 4, 2008?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

What were the salaries of contracted employees and/or consultants employed by the Ministry and Department of Seniors and Community Supports during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, broken down by amount and position title?

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

What were the *salary ranges* of contracted employees employed by the Ministry and Department of Seniors and Community Supports during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, broken down by *salary range* and position title?

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR2. Requested by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, statistical data, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the July 2006 elimination of the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR1. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

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

A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, economic analyses, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to indexing Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits to the average weekly earnings as reported by Statistics Canada.

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

A copy of documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, economic analyses, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to *the indexation of* Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR3. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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

A copy of all documents used by the Government to project that royalties will increase by approximately \$1.4 billion in 2010 as forecasted by the New Royalty Framework.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to consider the following Motion for Returns on May 26, 2008:

MR4. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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

A complete list of attendees from government and industry at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.

The Clerk Assistant advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR4 (Unanimous consent received to consider MR4 on May 26, 2008), MR5.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act — Mr. Mitzel

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Allred

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, on May 5, 2008, that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

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: 36

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| Ady | Doerksen | Marz |
| Allred | Drysdale | Mitzel |
| Amery | Fritz | Oberle |
| Benito | Goudreau | Olson |
| Berger | Groeneveld | Ouellette |
| Bhardwaj | Hancock | Rodney |
| Bhullar | Hayden | Rogers |
| Blackett | Horner | Sarich |
| Campbell | Johnston | Snelgrove |
| Cao | Klimchuk | Stevens |
| Danyluk | Knight | Weadick |
| DeLong | Lukaszuk | Xiao |

Against the amendment: 5

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| Blakeman | Mason | Taylor |
| Chase | Pastoor | |

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Rogers:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide support, in conjunction with its federal and municipal counterparts, to Port Alberta at the Edmonton International Airport with the aim to foster economic growth in the Capital Region and Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (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. Xiao reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 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 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

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

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — 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 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of
Hon. Mr. Horner

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 10:39 p.m. until Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 23 recipients of the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Calgary on May 10, 2008.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary and rededication of the Finlay Bridge in Medicine Hat to be held on May 14, 2008.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing six Calgary businesses for receiving Careers in Manufacturing Best Manufacturer Awards.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets in Didsbury.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Dr. Brown, Chair, 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 petition that was presented May 8, 2008, and can advise the House that the petition complies with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 14 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 24 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 97 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 6 Alberta and British Columbia residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 6 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 4 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 32 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 22 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Program from the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Calgary on May 10, 2008

Sessional Paper 159/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated May 6, 2008, unsigned, from Barry V. Fisher of Calgary to "Kevin" expressing support for proportional representation in the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 160/2008

Letter dated May 9, 2008, from Jane Carlson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding inadequate Learner Benefits Program funding

Sessional Paper 161/2008

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 162/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 163/2008

Letter dated April 28, 2008, from John Stroppa of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the difficulties he faces living with diabetes

Sessional Paper 164/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

dw-world.de web site article dated August 12, 2007, entitled "Study Finds More Childhood Cancer Near Nuclear Power Plants"

Sessional Paper 165/2008

timeforchange.org web site article, undated, entitled “Nuclear power station causing cancer”

Sessional Paper 166/2008

4 letters from Albertans to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Ed Kamieniecki, Reeve, Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22, expressing opposition to nuclear power in Alberta

Sessional Paper 167/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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 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. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:26 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of 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 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

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

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Ms Blakeman 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 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing May 14, 2008, as the first annual Cancer Day of Action.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement congratulating Athabasca-Redwater constituent Bertha Clark on recently receiving the National Aboriginal Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Crime Reduction Secretariat and the need to continue developing strategies to reduce crime.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the need to improve accessibility to the Legislature Building for people with physical disabilities.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2008, as Emergency Preparedness Week.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Urban Development Institute of Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 61 Alberta and British Columbia residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 26 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 216 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 6 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 27 Albertans urging the Government to take measures that will require school boards and schools to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and materials and general school services, including textbooks, musical instruments, physical education programs, locker rentals, lunch hour supervision, and required field trips and to ensure that schools are not deprived of the resources necessary to offer these programs and services without additional charges to parents or guardians.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 95 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Notice of Amendment to Committee of Supply Schedule

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice that pursuant to Standing Orders 59.02(2) and 59.03(1)(b), (3), the schedule for consideration of the 2008-09 Main Estimates in Committee of Supply was amended to allow for consideration of the remainder of the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (23 minutes) to take place on May 22, 2008.

Notice of Committee of Supply Votes

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice that pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(3), the votes in Committee of Supply on the 2008-09 Estimates of the Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the 2008-09 Main Estimates will take place on May 22, 2008.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act,
2008 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated May 6, 2008, from J. Lawrence Tymko, Chair of the Board, Greater Edmonton Foundation: Housing for Seniors, to Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding inadequate funding levels for the Lodge Assistance Program and requesting the funding levels be increased

Sessional Paper 168/2008

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

E-mail message, undated, from Terence Gannon, Intellog, to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching the text of an e-mail message dated April 18, 2008, from Mr. Gannon to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, outlining Mr. Gannon's efforts to establish a reference index of energy-related wells for the Western Sedimentary Basin and requesting Hon. Mr. Knight's assistance in obtaining support for this endeavour from the Energy Resources Conservation Board

Sessional Paper 169/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented
Sessional Paper 170/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to a question raised by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2008, regarding a contained tailings release at the Suncor facilities in Fort McMurray in July 2007
Sessional Paper 171/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at 5:27 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. McQueen reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Transportation and Children and Youth Services, 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

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

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| Prins (Chair) | Campbell | MacDonald |
| McFarland (Deputy Chair) | Horne | Marz |
| Blakeman | Lund | Notley |

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ethics Commissioner and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

1. The Chair and members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category A Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the 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 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:48 p.m. until Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2008

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement announcing the establishment of the Alberta Health Services Board, a new health care system governance model.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement recognizing May 11-17, 2008, as National Police Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding camping in Alberta's provincial parks.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the devastating earthquake in Sichuan Province in southwest China on May 12, 2008.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing Bill Olafson, Red Deer Citizen of the Year, and Spencer Hachey, Red Deer Young Citizen of the Year, both awarded by the Red Deer Rotary Club.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement expressing opposition to nuclear power in Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 56 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 47 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 172 Calgary and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 83 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 123 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated May 15, 2008, from Ann Goldblatt of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, expressing opposition to the consolidation of the Regional Health Authorities

Sessional Paper 172/2008

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

E-mail message dated May 6, 2008, from Serge Mercier to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Department of Employment and Immigration's decision to transfer the contract for Francophone job-seeking services from a Francophone service provider in Calgary to Bow Valley College

Sessional Paper 173/2008

E-mail message dated May 13, 2008, from Serge Mercier to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the negative impact on the Francophone community in Calgary following a decision by the Department of Employment and Immigration regarding Francophone services

Sessional Paper 174/2008

Report dated May 2008 entitled "Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Sustainability Initiative Key Messages" prepared for Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, by Calgary Family and Community Support Services

Sessional Paper 175/2008

154 letters, undated, from Calgary residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 176/2008

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

Document, undated, soliciting donations for the Western Sky Land Trust to conserve a parcel of land along the Bow River

Sessional Paper 177/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4):

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 178/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Letter dated May 15, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching information regarding Budget 2008 non-renewable resource revenue forecasts

Sessional Paper 179/2008

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 20 to May 22, 2008:

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| Tuesday, May 20 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Municipal Affairs Second Reading Bill 1, 3, 4, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Housing and Urban Affairs Second Reading Bill 1, 3, 4, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, May 21 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Solicitor General and Public Security Second Reading Bill 3, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |

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| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Finance and Enterprise / Treasury Board Second Reading Bill 3, 10, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, May 22 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Agriculture and Rural Development All votes on the 2008-09 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates and the 2008-09 Government Estimates Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 3, 4, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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 of the Department of 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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(a), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Lethbridge College.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the earthquake in Sichuan Province, China, on May 12, 2008.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the fifth annual RISE (Recognizing Immigrant Success and Excellence) Awards presented by the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers on May 15, 2008.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the recent wildfires in Newbrook and Thorhild County.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the first annual Blanket of Remembrance Aboriginal Children's Memorial Round Dance hosted by the Creating Hope Society on May 16, 2008, in Edmonton.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding a radiothon held on May 10, 2008, to raise funds for the Canadian Red Cross Myanmar cyclone fund, organized by Radio Sursangam in Calgary and the Calgary Sikh community.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 27 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 51 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 152 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 32 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 62 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 10 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 153 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Remarks of The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, PC, Chief Justice of Canada, to the Council of the Canadian Bar Association at the Canadian Legal Conference, held on August 11, 2007, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 180/2008

Blackwell Synergy web site article dated March 26, 2007, entitled "Abstract, Explaining the Recent Decline in Domestic Violence"

Sessional Paper 181/2008

Prairie State Legal Services web site article, undated, entitled "Access to legal aid lowers domestic abuse"

Sessional Paper 182/2008

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

Program from the Alberta College of Art and Design 2008 Convocation Ceremony held on May 16, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 183/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on May 6, 2008, Department of Infrastructure, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 184/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs, 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, it was agreed at 5:28 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, 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 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

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

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of Mr. Fawcett

Hon. Ms Evans 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 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the success of the Chinook Primary Care Network.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Walking Away Hunger Campaign, led by Sikh youth in Calgary, that recently collected 10,770 pounds of food and raised over \$18,000 to build a food bank in east Calgary.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Ele Gibson, Resource Director of the Bissell Centre, who recently retired.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement congratulating Lorelei Crawford of Calgary, a teacher at Bowness High School, on receiving a 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding assistance provided to flood victims in the Capitol Hill area of Calgary.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the government's draft land-use framework announced by Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, on May 21, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 41 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 130 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 39 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 42 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett
- Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Blackett
- Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers on behalf of Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Rogers on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services for the committee's review with the committee reporting to the Assembly in the fourth week of October 2008:

- Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett

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

- Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

- 5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented
Sessional Paper 185/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 5, 2008, from Cecily Mills of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting the government provide open dialogue and information on a wide variety of issues

Sessional Paper 186/2008

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 187/2008

Alberta Justice web site article dated August 12, 2007, entitled "Justice Minister Ron Stevens addresses the Canadian Bar Association Legal Conference"

Sessional Paper 188/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Solicitor General and Public Security, Finance and Enterprise, 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.

Government Bills and Orders

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

Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

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

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

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

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

- A. Be it resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:
 1. 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 59.03, the interval between division bells shall be reduced to one minute for any subsequent division.
 2. 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.
- B. And be it further resolved that
 1. The amendments in this motion come into force on passage.
 2. The amendments in this motion shall have effect until the conclusion of the 2008 Fall 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 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 10, Security Services and Investigators Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services in accordance with temporary Standing Order 74.2, and that the committee report the Bill back to the Assembly no later than the fourth week of October 2008.

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 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 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:19 p.m. until Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Nagar Kirtan, a celebration of the 309th anniversary of the creation day of Khalsa, held on May 18, 2008, in Edmonton and recognizing April 13, 2008, as Vaisakhi, the celebration of the creation of the Order of the Khalsa.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the recent announcement that the provincial and federal governments will conduct a review of cancer risks in Fort Chipewyan.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the inaugural Alberta Telus Tour for the Cure, a travelling educational exhibit led by the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and sponsored by Telus, Canada Safeway, and the Alberta Government.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the DUMB (distractions undermining motorist behaviour) Car, a computerized interactive driving simulator introduced by the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Brittany Miller of Calmar who was chosen to serve as a 4-H Ambassador.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the government's plans for the public health care system.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 22 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 30 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 21 Albertans 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.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 19 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Notices of Motions

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

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ8, WQ9, WQ10

To be dealt with: WQ7

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR4, MR5

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

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

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 1, 2008, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 189/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 7, 2008, from David Smith of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the level of care provided to him by Paramed Home Health Care at the Kiwanis Place seniors' residence

Sessional Paper 190/2008

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 191/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 192/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 193/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, during Oral Question Period on May 1, 2008, regarding the reporting of wildlife incidents in tailing ponds

Sessional Paper 194/2008

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 30, 2008, Department of Environment, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 195/2008

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 26 to May 29, 2008:

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| Monday, May 26 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 1, 3, 12, 13 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 17 |
| | | Third Reading |
| | | Bill 4 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, May 27 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 1, 3, 12, 13 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 17, 22 |
| | | Third Reading |
| | | Bill 4 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 1, 3, 12, 13 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 17, 22 |
| | | Third Reading |
| | | Bill 4 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |

Wednesday, May 28 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 1, 17, 22
 Third Reading
 Bill 3, 12, 13
 And as per the Order Paper

 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 1, 17, 22
 Third Reading
 Bill 3, 12, 13
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 29 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Third Reading
 Bill 1, 3, 12, 13, 17, 22
 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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, 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, 2009, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Offices of the Legislative Assembly**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$55,841,000 |
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Office of the Auditor General

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$21,795,000 |
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Office of the Ombudsman

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$2,826,000 |
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$5,736,000 |
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$962,000 |
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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$5,574,000 |
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Government**Aboriginal Relations**

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$117,028,000 |
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Advanced Education and Technology

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$3,342,055,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$127,400,000 |

Agriculture and Rural Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$55,531,000 |
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Children and Youth Services

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$1,094,209,000 |
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Culture and Community Spirit

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$539,297,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$6,200,000 |

Education

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$4,224,927,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$1,000,000 |

Employment and Immigration

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$923,492,000 |
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Energy

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$261,318,000 |
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Environment

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$248,240,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$1,100,000 |

Executive Council

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| Expense | \$30,080,000 |
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Finance and Enterprise

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$377,138,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$52,020,000 |

Health and Wellness

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$13,217,448,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$10,800,000 |

Housing and Urban Affairs

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| Expense | \$550,990,000 |
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Infrastructure

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$976,770,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$459,943,000 |

International and Intergovernmental Relations

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$29,196,000 |
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Justice

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$499,310,000 |
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Municipal Affairs

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$692,328,000 |
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Seniors and Community Supports

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$1,915,632,000 |
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Service Alberta

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$373,509,000 |
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Solicitor General and Public Security

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$557,845,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$23,790,000 |
| Lottery Fund Payments | \$1,522,418,000 |

Sustainable Resource Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$366,632,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$27,450,000 |

Tourism, Parks and Recreation

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$246,282,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$34,136,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$500,000 |

Transportation

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|---|-----------------|
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$2,252,311,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,895,506,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$5,216,000 |

Treasury Board

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$67,264,000 |
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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 Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

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 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, May 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the renaming of the YMCA Enterprise Centre in Edmonton to the Bill Rees YMCA Centre in honour of Bill Rees, a volunteer for over 50 years, and recognizing the \$2.7 million donation from Bill Butler to the YMCA.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the government's response to recommendations made in the recent report from the High-Intensity Residential Fires Working Group.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Women Building Futures organization.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding several fund-raising events taking place in May and June 2008 in support of the Alberta division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta convocation ceremony recently held in Camrose, and recognizing Bertha Fowler of Camrose on receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Northlands Filly Pace held at Northlands Park on May 24, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 69 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 30 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 91 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, 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 high price of gasoline and its effects on the cost of living and the transportation needs of Alberta's families.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports,:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, and Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, on April 29, 2008, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 196/2008

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Booklet entitled "Parade of Homes, Lethbridge, May 24 to June 8, 2008" prepared by the Canadian Home Builders' Association, Lethbridge Region
Sessional Paper 197/2008

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

Pamphlet entitled "French Immersion Junior Kindergarten" prepared by Edmonton Catholic Schools
Sessional Paper 198/2008

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

Calgary Economic Development, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 199/2008

Report, undated, entitled "Think big. Act bold. Create great. An economic development strategy to make a global city competitive, successful and unique." prepared by the City of Calgary
Sessional Paper 200/2008

Program from the 15th annual Canadian Energy Pipeline Association Gala Fund-raising Dinner held on May 22, 2008, in Calgary
Sessional Paper 201/2008

Agenda from the Immigrant Sector Council of Calgary Conference held on May 23, 2008

Sessional Paper 202/2008

Several Alberta Environment high stream flow advisory, flood watch, and flood warning notices

Sessional Paper 203/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canadian Union of Public Employees news release dated May 26, 2008, entitled "TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) a threat to autonomy in Alberta: Legal expert outlines consequences of Bill 1"

Sessional Paper 204/2008

Series of recent correspondence from Edie Gonzales, Bethany Care Family/Resident Council, and Belle Gowriluk, Director, Supported Living Services, Calgary Health Region, regarding the reduction of positions in the Recreation Therapy Department at the Bethany Calgary care centre

Sessional Paper 205/2008

Letter dated January 7, 2008, from Penelope Waller, Information and Privacy Consultant, Seniors and Community Supports, to Doug Bailie, Research Officer, Alberta New Democrat Opposition, attaching several documents requested under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act relating to Investigation Report #001 of the Bethany Calgary care centre

Sessional Paper 206/2008

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, 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 high price of gasoline and its effects on the cost of living and the transportation needs of Alberta's families.

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 accepted:

WQ8. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

How many hours of overtime have been paid to registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

WQ9. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:
What is the current ratio of full-time registered nurses to part-time registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions?

WQ10. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:
How many sick hours have registered nurses logged in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Taylor:
Which hospitals had to shut down (temporarily or indefinitely) wards due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007, and which wards were shut down?

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR4. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A complete list of attendees from government and industry at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.
Hon. Mr. Lindsay on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, moved the motion be amended to read:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A complete list of attendees from government at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR5. Moved by Mr. Hehr:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any studies, reports, or legal opinions prepared by or for the Ministries of Transportation or Justice and Attorney General or sent to the Ministries of Transportation or Justice and Attorney General for the preparation of Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002, from the Second Session of the 25th Legislature.

The Clerk Assistant advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22.

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 Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008
— Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy in accordance with temporary Standing Order 74.2.

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: 37

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| Allred | Fawcett | Mitzel |
| Anderson | Fritz | Oberle |
| Benito | Griffiths | Ouellette |
| Berger | Hancock | Quest |
| Bhardwaj | Horne | Renner |
| Blackett | Jacobs | Sandhu |
| Calahasen | Johnson | Sarich |
| Campbell | Johnston | Sherman |
| Cao | Klimchuk | Stevens |
| Danyluk | Lindsay | VanderBurg |
| DeLong | Lukaszuk | Weadick |
| Doerksen | Marz | Woo-Paw |
| Drysdale | | |

Against the amendment: 5

Chase
Hehr

Kang
Notley

Snelgrove

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the protection of animals by reviewing *relevant provincial legislation and the processes in place for investigating cases of animal cruelty*.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Bhullar

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 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner

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 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Hon. Mr. Renner 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)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Mr. Drysdale, 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 Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 207/2008

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

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

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

Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act,
2008 — Hon. Mr. Blackett

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

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

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

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

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

Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the official dedications of the Hay-Zama Lakes Wildland Provincial Park in Alberta and the Dalai Lake National Nature Reserve in Inner Mongolia, China, both to be held on May 28, 2008.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for thorough planning of the southwest ring-road in Calgary.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 27th annual Northern Alberta International Children's Festival to be held in St. Albert from May 27-31, 2008.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the Canadian Interuniversity Sport University Cup, the National Junior A Royal Bank Cup, the International Ice Hockey Federation World Championship, the Canadian Hockey League Memorial Cup, and the National Hockey League Stanley Cup hockey tournaments.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the 2009 WorldSkills Competition to be held in Calgary from September 1-6, 2009.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the centennial anniversary of the Calgary Public Library.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

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 Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Recommended amendment to Bill Pr1, Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008

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Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 30 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 5 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 18 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated May 2008 entitled "Fact or Fiction? Oil Sands Reclamation"
prepared by the Pembina Institute

Sessional Paper 209/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Document entitled "Suncor Energy Fort Chipewyan Community Meeting held on
May 6, 2008"

Sessional Paper 210/2008

Report dated November 2007 entitled "Attenuation of Contaminants in
Groundwater Impacted by Surface Mining of Oil Sands, Alberta, Canada"
prepared by the University of Waterloo and several private consultants

Sessional Paper 211/2008

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 1/08, Members' Group
Plans Amendment Order (No. 3)

Sessional Paper 212/2008

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 2/08, Transportation
Amendment Order (No. 10)

Sessional Paper 213/2008

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 3/08, Members'
Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 4)

Sessional Paper 214/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Report, undated, entitled "Building an integrated knowledge economy, an updated information and communications technology strategy for Alberta" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 215/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 7, 2008, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 216/2008

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

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

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Fawcett

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

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 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:41 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — 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 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

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

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

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 27

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| Amery | Goudreau | McFarland |
| Anderson | Hayden | Ouellette |
| Berger | Horne | Renner |
| Bhardwaj | Horner | Rodney |
| Bhullar | Jacobs | Sandhu |
| Brown | Klimchuk | Snelgrove |
| Campbell | Lindsay | Weadick |
| Danyluk | Lund | Woo-Paw |
| Drysdale | Marz | Xiao |

Against the motion: 4

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| Blakeman | Pastoor | Taylor |
| Notley | | |

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

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — 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 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Mr. Lund, 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 Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
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Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 218/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:43 p.m. until Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding AlbertaSource.ca, the Heritage Community Foundation Alberta Online Encyclopedia, funded in part by an Alberta Centennial Legacy Grant.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Hope Hunter, Executive Director, Boyle Street Community Services, who will soon be retiring.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the 24th annual World Partnership Walk sponsored by the Edmonton chapter of the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, held in Edmonton on May 25, 2008.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk held on May 25, 2008, at more than 40 Canadian locations, and recognizing May 2008 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the official opening of the expansion of the Ian Bazalgette Junior High School in Calgary held on May 22, 2008.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial Society's unveiling of four bronze statues in honour of the four Royal Canadian Mounted Police who were killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005, to be held in Mayerthorpe on July 4, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 37 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 58 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 13 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 62 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, and Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on May 5, 2008, Department of Service Alberta, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 219/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 220/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated January 15, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Deb Bakker, Coordinator, Lethbridge Salvation Army Food Bank, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheque and a receipt for the donation

Sessional Paper 221/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Ms Pastoor on May 12, 2008:

What was the total cost of implementing the InterRAI MDS (Minimum Data Set) system for continuing care facilities and home care, including hardware, software technical installation, and staff training between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2007, broken down annually and by health region?

Sessional Paper 222/2008

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Hehr on May 12, 2008:

What is the total number of litigants, broken down by year, dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project since its inception in April 2001 to February 4, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided to the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project by the Alberta Health and Wellness Health Innovation Fund from April 1, 2004, to February 4, 2008?

Sessional Paper 223/2008

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on May 8, 2008, Department of Advanced Education and Technology, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 224/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on May 12, 2008, Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 225/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 14, 2008, Department of Transportation, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 226/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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: 37

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| Ady | Fritz | Olson |
| Allred | Goudreau | Ouellette |
| Amery | Groeneveld | Prins |
| Benito | Hancock | Redford |
| Berger | Hayden | Rodney |
| Blackett | Horner | Sandhu |
| Brown | Johnson | Sarich |
| Campbell | Johnston | Sherman |
| Cao | Leskiw | VanderBurg |
| Danyluk | Lund | Woo-Paw |
| DeLong | Marz | Xiao |
| Doerksen | Mitzel | Zwozdesky |
| Fawcett | | |

Against the motion: 6

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| Blakeman | Notley | Swann |
| Mason | Pastoor | Taylor |

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Sherman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008 — 7:30 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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

A debate followed.

Mr. Allred 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 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —
Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:44 p.m. until Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on May 29, 2008, to provide \$9 million in funding for support for blind and visually impaired students.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing May 31, 2008, as World No Tobacco Day.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Lethbridge High Level Bridge, celebrating its centennial in 2009.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the commercial fishing industry.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding E.R. Ward Neale of Calgary who recently passed away.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding land used for off-road vehicle recreation.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 4 Edmonton residents 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 82 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 44 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 44 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Notices of Motions

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

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ11, WQ12, WQ14, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19

To be dealt with: WQ13, WQ15, WQ16

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR6, MR7

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, Chinook Health, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated June 18, 2007

Sessional Paper 227/2008

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, East Central Health, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated June 18, 2007

Sessional Paper 228/2008

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, David Thompson Health Region, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated June 18, 2007

Sessional Paper 229/2008

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, Northern Lights Health Region, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated July 14, 2006

Sessional Paper 230/2008

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, Peace Country Health, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated July 14, 2006

Sessional Paper 231/2008

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, Aspen Regional Health Authority, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated July 14, 2006

Sessional Paper 232/2008

AHW (Alberta Health and Wellness) RHA (Regional Health Authority) Efficiency Review, Palliser Health Region, Governance and Accountability Overview, Final Report dated July 13, 2007

Sessional Paper 233/2008

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Mr. Taylor on May 26, 2008:

How many hours of overtime have been paid to registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

Sessional Paper 234/2008

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for Mr. Taylor on May 26, 2008:

What is the current ratio of full-time registered nurses to part-time registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions?

Sessional Paper 235/2008

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Mr. Taylor on May 26, 2008:

How many sick hours have registered nurses logged in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

Sessional Paper 236/2008

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

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 237/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 238/2008

Report dated May 5, 2005, entitled "Zapping Tenants: A critical analysis of sub-metering in the residential rental sector" prepared by the Advocacy Center for Tenants, Ontario

Sessional Paper 239/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Analytical Paper, Participation and Activity Limitation Survey 2006: A Profile of Education for Children with Disabilities in Canada" prepared by Statistics Canada

Sessional Paper 240/2008

5 recent e-mail messages and 1 letter dated May 8, 2008, unsigned, all to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, expressing concern regarding the Syncrude tailing ponds north of Fort McMurray

Sessional Paper 241/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated February 20, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Danielle McIntyre, Executive Director, Interfaith Food Bank, Lethbridge, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheque

Sessional Paper 242/2008

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

Chief Electoral Officer, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 243/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 244/2008

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 2 to June 5, 2008:

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| Monday, June 2 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21 |

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| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 7, 16, 19 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, June 3 | Aft. | - | Government Bills and Orders |
| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 16, 19, 25, 26 |
| | | | Third Reading |
| | | | Bill 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders |
| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 16, 19, 25, 26 |
| | | | Third Reading |
| | | | Bill 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, June 4 | Aft. | - | Government Bills and Orders |
| | | | Third Reading |
| | | | Bill 8 |
| | | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | | Bill 16, 19, 25 |
| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 26 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders |
| | | | Third Reading |
| | | | Bill 8 |
| | | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | | Bill 16, 19, 25 |
| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 26 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |

Thursday, June 5 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bill 16, 19, 25
Committee of the Whole
Bill 26
And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved:
 - that Mrs. Forsyth replace Mr. Rogers as Chair;
 - that Mr. Denis replace Mr. Amery;
 - that Mr. Johnston replace Mrs. McQueen;
- B. the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be approved:
 - that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Prins as Chair;
 - that Mr. Lund replace Mr. McFarland as Deputy Chair;
 - that Mr. Bhullar replace Mr. *Prins*;
 - that Mr. Lukaszuk replace Mr. *McFarland*;
- C. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:
 - that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Lund as Deputy Chair;
 - that Mr. Sandhu replace Mr. *Lund*;
- D. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:
 - that Mr. Dallas replace Mr. Campbell;
 - that Mr. Xiao replace Mr. Elniski;
- E. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved:
 - that Mr. Amery replace Mr. Boutilier;
 - that Mr. Berger replace Mr. Weadick;
 - that Ms DeLong replace Mr. Marz;
 - that Mrs. Forsyth replace Mr. Mitzel;
 - that Dr. Sherman replace Mr. Vandermeer;
 - that Mr. McFarland replace Mr. Griffiths;

- F. the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee be approved:
 that Mr. Campbell replace Mr. Prins as Chair;
 that Mr. Marz replace Mr. McFarland as Deputy Chair;
 that Mr. Webber replace Mr. *McFarland*;
 that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Horne;
 that Mr. Lukaszuk replace Mr. *Prins*.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Third Reading

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

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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: 32

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| Allred | Fritz | Prins |
| Amery | Griffiths | Quest |
| Berger | Hancock | Redford |
| Brown | Horne | Rogers |
| Campbell | Jablonski | Sarich |
| Cao | Johnson | Sherman |
| Dallas | Knight | Tarchuk |
| DeLong | Leskiw | VanderBurg |
| Doerksen | Lund | Vandermeer |
| Drysdale | McQueen | Webber |
| Fawcett | Olson | |

Against the motion: 5

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| Blakeman | Mason | Pastoor |
| MacDonald | Notley | |

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Second Reading

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

- Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act,
2008 — Hon. Mr. Blackett
Bill Pr1 Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act,
2008 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Mr. Lukaszuk

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Monday, June 2, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 2, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement recognizing June 2-8, 2008, as Seniors' Week, with this year's theme being Our Seniors: Building a Stronger Alberta.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing several students from Mount Royal College's Bissett School of Business who recently provided entrepreneurship and business skills training to soldiers at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright who are awaiting deployment to Afghanistan.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 13th Dreamspeakers International Aboriginal Film and Television Festival to be held in Edmonton from June 4-7, 2008.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing June 1-7, 2008, as Environment Week and the launch of the government's One Simple Act program on June 2, 2008.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the My Wild Alberta web site, established to provide information to Alberta's hunting and fishing communities.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the 2008 Annual Provincial Skills Competition held in Calgary from May 22-23, 2008, the 2008 Canadian Skills Competition held in Calgary from May 25-28, 2008, and the WorldSkills Calgary 2009 competition to be held in September 2009.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 458 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to consider a Bill that will increase spending on lung cancer-related procedures, projects, and research.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 32 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 28 Albertans urging the Government to implement pre-, peri-, and post-natal midwife service as a core health care coverage under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for all Albertans.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Taber residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 25 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 8 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 54 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 23 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 175 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 110 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 26 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

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 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment for the committee's review with the committee reporting to the Assembly in the fourth week of October 2008:

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Health for the committee's review with the committee reporting to the Assembly in the fourth week of October 2008:

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Final Report: Government Committee Reviewing Labour Relations in the Construction Industry dated August 2004

Sessional Paper 245/2008

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Craig Goueffic to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for infrastructure maintenance, security, and musical instrument upkeep in the Fine Arts and Education departments at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 246/2008

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Lynn Webber of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a proposal by the University of Alberta and the Department of Sustainable Resource Development concerning management of the wolf population in the Clearwater area

Sessional Paper 247/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 248/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 249/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

City of Edmonton Proclamation declaring May 27, 2008, as Ahmadiyya Day

Sessional Paper 250/2008

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

Program from the École Secondaire William Aberhart High School closing ceremonies held on May 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 251/2008

Pamphlet entitled "Myths, The Truth about Affordable Housing in Alberta and Calgary" prepared by the Poverty Reduction Coalition

Sessional Paper 252/2008

Momentum, A Community Economic Development Organization, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 253/2008

Pamphlet entitled "It's Time to Fix Alberta's Labour Legislation!" prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 254/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated March 1, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Amanda DeCecco-Kolebaba, Executive Director, Lethbridge Food Bank, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheque

Sessional Paper 255/2008

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

E-mail message dated May 14, 2008, unaddressed, from Blaine Greenwood of Lethbridge expressing concern regarding the tailings produced at the Syncrude tailings dam

Sessional Paper 256/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 257/2008

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Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ11. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and program type?

WQ12. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

WQ13. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the total amount, broken down by health region, that the Department of Health and Wellness has collected each year in "accommodation fees" charged to patients waiting in a hospital for a bed in a continuing care facility from April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2008?

WQ14. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

How many beds in each health region are designated specifically for patients with mental illness and how many days between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007, were these beds operating at peak capacity?

WQ17. Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What programs has the Ministry of Children and Youth Services initiated and with what anticipated goals for the amelioration of service delivery to children, youth, and families living on reserves?

WQ18. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?

WQ19. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total number of students who received Alberta student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the students?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ15. Moved by Dr. Swann:

What are the Department of Sustainable Resource Development's statistics on the actual number of grizzly bears in the province from April 1, 2000, to May 6, 2008?

WQ16. Moved by Dr. Swann:

What evidence does the Department of Sustainable Resource Development have to show that there was no damage caused from seismic testing on 34 bodies of water performed from April 1, 2002, to March 31, 2007?

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR6. Moved by Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the provincial land-use framework from January 1, 2005, to May 6, 2008.

MR7. Moved by Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the investigation of complaints and violations at confined feeding operations from January 1, 2001, to May 6, 2008.

The Clerk Assistant advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22.

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 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rodney

Mr. Rodney 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 205 Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhardwaj

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Amery (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement innovative methods of crime reduction, such as mass media advertising and educational programs, for use in the province.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills**Second Reading**

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

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr1 Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —
Hon. Mr. Renner

Mr. Marz, 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 Pr1 (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 258/2008

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 259/2008

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 260/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Alberta Environment's Minister for a Day Program.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing June 15, 2008, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the Calgary Regional Partnership.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the government to take action on reducing crime.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Reverend David Holmes.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Komagata Maru incident that occurred in Vancouver in 1914.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 106 Calgary and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 262 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 14 Alberta and British Columbia residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

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 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, is resumed, not more than seven 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on April 30, 2008, Department of Employment and Immigration, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 261/2008

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

Program from Briar Hill's First Rich Man-Poor Man Dinner held on May 24, 2008

Sessional Paper 262/2008

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

Excerpt from a document entitled "Tackling Investment Challenges in Power Generation in IEA Countries"

Sessional Paper 263/2008

7 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 264/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 265/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6):

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 266/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30:

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 267/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2007-2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 268/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Mr. Chase on June 2, 2008:

What programs has the Ministry of Children and Youth Services initiated and with what anticipated goals for the amelioration of service delivery to children, youth, and families living on reserves?

Sessional Paper 269/2008

Point of Order

During a point of order raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, tabled the following:

News release dated June 3, 2008, entitled "Mansion madness: \$10M residence should be scrapped" prepared by the Alberta NDP

Sessional Paper 270/2008

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 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kang speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will limit the constitutionally protected right of association by labour unions without sufficient consultation or consideration of the deleterious effects of the proposed amendments.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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: 5

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| Blakeman | Mason | Pastoor |
| Hehr | Notley | |

Against the amendment: 26

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| Anderson | Groeneveld | Prins |
| Berger | Hancock | Redford |
| Blackett | Jacobs | Rogers |
| Boutilier | Klimchuk | Sandhu |
| Brown | Knight | Snelgrove |
| Calahasen | Lindsay | Stevens |
| Campbell | McQueen | VanderBurg |
| Denis | Mitzel | Woo-Paw |
| Drysdale | Morton | |

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 49.

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put on the motion for the previous question, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 49(3), the question being put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

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| Anderson | Drysdale | Morton |
| Berger | Groeneveld | Prins |
| Blackett | Hancock | Redford |
| Boutilier | Jacobs | Rogers |
| Brown | Klimchuk | Sandhu |
| Calahasen | Knight | Snelgrove |
| Campbell | Lindsay | Stevens |
| Denis | McQueen | VanderBurg |

Against the motion: 5

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| Blakeman | Mason | Taft |
| Hehr | Notley | |

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

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

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 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:41 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2008, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement congratulating Fraser Elementary School in Edmonton on raising over \$11,000 for the Kids With Cancer Society.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Project Porchlight and its promotion of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding AADAC's (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) 2008 Barb Tarbox Awards of Excellence in Tobacco Reduction.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the 17th Emerald Awards ceremony held in Edmonton on June 3, 2008, and constituent Rob Macintosh who received an Emerald Award for individual commitment.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 11th annual Minister's Seniors Service Awards which will be presented at a ceremony to be held on June 4, 2008.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Greater Forest Lawn Community Car Sharing Program.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 11 Jasper and British Columbia residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 25 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation to have midwife-attended homebirths funded by Alberta Health Care.

The petition put forth by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 11 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, presented a petition from 98 Albertans urging the Government to revise their policies to eliminate child poverty and its many manifestations in Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 18 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated April 2008 entitled “Wood Buffalo Environmental Association Human Exposure Monitoring Program, 2006 Monitoring Year”

Sessional Paper 271/2008

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on May 13, 2008, Department of Health and Wellness, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 272/2008

Responses to questions raised by Committee members during the May 14, 2008, meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with attached Health Quality Council of Alberta survey on emergency department patient experiences

Sessional Paper 273/2008

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

What is the total amount, broken down by health region, that the Department of Health and Wellness has collected each year in “accommodation fees” charged to patients waiting in a hospital for a bed in a continuing care facility from April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2008?

Sessional Paper 274/2008

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

How many beds in each health region are designated specifically for patients with mental illness and how many days between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007, were these beds operating at peak capacity?

Sessional Paper 275/2008

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

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 276/2008

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

ABSA (Alberta Boilers Safety Association), Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 277/2008

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Letter dated June 4, 2008, from Raymond Swonek, CA, Executive Director, Greater Edmonton Foundation, Housing for Seniors, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, providing details regarding the list of applicants awaiting seniors' accommodation in the Edmonton area

Sessional Paper 278/2008

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

Information sheet from Fraser Elementary School regarding the school's fund-raising efforts for the Kids With Cancer Society

Sessional Paper 279/2008

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

Letter dated April 18, 2008, unsigned, from Gwen Berdan of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding public education funding

Sessional Paper 280/2008

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

108 letters, undated, from Calgary residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 281/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 85 Albertans urging the Government to implement pre-, peri-, and post-natal midwife service as a core health care coverage under Alberta Health and Wellness for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 282/2008

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 283/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated November 28, 2007, entitled "New residence for Lieutenant Governor on indefinite hold" prepared by the Government of Alberta, with several attached related Edmonton Journal and Edmonton Sun newspaper articles dated November 29 and 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 284/2008

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

Copy of a petition signed by 6,600 Albertans urging the Government to take measures to halt the Qualico gravel project which could cause irreparable ecological harm to the North Saskatchewan River valley

Sessional Paper 285/2008

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

Letter dated May 29, 2008, from Anne Price, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Learning Centre, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requesting a donation

Sessional Paper 286/2008

Breakfast for Learning Alberta fact sheet

Sessional Paper 287/2008

Letter dated May 27, 2008, from Terence C. Gannon, Intellog, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, requesting a response to Mr. Gannon's e-mail message dated April 18, 2008, concerning efforts to establish a reference index of energy-related wells for the Western Sedimentary Basin

Sessional Paper 288/2008

Letter dated May 31, 2008, from Martin O. Cowman of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the recently announced pay increases for members of Executive Council

Sessional Paper 289/2008

E-mail message dated June 4, 2008, from Joan Teghtmeyer to Don Orchard and several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the government's social policies

Sessional Paper 290/2008

Notice of Intention to establish the Longview-Pekisko Heritage Rangeland published in the Calgary Herald on May 29, 2008

Sessional Paper 291/2008

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Several letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 292/2008

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

8 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 293/2008

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

Excerpts from the Horse Racing Alberta, Annual Report 2007, concerning the statements of financial position and operations for the year ended December 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 294/2008

Excerpts from the Horse Racing Alberta, Annual Report 2006, concerning the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 295/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, on April 29, 2008, Department of Energy, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 296/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on May 14, 2008, Department of Children and Youth Services, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 297/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 27th Legislature it shall stand adjourned until *October 14, 2008, as per temporary Standing Order 3.1(1) 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.

18. Oral notice having been given June 3, 2008, Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, is resumed, not more than seven 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. Renner and Mr. MacDonald 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: 35

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| Ady | Fawcett | Ouellette |
| Anderson | Fritz | Quest |
| Berger | Horner | Rogers |
| Blackett | Jacobs | Sandhu |
| Brown | Johnston | Sherman |
| Calahasen | Klimchuk | Snelgrove |
| Campbell | Leskiw | Stevens |
| Dallas | Liepert | Tarchuk |
| Danyluk | Lindsay | Vandermeer |
| DeLong | McFarland | Woo-Paw |
| Denis | Mitzel | Zwozdesky |
| Drysdale | Olson | |

Against the motion: 7

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| Blakeman | Notley | Swann |
| Kang | Pastoor | Taylor |
| MacDonald | | |

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 3:31 p.m., and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 18 agreed to on June 4, 2008, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:32 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

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| Ady | Fritz | Marz |
| Allred | Goudreau | Mitzel |
| Amery | Hancock | Oberle |
| Benito | Hayden | Ouellette |
| Bhardwaj | Horner | Rodney |
| Bhullar | Jablonski | Sarich |
| DeLong | Johnson | VanderBurg |
| Denis | Klimchuk | Weadick |
| Doerksen | Lukaszuk | Xiao |
| Drysdale | Lund | |

Against the motion: 9

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| Blakeman | MacDonald | Pastoor |
| Chase | Mason | Swann |
| Kang | Notley | Taft |

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Mr. Mitzel, 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 26 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 298/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 299/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 300/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 301/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 302/2008

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved adjournment of the Assembly, which was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Third Reading

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

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

A debate followed.

During debate on Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, 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 from 10 minutes to one minute.

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: 30

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| Ady | Drysdale | Lund |
| Allred | Fritz | Marz |
| Amery | Goudreau | Mitzel |
| Benito | Hancock | Oberle |
| Bhardwaj | Hayden | Ouellette |
| Bhullar | Horner | Rodney |
| Blakett | Jablonski | Sarich |
| DeLong | Johnson | VanderBurg |
| Denis | Klimchuk | Weadick |
| Doerksen | Lukaszuk | Xiao |

Against the motion: 6

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| Blakeman | MacDonald | Notley |
| Chase | Mason | Pastoor |

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Bill Pr1 Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Point of Privilege - Late-night Sitzings

During Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr1, Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported point of privilege concerning Members' ability to effectively perform their duties during late-night sittings of the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the point of privilege.

The Deputy Speaker ruled there was no prima facie case of privilege since late-night sittings of the Assembly had occurred many times in the past without a point of privilege being raised.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 agreed to on June 4, 2008, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:14 a.m., Thursday, June 5, 2008.

FALL SITTING

OCTOBER 14, 2008 TO DECEMBER 3, 2008

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

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: Colonel Arthur Ryan Smith, Member for Calgary, 1955 to 1957, who passed away on June 30, 2008, Dr. Lawrence Ralph Shaben, Member for Lesser Slave Lake, 1975 to 1989, who passed away on September 6, 2008, and Mr. Gordon Emil Stromberg, Member for Camrose, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on September 7, 2008.

Speaker's Statement - Federal Election

Honourable Members, before I call upon the first Member to participate in Members' Statements today, perhaps a little historical vignette. Today is October 14, 2008. This is the second time a federal election has been held on October 14 in the history of Canada. In the 1935 election held on October 14, William Lyon Mackenzie King defeated Conservative Calgary lawyer Richard Bedford Bennett, who served as Prime Minister from August 7, 1930, to 22 October 1935.

R.B. Bennett was first elected to the House of Commons in 1911, representing the riding of Calgary, later Calgary-West. Mr. Bennett was leader of the Conservative Party of Canada from October 12, 1927, to July 6, 1938. Prior to his service in Ottawa, R.B. Bennett was the first leader of the Alberta Conservative Party and was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in the March 22, 1909, general election, representing the constituency of Calgary. He served until 1911 when he switched to federal politics. Mr. Bennett was born in Hopewell Hill, New Brunswick, on July 3, 1870, and died on June 26, 1947.

For William Lyon Mackenzie King, his election on October, 14, 1935, was to be the third time he would be elected Prime Minister. William Lyon Mackenzie King was born in Berlin, later Kitchener, Ontario, on December 17, 1874. A lawyer by profession, he was elected to the Canadian House of Commons on October 26, 1908, in the riding of York-North and became leader of the Liberal Party on August 7, 1917. He served as Prime Minister of Canada on three separate occasions: from December 29, 1921, to June 28, 1926, from September 25, 1926, to August 6, 1930, and from October 23, 1935, to November 14, 1948. William Lyon Mackenzie King was the longest serving Prime Minister in Canadian history. He died on July 22, 1950.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing October 5-11, 2008, as Mental Health Awareness week and regarding the work of the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Colin Oberst of Beaumont whose composition, Canadian Gold, was chosen as the new Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Hockey Night in Canada theme song.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing October 3, 2008, as German Unification Day.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding non-renewable resource revenue dependency.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the 2008 Communities in Bloom national symposium and awards gala held in Lethbridge on September 20, 2008.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing October 13-19, 2008, as Citizenship Week in Canada.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 286 Albertans urging the Government to implement pre-, peri-, and post-natal midwife services as a core health care coverage under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for all Albertans.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 207 Young Albertans' Advisory Council Act — Mr. Fawcett

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Child and Youth Advocate, 2005-2006 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 317/2008

Child and Youth Advocate, 2006-2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 318/2008

Child and Youth Advocate, 2007-2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 319/2008

Report entitled "Response to the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Annual Report 2005-2006" prepared by Alberta Children and Youth Services
Sessional Paper 320/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

10 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented
Sessional Paper 321/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated September 9, 2008, from Barrie Shibley, Vice-president, Sales and Marketing, Aramark Remote Services, to Chief Bernard Ominayak, Lubicon Lake Indian Reserve, regarding requests to meet concerning employment opportunities for First Nations and aboriginal communities
Sessional Paper 322/2008

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

Report, undated, entitled "Voices From the Street" regarding homelessness prepared by The Hindsight Group
Sessional Paper 323/2008

Report, undated, entitled "Working Together: Finding Solutions to Affordable Accommodations for Students" prepared by University of Calgary's Students' Union
Sessional Paper 324/2008

Calgary Society for Persons with Disabilities, 2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 325/2008

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 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 326/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008
Sessional Paper 327/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Letter dated August 11, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, to Dr. Taft, Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding a document Dr. Taft tabled in the Assembly on May 28, 2008, concerning research on oil sands tailings
Sessional Paper 328/2008

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

Letter dated August 11, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, providing requested information regarding tailings pond seepage and groundwater monitoring
Sessional Paper 329/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft on May 26, 2008:

A complete list of attendees from government and industry at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.
Sessional Paper 330/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on May 20, 2008, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 331/2008

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

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 21, 2008, Treasury Board, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 332/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

Dr. Taft 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 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Blakett

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Intersessional Deposits

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

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2007 Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2007, deposited on June 18, 2008

Sessional Paper 303/2008

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2007-2008, deposited on June 24, 2008

Sessional Paper 304/2008

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, 2007 Annual Report, deposited on July 10, 2008

Sessional Paper 305/2008

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS) Chief Operative Officer (COO) Report, Reporting Period: April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008 (Fiscal Year 2008), with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008, and attached Livestock Identification Services Reporting Certificate dated May 26, 2008, deposited on July 17, 2008

Sessional Paper 306/2008

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 2007, deposited on July 25, 2008

Sessional Paper 307/2008

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2) :

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2007-2008, deposited on August 7, 2008

Sessional Paper 308/2008

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 2008, deposited on August 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 309/2008

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Year Ended March 31, 2008, deposited on September 4, 2008

Sessional Paper 310/2008

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2007 Annual Report, deposited on September 5, 2008

Sessional Paper 311/2008

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3) :

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2007, deposited on September 5, 2008

Sessional Paper 312/2008

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(3):

The Report on the March 3, 2008 Provincial General Election of the Twenty-seventh Legislative Assembly, deposited on September 15, 2008

Sessional Paper 313/2008

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2007-2008, deposited on September 23, 2008

Sessional Paper 314/2008

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Education, Annual Report 2007-2008, with attached highlights, deposited on October 6, 2008

Sessional Paper 315/2008

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

Alberta Ombudsman, 41st Annual Report for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, deposited on October 6, 2008

Sessional Paper 316/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

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

Speaker's Statement - Members of the Legislative Assembly Elected to the House of Commons

Honourable Members, before I call on the first of six to participate in Members' Statements today, a historical vignette. In the history of Alberta, the 103-year history, 791 different individuals have been elected to serve in this Assembly. Of that 791, 21 - number 21, Brent Rathgeber - have been elected to the Canadian House of Commons.

The first of these was Richard Bedford Bennett, who I talked about yesterday, who served in the Second Legislature of Alberta from 1909 to 1911 as a Conservative, then served in the federal House of Commons from 1911 to 1917, representing Calgary as a Conservative, from 1925 to 1926 for Calgary-West as a Conservative, and from 1926 to 1938 for the constituency of Calgary-West as a Conservative.

William Ashbury Buchanan served in that same Second Legislature as Mr. Bennett from 1909 to 1911, representing Lethbridge City as a Liberal, then went to Ottawa and served from 1911 to 1921, first as a Liberal Member for Medicine Hat, and then as a Government Member for Lethbridge.

Charles Wilson Cross served from 1905 to 1925 in this Assembly, representing Edmonton and Edson as a Liberal, and then he went to Ottawa from 1925 to 1926 as the Liberal Member for Athabasca.

Frederick Davis served in this Assembly from 1917 to 1921, representing the constituency of Gleichen as an Independent, then in Ottawa from 1925 to 1926 as a Conservative representing Calgary-East.

Joseph Miville Dechene represented Beaver River as a Liberal in this Assembly from 1921 to 1926, then the St. Paul constituency in Alberta as a Liberal from 1930 to 1935, and he represented the Athabasca federal constituency from 1940 to 1958 as a Liberal.

Donald MacBeth Kennedy served in this Assembly as a UFA (United Farmers of Alberta) Member in 1921, representing the constituency of Peace River. Then he went to Ottawa and served from 1921 to 1935, representing the constituency of Edmonton-West as a Progressive, then Peace River as a Progressive, then Peace River as a member of the UFA.

John Kushner represented Calgary-Mountain View as a Progressive Conservative from 1975 to '79 in this Assembly, then went to Ottawa representing Calgary-East as a Progressive Conservative from 1979 to 1984.

Solon Earl Low represented the constituency of Warner from 1935 to 1940 as a Social Credit Member. Then he moved to Vegreville and served from 1940 to 1944 as a Member of this Assembly. He returned to Warner in 1944 and 1945 and then moved to Peace River, where from 1945 to 1958 he was the Social Credit MP (Member of Parliament) from Alberta.

Arthur Lewis Watkin Sifton, one of the most spectacular names in Canadian history, served in this Assembly from 1909 to 1917 representing the constituency of Vermilion as a Liberal, then went to Ottawa as a Government Member from 1917 to 1921 for the federal constituency of Medicine Hat.

Arthur R. Smith, who I mentioned yesterday, served in this Assembly as a Conservative from 1955 to 1957, then went to Ottawa from 1957 to 1963 for the constituency of Calgary-South as a Progressive Conservative.

Raymond Albert Speaker served in this Assembly from 1963 to 1992, first as a Social Credit Member for Little Bow, then as an Independent Representative Member for Little Bow, then as a Representative Member for Little Bow, then as a Progressive Conservative Member for Little Bow. He went to Ottawa from 1993 to 1997 as a Reform MP representing the Lethbridge constituency.

George Douglas Stanley served from 1913 to 1921, representing High River as a Conservative in this Assembly, then went to Ottawa from 1930 to 1935 as a Conservative, representing the constituency of Calgary-East.

John Smith Stewart served in this Assembly from 1911 to 1926 as a Conservative representing Lethbridge City, and then represented Lethbridge as a Conservative in the House of Commons from 1930 to 1935.

Gordon Edward Taylor came to this Assembly in 1940 and left in 1979, representing Drumheller, then Drumheller-Gleichen, then Drumheller, then Drumheller as a Social Credit Member, and then in 1979 he went to Ottawa and stayed there until 1988, representing the Bow River federal constituency as a Progressive Conservative. He served from 1940 to 1988: 48 years.

Stanley Gilbert Tobin represented Leduc as a Liberal from 1913 to 1925 in this Assembly and then represented Wetaskiwin federally from 1925 to 1926 as a Liberal.

Thomas Mitchell Tweedie represented Calgary and then Calgary-Centre as the Progressive Conservative MLA from 1911 to 1917, then went to Ottawa as a Government Member for Calgary-West from 1917 to 1921.

David Warnock represented Pincher Creek in this Assembly from 1909 to 1911 as a Liberal and then represented the federal constituency of Macleod from 1911 to 1917 as a Liberal.

William John Yurko came to this Assembly in 1969, left in 1979, first representing Strathcona-East and then Edmonton-Gold Bar, both as a Progressive Conservative. He went to Ottawa from 1979 to 1984 as a Progressive Conservative, then Independent, representing the constituency of Edmonton-East.

Two other Members from our Assembly left Alberta and went elsewhere to become federal MPs. Stockwell Day served in this Assembly from 1986 to 2000, representing Red Deer-North as a Progressive Conservative and then moved to the federal constituency of Okanagan-Coquihalla, first as an Alliance Member, then as a Reform Member, then as a Conservative Member. He has served since the year 2000. He was re-elected yesterday.

One other Member did something rather unique. Charles Allan Stewart represented Sedgewick in Alberta as a Liberal in this Assembly from 1909 to 1921. He moved to Québec where he was elected as a Liberal Member for the constituency of Argenteuil and served from 1922 to 1926 in the House of Commons. He then returned to Alberta, and from 1926 to 1935 served as a Liberal federal Member representing the constituency of Edmonton-West here in the city of Edmonton.

We've also had a unique situation where federal Members of Parliament have come back to Alberta to have been elected to this Assembly. The last one was Ian McClelland.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing the heroic efforts of Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, in averting a child abduction and recognizing the work of Alberta's Amber Alert system.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the centennial anniversary of the University of Alberta.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement congratulating Krista Girvan and Lindsay Bracken on receiving Lifesaving Honours Awards from the Lifesaving Society.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2008 Premier's Awards of Excellence.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the official opening of the Bell e-Learning Centre at the Olds College Community Learning Campus on October 9, 2008.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the launch of the Edmonton North Primary Care Network held on October 1, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton residents 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.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 46 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 35 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

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

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. 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 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated July 22, 2008, from Jeff and Shirley Challoner of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the disbanding of the nine regional health authority boards

Sessional Paper 333/2008

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

News release dated June 26, 2008, entitled “Student-led team unveils new solar home design, more sponsors and new school partner” prepared by the Alberta College of Art and Design, Mount Royal College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 334/2008

Fact sheet, undated, entitled “Alberta Solar Decathlon Project” prepared by the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, the University of Calgary, and Mount Royal College

Sessional Paper 335/2008

Program from the North American Solar Challenge 2008 held from July 13-22, 2008

Sessional Paper 336/2008

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

Memorandum dated October 14, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, regarding Hon. Ms Evans' offer to table a detailed response to his questions regarding the Local Authorities Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 337/2008

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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —
Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Mr. Johnston, 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 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 338/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:04 p.m. until Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 16, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Project Porchlight, which will deliver 300,000 free compact fluorescent bulbs to homes in Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Ron Macdonald who recently retired.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy announced by the government on June 5, 2008.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing October 16, 2008, as Conflict Resolution Day.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing October 17, 2008, as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing October 17, 2008, as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and December 10, 2008, as the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Speaker's Statement - Alberta - Hokkaido Twinning

Honourable Members, I'm going to provide you with a brief historical vignette today. The subject is Alberta and Hokkaido. Historically this province, this Government of Alberta, has had a relationship with other government jurisdictions throughout the world. On October 8, 2008, Canada and Japan recognized their 80-year diplomatic relationship, and the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the Legislative Assembly of Hokkaido recognized their 28 years of cooperation.

It was on October 17, 1980, that Alberta and Hokkaido were officially twinned. To date Alberta remains the only Canadian province that is twinned with a Japanese prefecture. Hokkaido is the largest of the 47 prefectures in Japan. The volunteer exchange agreement that was signed between Alberta and Hokkaido on March 18, 1992, was the first of its kind globally and became the model for such protocols, recognized by the world volunteer movement and the United Nations. Business, education, sports, human resources, social services, and other sectors have benefited from this relationship. Seventeen Alberta municipalities are twinned with Japanese counterparts, as are 15 schools throughout this province.

Just as an asterisk, the twin city, sister city movement concept was initiated by a former President of the United States, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On October 8, 2008, a Japanese garden was unveiled on the Alberta Legislature grounds to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Japan-Canada relations. Gardens in the Japanese tradition are designed as places of tranquillity, recreation, and celebration. Attending the commemorative event were the Honourable Isao Tsurube, Speaker of the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Minister Masataka Tarahara, Embassy of Japan, Yasuo Minemura, Consul General of Japan in the Canadian west, and the President of the Treasury Board of the Government of Alberta.

In October 2008 Alberta is home to some 12,000 Canadians of Japanese descent, and in two years from now, in 2010, Alberta and Hokkaido will commemorate their 30-year special relationship. It will afford an opportunity, I believe, for increased relationships between Members of this Legislative Assembly and the governments of both Alberta and Hokkaido.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 3,263 Albertans urging the Government to introduce amendments to the Health Professions Act that would recognize marriage and family therapists as a regulated profession under that Act.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 36 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 18 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Notices of Motions

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

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ20

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR9, MR10, MR11

To be dealt with: MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

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

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Notice having been given:

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, Ch. F-7, sec. 42(2):

Farmers' Advocate Office, 2007/2008 Annual Report and Farm Implement Board Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 339/2008

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

200 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 340/2008

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

Letter dated August 11, 2008, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting information regarding the implementation of Motion Other Than Government Motion 511 agreed to by the Assembly on November 8, 2007, with attached response from Hon. Ms Redford to Mr. Chase dated August 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 341/2008

Document dated September 23, 2008, entitled "North Central Corridor Pipeline, Lubicon Nation Dispute Background"

Sessional Paper 342/2008

News release dated October 16, 2008, entitled "Human rights and church organizations send message to Alberta government: suspend pipeline until Lubicon rights are respected" prepared by Amnesty International

Sessional Paper 343/2008

Pamphlet dated October 2008 entitled "Land and Way of Life Under Threat, the Lubicon Cree of Canada" prepared by Amnesty International

Sessional Paper 344/2008

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

Excerpt of a document dated April 26, 2008, entitled "Lubicon chief underscores the nature of the problem with TCPL"

Sessional Paper 345/2008

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

Letter dated August 15, 2008, from Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to His Excellency Mr. Marius Grinius, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations at Geneva, regarding an unresolved dispute between the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation and the federal and provincial governments concerning the North Central Corridor Pipeline (TransCanada Corporation)

Sessional Paper 346/2008

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, 2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 347/2008

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 348/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

ATB Financial, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 349/2008

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 October 20 to October 23, 2008:

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| Monday, October 20 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 8, 11 |

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| | | | <p>Third Reading Bill 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| Tuesday, October 21 | Aft. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39</p> <p>Third Reading Bill 14, 15, 16, 21 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| | Eve. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39</p> <p>Committee of the Whole Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31</p> <p>Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| Wednesday, October 22 | Aft. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 36, 38, 39</p> <p>Committee of the Whole Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35</p> <p>Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| | Eve. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 36, 38, 39</p> |

Committee of the Whole

Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,
34, 35

Third Reading

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, October 23

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 36, 38, 39

Committee of the Whole

Bill 29, 30, 31

Third Reading

Bill 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35

And as per the Order Paper

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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 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part A) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 350/2008

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part B(a)) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 351/2008

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part B(b)) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 352/2008

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part B(c)) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 353/2008

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

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

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

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon.
Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon.
Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

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

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

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans on
behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

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

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, October 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20, 2008

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Robert R. (Roy) Brassard, Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on October 17, 2008.

Members' Statements

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2008, as Waste Reduction Week.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2008, as Small Business Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on October 16, 2008, to fund midwifery services, and recognizing several individuals who worked on this initiative.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing October 20, 2008, as National Students Against Impaired and Distracted Driving Day.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Medicine Hat Police Chief Gordon Earl who passed away on October 11, 2008.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing October 20-24, 2008, as National Infection Control Week.

Speaker's Statement - Members of Parliament Elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Now, we do have time for a little historical vignette. Last week I talked about individuals who served in this House, 791 in the history of Alberta, and their source or their origin of where they had been prior to becoming a Member of this Assembly. In our history of 103 years there have been 10 Members of Parliament, that is, of the Canadian House of Commons, who subsequently became Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In chronological order the first was Joseph Tweed Shaw. He was a Member for Calgary-West, a Labour Member who served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1921 to 1926, then in 1926 returned to Alberta and served in this Assembly as a Liberal for the constituency of Bow Valley.

The second was Alfred Speakman. He served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1921 to 1935, his first term from 1921 to 1926 representing Red Deer as a Progressive, and then the second and third terms, from 1926 to 1935, representing Red Deer as a member of the United Farmers of Alberta. Then he came back to Alberta and served in this Assembly from 1940 to 1943, as an Independent for Red Deer.

John Charles Landeryou served in the 18th Parliament of Canada from 1935 to 1940, representing Calgary-East as a Social Credit, then came to Alberta and served from 1944 to 1971 as a Social Credit Member representing the constituency of Lethbridge.

Ernest George Hansell served in the House of Commons. He served the constituency of Macleod from 1935 to 1940 as a Social Credit Member. From 1940 to 1945 the designation he used was New Democrat. From 1945 to 1957 he was Social Credit, and then he came to this Legislature and served from 1959 to 1963 for the constituency of Okotoks-High River as a Social Credit Member.

Charles Edward Johnston served federally from 1935 to 1958, representing Bow River as a member of the Social Credit Party. Then he served from 1959 to 1967 representing the constituency of Calgary-Bowness as a Social Credit Member.

Ambrose Holowach served the constituency of Edmonton-East as a Social Credit Member from 1953 to 1958. He returned to this Assembly and served from 1959 to 1971, representing Edmonton-Centre as a member of the Social Credit Party.

Hugh Macarthur Horner, the father of one of our distinguished Members, served as a Member of Parliament for the constituency of Jasper-Edson from 1958 to 1967 as a Progressive Conservative. Then he served in this Assembly representing the constituency of Lac Ste. Anne from 1967 to 1971 as a Progressive Conservative and from 1971 to 1979 served the constituency of Barrhead as a member of that same party.

Peter Elzinga served in the House of Commons from 1974 to 1986, representing Pembina as a Progressive Conservative. He came back to Alberta and served in this Assembly from 1986 to 1993, representing Sherwood Park as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Stanley Schumacher served in the House of Commons from 1968 to 1979, representing the constituency of Palliser as a Progressive Conservative, then came back to Alberta and served in this Assembly from 1986 to 1997 representing Drumheller as a Progressive Conservative, including one term as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

The last individual, the 10th individual to have done this in our history, was Ian McClelland, who served in the House of Commons from 1993 to 1997 for the constituency of Edmonton-Southwest as a Reform Member. He served in the 36th federal Parliament from 1997 to 2000 in the same constituency, Edmonton-Southwest, but with two different party names. He served during that time as a Reform Member, then a Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance Member. In 2001 he was elected to this Assembly and served until 2004 representing the constituency of Edmonton-Rutherford as a Progressive Conservative Member.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on behalf of Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain (Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security):

Copy of a petition signed by 70 Canadians regarding restrictions on Multi-Employer Pension Plans (MEPPs)

Sessional Paper 354/2008

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

Program from a breakfast and special presentation entitled "Research in Action: Biomedical Engineering" held in Calgary on September 10, 2008, and attached report dated Fall 2008 entitled "Research in Action: Disciplines merge to improve health and quality of life" prepared by the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 355/2008

News release dated September 3, 2008, entitled "University of Calgary launches Canada's fifth veterinary program" prepared by the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 356/2008

Report, undated, entitled "Making It Happen, 2008 report to the community" prepared by Bow Valley College

Sessional Paper 357/2008

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

Letter dated October 17, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, requesting a complete breakdown of write-offs for Alberta Treasury Branches from 1998 to 2008

Sessional Paper 358/2008

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

19 recent letters from students at Ralph McCall School in Airdrie urging the government of Alberta to mandate that bicycle helmets be worn by individuals of all ages

Sessional Paper 359/2008

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Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ20. Asked for by Dr. Taft:

How many new applicants were registered in the Farm Fuel Benefit Program each year from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008?

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR9. Proposed by Mr. Taylor:

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

A copy of all documents regarding the degree-granting status of post-secondary institutions in the province, excluding the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, from January 1, 2003, to May 6, 2008.

MR10. Proposed by Mr. Chase:

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

A copy of all documents detailing the spending of federal monies transferred to Alberta's Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the purposes of creating child care spaces across the province.

MR11. Proposed by Mr. Chase:

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

A copy of the report to the Ministry of Children's Services reviewing conditions surrounding cases of fatalities of children under provincial care between January 1, 2007, and January 1, 2008.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR16. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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

A copy of all documents from January 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008, including, but not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the administration of applications and renewals to the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Program.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

A copy of all *progress and follow-up reports on the status of the recommendations presented in the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Allowance 1998 Renewal Audit Report, dated June 3, 1999, produced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, including background documents produced since June 3, 1999, relating to the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Program.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

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

A copy of all documents regarding Alberta student loan statistics from September 1, 2003, to May 1, 2008.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Chase:

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

A copy of all documents related to the Government's considerations surrounding proposed increases of funding to private schools.

MR13. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

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

A copy of all reports or other related documents regarding the progression and expansion of the Ministry of Employment and Immigration's Provincial Nominee Program.

MR14. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

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

A copy of all documents detailing the Ministry of Employment and Immigration's findings surrounding work conditions faced by temporary foreign workers which led to the establishment of special advisory offices in the province.

MR15. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Notley:

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

A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, memos, letters, faxes, e-mails, and notes relating to the appointment of the expert panel on nuclear energy referred to by the Minister of Energy in the Assembly on Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

MR17. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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

A copy of all documents regarding zoo standards and their implementation and enforcement from January 1, 2003, to May 8, 2008.

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22.

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 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act,
2008 — Mr. Rodney

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Fawcett:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of establishing an urban infrastructure planning organization for the Calgary region to assist local municipalities, boards, and authorities in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound urban planning of transportation and social infrastructure.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the 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 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —
Hon. Mr. Renner

Mr. Olson, 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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 360/2008

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

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

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

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

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

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

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:49 p.m. until Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2008, as Foster Family Week.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for funding to hire additional police officers in Alberta's cities.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the need for governments and the judiciary to address the issue of sexual violence against children.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2008, as Waste Reduction Week.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing October 20-26, 2008, as Responsible Gambling Awareness Week.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding a \$3.5 million government grant to the Cold Lake Affordable Housing Society.

Speaker's Statement - Members of the Legislative Assembly Appointed to the Canadian Senate

Honourable Members, I'm going to continue with a historical vignette for you today. Honourable Members should know that they have a one in 60 chance of becoming appointed to the Canadian Senate. In the history of Alberta there have been 791 Members that have served in this Assembly; 13 Members of the past have subsequently become Senators in Canada. The 13 Members, interestingly enough, go back almost to the beginning of our Legislative Assembly.

Leverett George Deveber, who served as an MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) for Lethbridge from 1905 to 1906 as a Liberal, after one year in this Assembly was appointed to the Senate as a Liberal and served in the Senate from 1906 to 1925.

Edward Michener, who served from 1909 to 1918 an MLA for Red Deer as a Conservative, was appointed to the Senate in 1918 and served to 1947. He was the father of Governor General Roland Michener.

Jean Leon Côté served in this Assembly first of all as a Liberal MLA for Athabasca from 1909 to 1913. Then he served from 1913 to 1924 as a Liberal Member for Grouard. In 1924 was appointed to the Senate. His was a short term in the Senate, approximately one year.

William Ashbury Buchanan served as a Liberal from Lethbridge from 1909 to 1911, then served as a Liberal MP (Member of Parliament) from Medicine Hat from 1911 to 1917, and then served as a Liberal Member of Parliament from 1917 to 1921 for Lethbridge. He became a Senator in 1925 and served till 1954.

Prosper-Edmond Lessard represented Pakan as a Liberal MLA – Pakan is in the east-central part of Alberta – from 1909 to 1913. Then he represented the St. Paul constituency from 1913 to 1921, then was appointed to the Senate in 1925 and served till 1931.

Duncan McLean Marshall represented the Olds constituency as a Liberal MLA from 1909 to 1921, then became a Senator, appointed in Ontario, from 1938 to 1946.

James Gray Turgeon, an MLA who we talked about yesterday being an MP and an MLA, served as an MLA from 1913 to 1921 as a Liberal representing the provincial constituency of Ribstone. He then moved to British Columbia and became an MP from 1935 to 1945 representing Caribou in B.C., and in 1947 he joined the Senate and served to 1964.

James Harper Prowse, an Edmonton Independent, sat in this Assembly from 1945 to 1948. From 1948 to 1958 he served as a Liberal in the city of Edmonton and became a Senator and served from 1966 to 1976.

Ernest Charles Manning became an MLA representing a constituency in Calgary as a Social Credit Member from 1935 to 1940. He represented the greater Edmonton constituency from 1940 to 1959 as a Social Credit MLA and he represented the constituency of Strathcona-East from 1959 to 1970 as a Social Credit MLA. In 1970 he joined the Senate and served to 1983.

Ronald David Ghitter served in this Assembly from 1971 to 1979 for the constituency of Calgary-Buffalo as a Progressive Conservative. He joined the Senate in 1993 and retired in 2000.

Nicholas W. Taylor served in this Assembly as an MLA for Westlock-Sturgeon as a Liberal from 1986 to 1993, then as the MLA for Redwater from 1993 to 1996. He joined the Senate and served from 1996 until his mandatory retirement in 2002.

Elaine McCoy represented the constituency of Calgary-West as a Progressive Conservative in this Assembly from 1986 to 1993, then joined the Senate in 2005.

The latest appointment was D. Grant Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was a Member in this Assembly representing Edmonton-Meadowlark as a Liberal from 1986 to 1993, then Edmonton-McClung from 1993 to 1996. He joined the Senate in 2005.

So, 13 Senators from this Assembly in the past: nine Liberals, three Progressive Conservatives, one Social Credit.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Campbell, Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee presented the following:

Report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee dated October 20, 2008, recommending that Neil R. Wilkinson be appointed as Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 361/2008

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated July 2008 entitled "Making the Food-Health Connection, An Alberta Framework for Innovation" prepared by the Alberta Life Sciences Institute

Sessional Paper 362/2008

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Update for the three months ended June 30, 2008

Sessional Paper 363/2008

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

Calgary Gymnastics Centre 2008 Media Guide

Sessional Paper 364/2008

Information package regarding the Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute

Sessional Paper 365/2008

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 6 memoranda with attachments from John Mould, Child and Youth Advocate, Children's Services/Children and Youth Services, to Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services and Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, regarding quarterly reports for the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

Sessional Paper 366/2008

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

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, First Session, Fall 2008"

Sessional Paper 367/2008

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 368/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Alberta Energy Ministerial Order 31/2008 dated May 5, 2008, and Alberta Energy Ministerial Order 46/2008 dated June 26, 2008

Sessional Paper 369/2008

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 2007-08

Sessional Paper 370/2008

- Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:
Agriculture and Food, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 371/2008
- Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:
Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2007-08
Sessional Paper 372/2008
- Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:
Education, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 373/2008
- Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:
Employment, Immigration and Industry, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 374/2008
- Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:
Energy, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 375/2008
- Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:
Environment, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 376/2008
- Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:
Executive Council, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 377/2008
- Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:
Finance, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 378/2008
- Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:
Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2007-2008, Section I
Sessional Paper 379/2008
Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2007-2008, Section II
Sessional Paper 380/2008
- Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure and Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of
Transportation:
Infrastructure and Transportation, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 381/2008

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

International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report
2007-2008

Sessional Paper 382/2008

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Justice and Attorney General, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 383/2008

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

Municipal Affairs and Housing, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 384/2008

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 385/2008

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Service Alberta, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 386/2008

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

Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 387/2008

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

Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 388/2008

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 389/2008

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Treasury Board, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 390/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and
Enterprise, and Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Consolidated Financial Statements of the Government of Alberta, Annual Report
2007-2008

Sessional Paper 391/2008

Measuring Up, Progress Report on the Government of Alberta Business Plan,
Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 392/2008

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

Budget 2008, First Quarter Fiscal Update 2008-09

Sessional Paper 393/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and
Enterprise:

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, Financial Statements, Year Ended March 31,
2008

Sessional Paper 394/2008

Pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act,
cM-12, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the year
ended March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 395/2008

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the year
ended March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 396/2008

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2):

Alberta Securities Commission, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 397/2008

Pursuant to the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act, cA-14.2, s3(5):

Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31,
2008

Sessional Paper 398/2008

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 Endowment Fund, Financial
Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 399/2008

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering
Research Act, cA-22, s7(6):

Alberta Heritage Science and Engineering Research Endowment Fund, Financial
Statements, Year Ended March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 400/2008

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, 2008"

Sessional Paper 401/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

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 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Ms Pastoor 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 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Third Reading

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

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Mason speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Johnson on behalf of Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Second Reading

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

- Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

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 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

A debate followed.

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 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

A debate followed.

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 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act,
2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Blakett

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Calgary Board of Education's Waste Reduction Week initiative, and recognizing the Calgary Board of Education and Chevron Canada on receiving the International Partnership Network's Global Best Award.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Blake Bothwell who passed away on October 15, 2008.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of Capilano School.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Beverage Container Recycling Program.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the public meeting of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund held in Edmonton on October 16, 2008.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement encouraging students, parents, and teachers to nominate a teacher or principal for a 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report dated October 2008
Sessional Paper 402/2008

Mr. Rodney, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following report recommending that Bill 18, Film and Video Classification Act, proceed:

Standing Committee on Community Services, Report on Bill 18, Film and Video Classification Act, dated October 2008
Sessional Paper 403/2008

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

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

Mr. VanderBurg, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, presented the following report recommending that Bill 10, Security Services and Investigators Act, proceed:

Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, Report on Bill 10, Security Services and Investigators Act, dated October 2008
Sessional Paper 404/2008

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

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

Mr. Prins, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following report recommending that Bill 23, Weed Control Act, proceed:

Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, Report on Bill 23, Weed Control Act, dated October 2008
Sessional Paper 405/2008

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

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

Mr. Allred, Chair, Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the following report recommending that Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008, not proceed:

Standing Committee on the Economy, Report on Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008, dated October 2008

Sessional Paper 406/2008

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

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

Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following report recommending that Bill 24, Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act, proceed:

Standing Committee on Health, Report on Bill 24, Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act, dated October 2008

Sessional Paper 407/2008

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Alberta Affordable Mortgage Protection Act — Mr. Weadick

Bill 209 Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Quest

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Booklet entitled "Agir ensemble, Francophonie 2006-2009" prepared by the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

Sessional Paper 408/2008

Document dated July/August 2008 entitled "Parlements et Francophonie" prepared by the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie

Sessional Paper 409/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 410/2008

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR9, asked for by Mr. Taylor on October 20, 2008:

A copy of all documents regarding the degree-granting status of post-secondary institutions in the province, excluding the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, from January 1, 2003, to May 6, 2008.

Sessional Paper 411/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Report dated September 30, 2008, entitled "Accelerating Carbon Capture and Storage in Alberta, Interim Report" prepared by the Alberta Carbon Capture and Storage Development Council

Sessional Paper 412/2008

Speaker's Statement - Strangers in the Legislative Assembly

Honourable Members, before proceeding to Orders of the Day, a little historic vignette with respect to strangers in the Alberta Legislative Assembly. On seven occasions strangers, that is, individuals other than Members or Officers of the Assembly, have been given permission to address our Assembly from the floor.

In 1935 William Aberhart spoke to the Assembly about the Douglas Social Credit plan before he became a Member and Premier of the province later that same year. In 1997 wheelchair athlete and fund-raiser Rick Hansen addressed the Assembly on the 10th anniversary of his Man in Motion World Tour. Daniel Novak, Page speech contest winner, read his entry to the Assembly in 1999. In 2002 Prince Michael of Kent, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, addressed the House on the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations. In 2005 the Honourable Sam Lieberman spoke on behalf of the province's Second World War veterans on the 60th anniversary of VE Day. On May 24, 2005, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II delivered the first ever address by a reigning monarch to the Assembly. On March 15, 2006, Ray Speaker presented an address on behalf of all former Members.

On May 4, 2006, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, addressed the Alberta Legislative Assembly. Among the words spoken by her were the following:

“The pioneer spirit of independence and resourcefulness in this province is legendary, yet your deserved reputation for fierce individualism and economic self-reliance belie another lesser known aspect of Alberta’s character: your people are among the most generous of Canadians. Eighty-five percent of you make financial contributions to charitable and nonprofit organizations. Combined with those who volunteer their time, 94 percent of your citizens believe in giving back.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

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

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

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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

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

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Taft speaking.

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

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 22, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

A debate followed.

Ms Pastoor 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 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Campbell on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Campbell on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:03 p.m. until Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the success of waste reduction programs in Alberta.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the need for Alberta to continue expanding access for agriculture and agrifood products in international markets.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, recited a poem by Ina J. Hughes entitled "A Prayer for the Children."

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing October 24, 2008, as United Nations Day.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the dedication of memorial stones at the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton on October 19, 2008.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the government to restructure services provided to children in care.

Speaker's Statement - One-day Passage of Bills in the Alberta Legislature

Honourable Members, the subject of my vignette today deals with a special day in our past. On Thursday, November 16, 2000, the Alberta Legislative Assembly undertook a unique procedure for a very special event. Under Introduction of Bills, the then Honourable Member for Calgary-Glenmore, now Deputy Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, was recognized and he introduced Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act. The Government House Leader then moved that the Bill be placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders.

The Government House Leader then requested unanimous consent to allow Second Reading debate on the same day the Bill received First Reading. It was granted. At the conclusion of the debate the motion for Second Reading was carried unanimously.

The House then proceeded to Committee of the Whole and the Committee approved the Bill. Unanimous consent to proceed to Third Reading was given and at 4:03 p.m. the Assembly rose after unanimous approval was given for Third Reading. All stages of the Bill were concluded within two and a half hours. Such success was the result of goodwill and positive communications among the caucus leaders.

The Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act includes a moving preamble and proclaims Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah as a day to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to honour those who fought to defeat tyranny and genocide. The Canadian House of Commons and all Canadian provinces have enacted similar legislation. Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah was commemorated on May 1, 2008, and will be commemorated on April 21, 2009.

Concluding all stages of a Bill on the same day is a very rare occurrence. Aside from miscellaneous statutes Bills, such a procedure has occurred on only two previous occasions in this Assembly since 1905. The first time was March 10, 1982, with the introduction and passage of the Health Services Continuation Act, the second was on September 21, 1992, with the introduction and passage of the Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1992.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Reappointment of Ombudsman, October 2008

Sessional Paper 413/2008

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Notices of Motions

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

Written Questions

To be dealt with: WQ21, W22, W23, W24

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR18

To be dealt with: MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

- Poem by Ina J. Hughs entitled "A Prayer for Children"
Sessional Paper 414/2008
- Pamphlet entitled "What's missing?" prepared by Results Canada
Sessional Paper 415/2008
- Result: Ed Educational Fund, Annual Report 2007
Sessional Paper 416/2008

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

- Harlingen Medical Centre web site article, undated, entitled "Patient-Focused Care"
Sessional Paper 417/2008
- Harlingen Medical Centre web site article, undated, entitled "Patient Services Guide"
Sessional Paper 418/2008

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 October 27 to October 30, 2008:

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| Monday, October 27 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39 Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 31, 32, 35 Third Reading Bill 28, 30 And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, October 28 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 27, 33 |

Committee of the Whole

Bill 29, 31, 34, 36, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 32, 35

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 27, 33

Committee of the Whole

Bill 29, 31, 34, 36, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 32, 35

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, October 29 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 23, 24, 33, 40, 41, 42

Committee of the Whole

Bill 10, 18, 27, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 29, 31, 34, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 23, 24, 33, 40, 41, 42

Committee of the Whole

Bill 10, 18, 27, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 29, 31, 34, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, October 30 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bill 37, 40, 41, 42
Committee of the Whole
Bill 23, 24, 33, 38, 39
Third Reading
Bill 10, 18, 27
And as per the Order Paper

Point of Privilege - Confidentiality Agreement

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported point of privilege regarding a confidentiality agreement referred to by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Premier, in response to a question asked by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on October 23, 2008.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Mason and Hon. Mr. Hancock.

The Speaker indicated he would hear further comments from Mr. Mason on October 27, 2008.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee and recommend that Neil Wilkinson be appointed as Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. 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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 27, 2008

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding a practice at the High Prairie Health Complex involving the reuse of single-use devices in intravenous lines to deliver medication to patients.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing October 27, 2008, as National School Library Day.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Terry Fox Run held in Taber on September 13, 2008.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing October 2008 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the management of the public health and prevention system.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the annual Gala de reconnaissance awards banquet held in Calgary on October 17, 2008, recognizing Dr. Carl Amrhein as a recipient of the 2008 Ami de la Francophonie Award, and Jocelyne Bélanger for her efforts in the production of educational material in French.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing October 2008 as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month.

Speaker's Statement - Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly

Honourable Members, before we move on, a little bit of history today with respect to the number of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) in the Province of Alberta since 1905. When Alberta's first general election was held on November 9, 1905, 25,163 Albertans elected 25 MLAs from a field of 56 nominated candidates. The number of Members increased to 41 in the 1909 election. In the 1913 election the number became 56. In 1917, 58 MLAs were elected. The number for the 1921 and 1926 elections was 61 MLAs and the number then increased to 63 for the elections of 1930 and 1935. The number of Members was reduced to 57 for the elections of 1940, 1944, and 1948. The number then rose to 60 Members for the 1952 general election. The number increased to 61 for the 1955 election and then to 65 for the 1959 election. In 1963, 63 MLAs were elected. The number of Members elected was 65 in the 1967 election. For the 1971 and 1975 elections the number of Members was 75. Then the number increased to 79 for the elections of 1979 and 1982. In 1986, 83 MLAs were elected and that number has remained through to the election of 2008.

In the 1909 election each MLA represented 9,129 Albertans. In 1921 the number increased to 9,960 Albertans. In the 1944 election each Member represented 14,094 constituents. In Canada's centennial year the number rose to 22,430. In the 1986 election each Member represented 29,105 constituents. In the 2008 election the number of constituents per MLA reached an average of 39,643.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to use the present conditions of the lives of Alberta's children as the lens to view and revise their policies to eliminate child poverty and its many manifestations in Alberta.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 36 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated October 27, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Dr. John Cowell, Health Quality Council of Alberta, requesting a report from the Health Quality Council on the recent health control incident at the High Prairie Health Complex

Sessional Paper 419/2008

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS16, s19(2):

Audited Financial Statement of Special Areas Trust Account, December 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 420/2008

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

2007 Annual Report of Safety Codes Council

Sessional Paper 421/2008

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Annual Report, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 422/2008

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Document dated October 27, 2008, entitled "Response to Concerns Raised in Sessional Paper 366/2008"

Sessional Paper 423/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, entitled "Position Statement on Child Well Being Initiative" prepared by Women of the United Church of Canada

Sessional Paper 424/2008

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

Program from the Chrysalis 13th Annual Achievement Award Ceremony

Sessional Paper 425/2008

Point of Privilege

The Speaker heard comments from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, concerning the purported question of privilege raised by Mr. Mason on October 23, 2008.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Premier, who apologized to the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ21. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What are the costs for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Fuel Benefit Program from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008, including the grant costs as well as estimates of the tax exemption costs?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, moved the motion be amended to read:

What are *the grant and estimated tax exemption costs* for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Fuel Benefit Program from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to further amend the motion by replacing May 8 with March 31.

What are *the grant and estimated tax exemption costs* for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Fuel Benefit Program from April 1, 1997, to *March 31, 2008*?

WQ22. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

What is the percentage, broken down by year, of litigants dealt with by the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 14, 2008, who have re-offended for a possession-related offence?

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the percentage, broken down by year, of *clients who graduated from* the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 16, 2008, who have *been convicted* for a possession-related offence?

WQ23. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

What is the total amount of funding, broken down by year, provided to every Legal Aid Society in the province from May 1, 2005, to May 14, 2008?

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the total amount of funding, broken down by *fiscal year, that has been or will be provided to Legal Aid Alberta from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2009*?

WQ24. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

What is the total number of litigants, broken down by year, dealt with by the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 14, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided by the province to the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court for that same period?

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the total number of *clients, broken down by year, who participated in or graduated from* the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 16, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided by *Alberta Justice* to the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court for that same period?

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR18. Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any and all documents that provide an economic forecast regarding the costs relative to increasing the Ministry's capacity to deal with complex legal issues such as public-private partnerships and the British Columbia-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) as outlined in strategy 5.3 on page 209 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR21. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any and all recommendations proposed that illustrate how early, effective, and affordable resolutions of civil disputes, such as an apology, will streamline the Ministry's operations as outlined in strategy 2.3 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any *materials* that illustrate how early, effective, and affordable resolutions of civil disputes, such as an apology, will streamline the Ministry's operations as outlined in strategy 2.3 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

MR22. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any and all recommendations proposed that illustrate how Alberta's succession statutes can be reformed or modernized to ensure they are consistent with current social values and will facilitate efficient handling of Albertans' estates as outlined in strategy 2.2 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any *materials* that illustrate how Alberta's succession statutes can be reformed or modernized to ensure they are consistent with current social values and will facilitate efficient handling of Albertans' estates as outlined in strategy 2.2 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR19. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any and all documents that illustrate how Alberta's court system will be made more accessible by rewriting the Alberta Rules of Court as outlined in strategy 2.9 on page 206 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

MR20. Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any and all recommendations proposed that illustrate how Alberta's court system will be made more accessible by rewriting the Alberta Rules of Court as outlined in strategy 2.9 on page 206 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 205 Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Bhardwaj

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 205, Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008, Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the Chair do now leave the Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and the Chair left the Chair.

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Young Albertans' Advisory Council Act — Mr. Fawcett

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Ms DeLong (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *provide* Alberta Health Care statements to all Albertans in order to ensure that every individual in the province is aware of his or her use of the health care system.

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 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Mr. Berger on behalf of Hon.
Mr. Blackett

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

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

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

Mr. Prins 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 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Groeneveld

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Cactus Pheasant Classic curling event to be held in Brooks from October 30 to November 2, 2008.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the World's Longest Walk held on October 25, 2008, in support of organ and tissue donation awareness, and recognizing the efforts of volunteer Maria Stranaghan.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing the 300th anniversary of the Sikh Scriptures, Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing October 28, 2008, as Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, an important event in the Indian culture.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Scarboro United Church in Calgary which now recognizes men and women as ministers of the faith regardless of their sexual orientation.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement recognizing the 18 members of the Alberta Youth Secretariat.

Speaker's Statement - Electoral Boundaries

Honourable Members, yesterday I provided the Assembly with an overview of the number of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) the Assembly has had since 1905.

By current law this Legislature must deal with the boundaries of Alberta's 83 constituencies prior to the next provincial election, assuming the normal pattern for Alberta elections. Section 5 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act states:

(2) Commissions are to be appointed during the first session of a Legislature following every 2nd second general election after the appointment of the last Commission.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), if less than 8 years has elapsed since the appointment of the last Commission, the Commission is to be appointed

(a) no sooner than 8 years, and

(b) no later than 10 years

after the appointment of the last Commission.

The last Electoral Boundaries Commission was established on March 25, 2002. Therefore, under section 5(3) of the Act, the next commission could not be established until after March 25, 2010.

Under the operation of sections 6 and 8 of the Act, the commission has seven months to submit a report to the Speaker, then five months to submit a final report. If the full year was taken, and assuming that the commission was established as soon as possible under the Act, the final report would not be submitted until March 26, 2011.

The Act could be amended to remove or amend subsection (3) so that a commission could be formed before the passage of eight years since the establishment of the last commission. The Act would also have to be amended if there was to be an increase or decrease from the current 83 constituencies.

On occasion some have confused the commission with a committee of the Assembly. The commission operates separately from the Assembly. The government brings in a Bill based on the commission's report. Under section 11 of the Act, the Assembly may approve, or approve with alterations, the proposals of the commission and the government shall introduce a Bill in accordance with the resolution.

In 1992 when the then Electoral Boundaries Commission failed to come to a single conclusion and issued reports from each commissioner, the Assembly established a committee, under the chairmanship of MLA Bob Bogle, to examine and report on electoral boundaries. The report was presented in the Assembly on January 25, 1993, and the legislation striking new constituency boundaries was passed on February 12, 1993.

Striking a committee of the Assembly was an exceptional circumstance. Section 9 of the Act now reads that "the report of a majority . . . is the report of the Commission, but if there is no majority, the report of the chair is the report of the Commission." The circumstances that led to the formation of a committee in 1993 no longer exist.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 35 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 426/2008

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

Program from the Canada Lands Company Peacekeepers Day Ceremony held in Calgary on August 10, 2008
Sessional Paper 427/2008

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

Memorandum of Understanding on Governance dated May 29, 2008, between The Queen in Right of Alberta as represented by the Minister, Alberta Health and Wellness, the Alberta Health Services Board, and Charlotte Robb
Sessional Paper 428/2008

Report dated February 2008 entitled "Public Agencies Governance Framework" prepared by the Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 429/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters, Annual Report 2007-08
Sessional Paper 430/2008

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report Year End June 30, 2008, with attached Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors Financial Statements dated June 30, 2008
Sessional Paper 431/2008

Alberta Dental Association and College 2006 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, with attached Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program Financial Statements dated December 31, 2007
Sessional Paper 432/2008

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2007 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program dated November 16, 2007
Sessional Paper 433/2008

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, with attached Auditor's Report dated March 16, 2008
Sessional Paper 434/2008

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 435/2008

University of Calgary Authorized Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, with attached Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008
Sessional Paper 436/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

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

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Ms Notley 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 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

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 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Mr. Johnston, 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 33 (Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon) —
Adjourned debate

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 150th anniversary of the Torrens system of land registration.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the enthronement of Bishop Ilarion of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church at St. John's Cathedral in Edmonton on October 26, 2008.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the relocation of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame to Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Here are the Women Forum hosted by the Sheldon Chumir Foundation and the Famous 5 Foundation to be held in Calgary on October 30, 2008, to discuss and debate the role of women in politics.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding a Memorandum of Understanding signed in Manila on October 1, 2008, between Alberta and the Phillipines concerning Alberta's labour shortages.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding an announcement by Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, on October 23, 2008, declaring Dr. Bruce McNaughton the inaugural winner of the \$10 million Polaris Award research grant from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 28 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 210 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mrs. Forsyth

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Information package from the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies

Sessional Paper 438/2008

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

Letter dated August 29, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of August 12, 2008, the regarding delivery of health services

Sessional Paper 439/2008

Report dated February 2006 entitled "Health Policy Framework" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 440/2008

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

Memorandum dated October 27, 2008, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, thanking Ms Tarchuk for offering to respond to a question raised during Oral Question Period on October 27, 2008

Sessional Paper 441/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated May 13, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Ms Kimberley Jimmy, Director, Kainai Food Bank, Standoff, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheque

Sessional Paper 442/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document entitled "2007-2008 OCYA Fourth Quarter Report, Region 8, January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008" prepared by Chris Hanson and Derek Chewka

Sessional Paper 443/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3):

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 444/2008

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Mr. Weadick, 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 10 (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 445/2008

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 446/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Hon. Mr. Liepert 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 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Mr. Weadick, 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 10 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 447/2008

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:56 p.m. until Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 30, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing the work of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the recent Alberta Aboriginal Business Symposium and recognizing the Aboriginal Capital Corporation.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the impact of environmental development on tourism in Alberta.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement congratulating the eight recipients of the 2008 Premier's Award for Healthy Workplaces.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing October 2008 as Canadian Library Month.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding public health care standards in Alberta.

Speaker's Statement - Table Officers

Honourable Members, before the Clerk Assistant calls Oral Question Period, this Assembly has been sitting for nearly 103 years. The mace is in place. Today is the first time in our history that all of the Table Officers in this Assembly are women.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Prins, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, presented the following report:

Standing Order Review Interim Report, October 2008
Sessional Paper 448/2008

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

List of City of Edmonton capital projects, undated, entitled "MCFP Approved Applications - 2007-2008 Fiscal Year"
Sessional Paper 449/2008

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

Program from the John D. Bracco Junior High School 2007-2008 Award Ceremony held on October 9, 2008
Sessional Paper 450/2008

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Edmonton Journal article dated October 30, 2008, entitled "Risk from reuse of syringes 'infinitesimal,' nurses' union argues"
Sessional Paper 451/2008

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

Excerpt from a book entitled "Fundamentals of Nursing" prepared by Patricia A. Potter and Anne G. Perry regarding administering medications by intravenous bolus (push)
Sessional Paper 452/2008

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

Program from the John D. Bracco School Stone Soup Gathering held on October 16, 2008

Sessional Paper 453/2008

Booklet entitled "Silent Voices No More" prepared by S.T.O.P. (Striving to Overcome Poverty)

Sessional Paper 454/2008

Newsletter, undated, entitled "A Ray of Sunshine for Everyone" prepared by the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton

Sessional Paper 455/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Leaflet entitled "Unexpected" prepared by Economic Development Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 456/2008

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

Alberta Health Services mission statement and organizational charts

Sessional Paper 457/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Dr. Taft on October 27, 2008:

What are *the grant and estimated tax exemption costs* for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Fuel Benefit Program from April 1, 1997, to *March 31*, 2008?

Sessional Paper 458/2008

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Chase, 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 November 3 to November 6, 2008:

Monday, November 3 8:30 p.m. - **Government Motions**

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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 39, 41, 42

Committee of the Whole

Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 27, 29, 32, 33

Third Reading

Bill 34, 35, 36, 38

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, November 4

Aft.

- Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 41, 42, 43, 44, 45

Committee of the Whole

Bill 24, 27, 29, 32, 33, 39

Third Reading

Bill 10, 18, 23, 34, 35, 36, 38

And as per the Order Paper

Eve.

- Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 41, 42, 43, 44, 45

Committee of the Whole

Bill 24, 27, 29, 32, 33, 39

Third Reading

Bill 10, 18, 23, 34, 35, 36, 38

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 5

Aft.

- Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

Bill 41, 42, 43, 44, 45

Committee of the Whole

Bill 24, 29, 32, 33, 39

Third Reading

Bill 10, 18, 23, 27, 34, 35, 36, 38

And as per the Order Paper

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| | Eve. | - | Government Bills and Orders |
| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 |
| | | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | | Bill 24, 29, 32, 33, 39 |
| | | | Third Reading |
| | | | Bill 10, 18, 23, 27, 34, 35, 36, 38 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, November 6 | Aft. | - | Government Bills and Orders |
| | | | Second Reading |
| | | | Bill 41, 43, 44, 45 |
| | | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | | Bill 29, 32, 33, 42 |
| | | | Third Reading |
| | | | Bill 24, 34, 35, 36, 39 |
| | | | And as per the Order Paper |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Second Reading consideration of Bill 37, Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act.

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

Bill 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

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:

Bill 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 37, Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act.

During Third Reading consideration, the Speaker read the text of Bill 37, Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act into the record:

Bill 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act

WHEREAS millions of Ukrainians perished as a result of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;

WHEREAS the term “Holodomor” is a Ukrainian word that means “extermination by means of starvation” and is used to describe the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Soviet authorities denied, concealed or destroyed information about the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33 and that accurate information about this tragic event is only now being made available;

WHEREAS the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the largest regional security organization in the world, passed a resolution that welcomes the recognition of the Holodomor in the United Nations, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and by the national parliaments of a number of the OSCE participating States;

WHEREAS the OSCE strongly encourages all parliaments to adopt acts regarding recognition of the Holodomor;

WHEREAS some of the survivors of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33 and their descendants reside in Alberta and have contributed greatly to Alberta’s cultural, economic, political and educational life;

WHEREAS the people of Alberta value democratic freedoms, human rights and the rule of law, honour the values of compassion and honesty, and cherish the multicultural vibrancy of the Province;

WHEREAS the 4th Saturday in November has been recognized by the Parliament of Canada and by other Legislatures in Canada as a day to commemorate the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;

WHEREAS 2008 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33; and

WHEREAS it is important and fitting to observe Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day for the purposes of recognizing the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33 and of reflecting on the horrific legacy of this event;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1 The 4th Saturday in November in each year is proclaimed as “Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day”.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Adjournment

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 4:08 p.m. until Monday, November 3, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 3, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Writing on the Wall Conference held at Queen Elizabeth High School on November 1, 2008.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the development of Bentley, a new variety of barley.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Innovations Project in Brooks and the Collaborate for Kids' Sake conference held in August 2008.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the work of the Alberta Farm Safety Centre in reducing the number of farm-related accidents involving children.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for government support for vulnerable Albertans.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the work being done to establish a national biomedical engineering and innovation centre at the University of Calgary.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

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

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

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 2007-08
Sessional Paper 459/2008

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

102 recent letters from Bonnyville-Cold Lake constituents to Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, regarding the need to widen Highway 55 between Lacorey and one mile west of Iron River
Sessional Paper 460/2008

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

Alberta Waitlist Registry web site article, undated, entitled "Wait Time Trends" regarding cardiac surgery wait times
Sessional Paper 461/2008

Alberta Waitlist Registry web site report entitled “Monthly Trends by Region, Physician Specialities for the 13 Reporting Months Ended: September 2008”
Sessional Paper 462/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canada.com web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated October 28, 2008, entitled “Watchdog must be independent”
Sessional Paper 463/2008

Letter undated, unsigned, from John Dunn, Executive Director, Foster Care Council of Canada, to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding child welfare services in Alberta
Sessional Paper 464/2008

Letter dated October 21, 2008, unsigned, from Danielle Monroe to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding child welfare in Alberta
Sessional Paper 465/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act,
2008 — Mr. Rodney

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 206 (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 466/2008

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Young Albertans' Advisory Council Act — Mr. Fawcett

A debate followed.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 207, Young Albertans' Advisory Council 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.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a ceiling for the daily accrual of interest on payday loans.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

Mr. Mitzel, Deputy 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 23 (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 467/2008

Second Reading

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

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber on behalf of Mr. Fawcett

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:12 p.m. until Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing the 2008 Canadian Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame inductees and regarding the future location of the Canadian Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the 25th Agri-Trade Farm Equipment Expo to be held in Red Deer from November 5-8, 2008.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing November 3-7, 2008, as Skilled Trades Week and regarding the WorldSkills Calgary competition to take place from September 1-7, 2009.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing November 5-11, 2008, as Veterans' Week and the role Canadian Forces have played in shaping our nation.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Canadian Paraplegic Association and their recent unveiling of the Hope Kit, a tool for individuals who have recently suffered a spinal cord injury.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the St. Albert Protestant School Board.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated November 4, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, responding to comments and questions raised by Dr. Taft during Oral Question Period the previous week regarding the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute

Sessional Paper 468/2008

Letter dated November 4, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald during Oral Question Period on November 3, 2008, regarding cardio-vascular surgery in the capital region
Sessional Paper 469/2008

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2006-07
Sessional Paper 470/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

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

College of Hearing Aid Practitioner's of Alberta, Annual Report 2006-2007
(March 1/06 - Feb 28/07)
Sessional Paper 471/2008

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2006-2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 472/2008

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 473/2008

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 474/2008

College of Alberta Denturists, Annual Report for 2007
Sessional Paper 475/2008

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2007
Sessional Paper 476/2008

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 477/2008

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2007-08
Sessional Paper 478/2008

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 479/2008

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2007/2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 480/2008

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 481/2008

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

Health Quality Council of Alberta, 2007-2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 482/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

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:

- 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008
- 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008
- 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008
- 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008
- 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008
- 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008
- 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008
- 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act, 2008
- 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008
- 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act
- 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008
- 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008
- 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008
- 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008

- 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008
- 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008
- 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008
- 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act
- 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008

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.

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the October 2008 report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that G.B. (Gord) Button be reappointed as Ombudsman for the Province of Alberta for a five-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 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase 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)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Mr. Drysdale, 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 10 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 483/2008

Amendment to Bill 32 (Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 484/2008

Amendment to Bill 33 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon on October 28, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 485/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1A) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 486/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1B) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 487/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1C) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 488/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1D) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 489/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1E) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 490/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1F) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 491/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1G) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 492/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1H) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 493/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1I) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 494/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1J) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 495/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1K) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 496/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1L) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 497/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1M) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on October 29, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 498/2008

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 499/2008

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Blackett

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Johnson

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing November 2008 as Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the importance of sport for people with intellectual disabilities and recognizing November 2008 as Special Olympics Month.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Wing Kei Care Centre in Calgary.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing November 2008 as National 4-H Month and November 5, 2008, as Show Your 4-H Colours Day.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the continuity of Calgary-McCall constituency business during Mr. Kang's medical absence.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the 2008 Canadian Finals Rodeo to be held in Edmonton from November 5-9, 2008.

Statement by the Speaker - Members of the Legislative Assembly on Active Service During World War I

Honourable Members, I'd like to share with you a bit of your history today by way of a historical vignette. On April 5, 1917, a Bill titled An Act amending The Election Act respecting Members of the Legislative Assembly on Active Service was assented to by this Assembly. The Bill is one page long, and I'm going to read it to you.

“Whereas, Robert Eldo Campbell, Robert Eaton, George Edgar LeRoy Hudson, James Robert Lowery, Gordon MacDonald, Charles Stewart Pingle, Andrew Stefan Shandro, Nelson Spencer, John Smith Stewart, Joseph Emmet Stauffer, James Gray Turgeon and Francis Austin Walker are members of the Third Legislative Assembly for the Electoral Districts of Rocky Mountain, Hand Hills, Wainwright, Alexandra, Pembina, Redcliff, Whitford, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Didsbury, Ribstone, and Victoria, respectively;

And whereas, the said members have enlisted for overseas service with His Majesty's Forces and being under military control will be unable for that reason, in case of the dissolution of the said Legislative Assembly before the termination of the present European war, to take any part in any election for the Fourth Legislative Assembly;

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1 Robert Eldo Campbell, Robert Eaton, George Edgar LeRoy Hudson, James Robert Lowery, Gordon MacDonald, Charles Stewart Pingle; Andrew Stefan Shandro, Nelson Spencer, John Smith Stewart, Joseph Emmet Stauffer, James Gray Turgeon and Francis Austin Walker, representing the Electoral Districts of Rocky Mountain, Hand Hills, Wainwright, Alexandra, Pembina, Redcliff, Whitford, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Didsbury, Ribstone, and Victoria, respectively, in the Third Legislative Assembly, shall be, on the day fixed by proclamation for the nomination of candidates, deemed to be nominated and elected as a Member of the Fourth Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District which they now respectively represent, as if they and each of them had been duly nominated and elected in accordance with the provisions of The Election Act, and the Clerk of the Executive Council shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 236 of The Election Act, give in The Alberta Gazette notice of the names of such persons elected and the Electoral District respectively represented by them.”

On April 10, 1917, five days after this Bill was assented to, Lieutenant Joseph Emmet Stauffer, Member of the Legislative Assembly, was killed in the successful assault on Vimy Ridge. He had represented the constituency of Didsbury since 1909 and was Deputy Speaker of the House.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 500/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Edmonton Journal classified section advertisement dated September 6, 2008, seeking a full-time teacher assistant for an autistic student
Sessional Paper 501/2008

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Stan Houston, Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases) and Public Health, University of Alberta, Director, Northern Alberta HIV Program, to Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, regarding the prevention and control of syphilis
Sessional Paper 502/2008

Reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated August 28, 2008, entitled "Dr. Liepert's prescription wrong: neonatologist"
Sessional Paper 503/2008

Copy of page 52 of the Health and Wellness Annual Report, 2007-08, regarding long-term care facilities in Alberta
Sessional Paper 504/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

2 letters, the first dated June 18, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Carmellia Saretzky, Coordinator, Crowsnest Pass Food Bank, Blairmore, and the second dated July 1, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Mable Both, Director, Claresholm Food Bank, Claresholm, both pledging a donation to the respective food banks equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copies of Ms Pastoor's cheques

Sessional Paper 505/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Response to Written Questions WQ3, WQ4, and WQ5, all asked for by Mr. Hehr on May 12, 2008:

WQ3. What percentage of the 15 percent surcharge collected from provincial statutory offences has the Victims of Crime Fund received from the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security since its inception to February 4, 2008?

WQ4. What is the total number of successful claimants who requested compensation through the Victims of Crime Fund since its inception to February 4, 2008?

WQ5. What is the total number and value of any overpayments made by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security from the Victims of Crime Fund from its inception to February 4, 2008?

Sessional Paper 506/2008

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 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Mr. Weadick, 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 24 (Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports)
— Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 507/2008

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

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

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

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Denis on behalf of Mr. Anderson

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

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

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:21 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Weadick, 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 24 (A1A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 508/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1B) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 509/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1C) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 510/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1D) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 511/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1E) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 512/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1F) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 513/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1G) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 514/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1H) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 515/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1I) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 516/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1J) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 517/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1K) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 518/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1L) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 519/2008

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Amendment to Bill 24 (A1M) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 520/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1N) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 521/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1O) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 522/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1P) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 523/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1Q) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 524/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1R) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 525/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1S) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 526/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1T) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 527/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1U) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 528/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (A1V) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Seniors and Community Supports on November 5, 2008) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 529/2008

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 530/2008

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

A debate followed.

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 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

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

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 45, Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Letter dated November 4, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Frank J. Work, Information and Privacy Commissioner, regarding Bill 45, Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008

Sessional Paper 531/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:39 p.m. until Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 6, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the men and women who serve Canada in the military and in peacekeeping missions.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 2008 Norm McLeod Community Inclusion Awards.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the first anniversary of the Safe Community Initiatives in Alberta.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Leader of the Official Opposition.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding rodeo in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding bitumen export to the United States.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber

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

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Olson on behalf of Mr. Berger

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

Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

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 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated October 24, 2008, from Fred Kondar of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the job performance of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services

Sessional Paper 532/2008

E-mail message dated October 25, 2008, from Joan Farkas of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding child welfare services in Alberta and suggesting a new Minister of Children and Youth Services be appointed

Sessional Paper 533/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

2 letters, the first dated August 1, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Brenda English, Administrator, Vulcan County Food Bank, and the second dated September 1, 2007, to Coleen Wilson, Executive Director, Medicine Hat and District Food Bank, both pledging a donation to the respective food banks equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copies of Ms Pastoor's cheques

Sessional Paper 534/2008

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

2 Alberta Waitlist Registry web site reports dated September 2008, one regarding the general surgery average percentile wait time and one regarding the orthopedic surgery average percentile wait time

Sessional Paper 535/2008

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs :

Copy of a report, undated, entitled "It's time. A real Action Plan for Alberta" prepared by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 536/2008

Report, undated, entitled "2008 Election Spending Promises, Liberal Party, February 4 - March 3, 2008" prepared by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Sessional Paper 537/2008

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 week the Assembly next sits.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 17 to November 20, 2008:

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| Monday, November 17 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 Committee of the Whole Bill 29 Third Reading Bill 42 And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, November 18 | Aft. | - Message Government Motions Motion 21, 22 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 Committee of the Whole Bill 41, 43, 44, 45 Third Reading Bill 29 And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 Committee of the Whole Bill 41, 43, 44, 45 |

- Third Reading**
- Bill 29
- And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, November 19 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Committee of Supply**
- Supplementary Supply Estimates
(Day 1 of 1)
- And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Second Reading**
- Bill 49, 50
- Committee of the Whole**
- Bill 46, 47, 48
- Third Reading**
- Bill 41, 43, 44, 45
- And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, November 20 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Committee of the Whole**
- Bill 49, 50
- Third Reading**
- Bill 46, 47, 48
- 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 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon.
Mr. Danyluk

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 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

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

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

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(2), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Monday, November 17, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 17, 2008

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Paul Langevin, Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, 1993 to 2001, who passed away on November 11, 2008.

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing Alberta public service recipients of the GTEC awards for information and communications technology.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing November 14, 2008, as World Diabetes Day.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing November 9-15, 2008, as Health Care Aide Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding organizational changes which could potentially impact the Department of Children and Youth Services in carrying out its mandate.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing November 12-19, 2008, as National Philanthropy Awareness Week and regarding the nonprofit voluntary sector.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement recognizing November 16-22, 2008, as National Addiction Awareness Week.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

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 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition signed by several hundred Albertans urging that Constable Kurtis Brown of the Edmonton Police Service be suspended without pay pending the outcome of the Robert Wasyliv case

Sessional Paper 538/2008

Letter dated November 6, 2008, from Frank C. Work, Q.C., Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Bill 45, Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008

Sessional Paper 539/2008

Letter dated October 23, 2008, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding the investment performance of public sector pension funds

Sessional Paper 540/2008

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

Program from the City of Calgary Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies and Queen's Park Cemetery Remembrance Day Ceremony held on November 7, 2008

Sessional Paper 541/2008

Program from the Military Museums Remembrance Day Service held on November 11, 2008

Sessional Paper 542/2008

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s44(1):

Letter dated July 28, 2008, from Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, attaching an amended report listing registered candidates together with their chief financial officers who did not file a financial statement with the Chief Electoral Officer on or before July 3, 2008, following the 2008 Alberta Provincial General Election held on March 3, 2008

Sessional Paper 543/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act,
2008 — Mr. Rodney

A debate followed.

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: 24

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| Allred | Forsyth | Quest |
| Amery | Fritz | Redford |
| Anderson | Hancock | Rodney |
| Benito | Hayden | Rogers |
| Bhullar | Horne | Sarich |
| Cao | MacDonald | Swann |
| DeLong | Olson | Woo-Paw |
| Fawcett | Pastoor | Xiao |

Against the motion: 20

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| Berger | Horner | Oberle |
| Blackett | Johnson | Ouellette |
| Blakeman | Lukaszuk | Renner |
| Brown | Lund | Snelgrove |
| Dallas | Marz | Vandermeer |
| Doerksen | McFarland | Weadick |
| Evans | Mitzel | |

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Alberta Affordable Mortgage Protection Act — Mr. Weadick

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Marz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a committee consisting of representatives from the Provincial Government, land owners, and the energy industry to review surface rights compensation.

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 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

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

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

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Hon. Mr. Knight on behalf of Mr. Webber

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

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

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 48, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 29(1)(d) in order to allow the third speaker to speak for 20 minutes.

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

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

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

Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) —
Hon. Ms Redford

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 50, Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 29(1)(d) in order to allow the third speaker to speak for 20 minutes.

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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

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

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Mr. Chase 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 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m. until Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing November 16-23, 2008, as Metis Week and November 19, 2008, as Metis Nations Children's Day.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2008 Minister of Municipal Affairs Awards of Municipal Excellence.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for increased government leadership.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing November 17-21, 2008, as International Education Week.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the new Edgeworth Centre in Camrose.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Cheadle Lions Canadian Foodgrains Bank harvest project.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 102 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2008, Second Quarter Fiscal Update 2008-09

Sessional Paper 544/2008

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

Document, undated, entitled "Update on Provincial Response to the Syphilis Outbreak in Alberta, Advice to the Minister"

Sessional Paper 545/2008

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter Update for the six months ended September 30, 2008

Sessional Paper 546/2008

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

E-mail message dated May 15, 2008, from Roselyn Elford to Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing support for Bill 206, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008

Sessional Paper 547/2008

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley,
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Draft report dated March 2008 entitled "Strategic and Program Evaluation of
the Cumulative Environmental Management Association" prepared by
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Sessional Paper 548/2008

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

Alberta Health Services web page entitled "Contact Us"

Sessional Paper 549/2008

Alberta Health Services Board General Bylaws dated August 18, 2008

Sessional Paper 550/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Statistics Canada web site article dated October 9, 2008, entitled "University
tuition fees"

Sessional Paper 551/2008

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

Program from the fourth annual Calgary Committee National Housing Day event
held on November 13, 2008

Sessional Paper 552/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 07/08

Sessional Paper 553/2008

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Alberta Dental
Assistants, Annual Report 2007-08

Sessional Paper 554/2008

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3) (AR 286/94,
s6(3)(b), Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 555/2008

Pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12, AADAC (Alberta
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 556/2008

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

Aspen Regional Health, Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 557/2008

Capital Health, Edmonton Area, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 558/2008

Calgary Health Region, 2007-2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 559/2008

Chinook Health, Annual Report 2007/08
Sessional Paper 560/2008

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report April 2007 - March 2008
Sessional Paper 561/2008

East Central Health, Annual Report April 1 2007 - March 31, 2008
Sessional Paper 562/2008

Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 563/2008

Palliser Health Region, 2007-2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 564/2008

Peace Country Health, Annual Report April 2007 - March 2008
Sessional Paper 565/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Pastoor on May 12, 2008:

What were the *salary ranges* of contracted employees employed by the Ministry and Department of Seniors and Community Supports during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, broken down by *salary range* and position title?

Sessional Paper 566/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Pastoor on May 12, 2008:

A copy of documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, economic analyses, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to *the indexation of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits*.

Sessional Paper 567/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Ms Pastoor on May 12, 2008:

A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, statistical data, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the July 2006 elimination of the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board.

Sessional Paper 568/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Webber

A debate followed.

Dr. Swann 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 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Bill 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

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 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

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

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

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 48, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 29(1)(d) in order to allow the third speaker to speak for 20 minutes.

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 50, Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 29(1)(d) in order to allow the third speaker to speak for 20 minutes.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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

Speaker's Statement - Sequence of Members of the Legislative Assembly Being Sworn In

With the election of 2008, the number of Members elected since 1905 has grown to 791. Following each election each Member takes the Oath of Allegiance and signs the Oath of Allegiance book on the date he or she was sworn in, and their signatures are attested to by another individual. We have now concluded a rather lengthy research project by Val Footz of the Legislature Library and have determined the order in which each of the 791 MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) was or would have been sworn in for the first time.

The first signature by an MLA is that of Alexander Cameron Rutherford from the constituency of Strathcona, and he was sworn in and signed the Oath of Allegiance book on March 15, 1906. His signature was attested to by G. H. Babbitt, the Official Secretary. Rutherford became MLA one.

The 100th MLA to have been sworn in was James Weir from the constituency of Nanton. He was elected for the first time on June 7, 1917, and was sworn in on February 7, 1918. He is thus MLA 100. Weir's signature was attested to by R.T. Stafford, Official Secretary.

The 500th MLA to have been sworn in was Henry Kroeger from the constituency of Sedgewick-Coronation. He was elected for the first time on March 26, 1975, and was sworn in on May 1, 1975. His signature was attested to by Lieutenant Governor Ralph Steinhauer. Kroeger is MLA 500.

If you are fascinated by numbers and believe that numbers have meanings, consider the following: the Premier is MLA 649, the Member for Red Deer-North is MLA 707, the Member for Calgary-Varsity is MLA 747, and the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford is MLA 777. The last Member to have been sworn in is MLA 791, the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

A number of individuals were elected as MLA and were never sworn in and thus never took the Oath of Allegiance. In the November 9, 1905, election, Leverett G. DeVeber was elected in the constituency of Lethbridge. He was never sworn in as he was appointed to the Senate prior to being sworn in. DeVeber is MLA 25 in our sequence system. On June 17, 1963, L. Petrie Meston was elected as the MLA for Three Hills. He passed away before being sworn in. He was MLA 406. Other elected MLAs resigned prior to being sworn in so as to bring about by-elections.

Prior to the 1967 election, Lieutenant Governors did not attest to the signatures of Members. From 1906 to February 15, 1968, it was usually the Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor who attested. On occasion the Clerk of Executive Council also attested. Grant MacEwan was the first Lieutenant Governor to attest to a signature and he did so on February 15, 1968, when he attested to the signature of Ernest C. Manning. The exception since 1968 occurred on December 13, 2004, when Chief Justice Catherine A. Fraser attested.

In the spring of 2009, each Member will receive a certificate with an MLA sequence number attesting to the date on which they were first sworn in.

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the efforts of the Edmonton Sikh community in raising funds for the Mazankowski Heart Institute and food donations for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Alberta Craft Council and inviting Members of the Legislative Assembly to an open house in the Legislature Annex on November 20, 2008.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement congratulating students of two Onoway schools on winning the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation's Community Champion Program Award.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the government's renewed Water for Life Strategy.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of the St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School in Slave Lake.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 16-22, 2008, as Bullying Awareness Week.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated November 12, 2008, from Heather Bowie, CA, Myers Norris Penny, to Stanley Poloway, Candidate's Chief Financial Officer, Electoral Division of Edmonton-Gold Bar, acknowledging receipt of financial information for the 2008 Alberta provincial election campaign

Sessional Paper 569/2008

Document entitled "Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Health and Wellness of the Province of Alberta, Canada, June 14, 2006" prepared by santésuisse, regarding the role of the private sector in delivering health care

Sessional Paper 570/2008

Document, undated, entitled "Final Report: Study Tour of Sweden, June 16 - 21, 2006" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 571/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the year ended June 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 572/2008

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the year ended March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 573/2008

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22, Alberta Ingenuity (Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research), Annual Report 07/08

Sessional Paper 574/2008

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and program type?

Sessional Paper 575/2008

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

Sessional Paper 576/2008

Response to Written Question WQ18, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 577/2008

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total number of students who received Alberta student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the students?

Sessional Paper 578/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Webber

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 42, Health Governance Transition Act, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the changes in governance to, and the restructuring of, the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and the Alberta Cancer Board will adversely affect the health services available to Albertans.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

Second Reading

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

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Bill 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Redford, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:33 p.m. until Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Setting the Direction for Special Education project.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Lyme disease.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the fifth anniversary of the Water for Life Strategy.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of the University of Alberta Faculty of Native Studies.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing November 22, 2008, as National Housing Day.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding government fiscal responsibility.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Prins, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, presented the following report:

Standing Order Review Final Report dated November 2008
Sessional Paper 579/2008

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 212 Agricultural Operation Practices (Confined Feeding Operations Approvals) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 213 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Fines for Littering on Public Lands and Highways) Amendment Act, 2008 — Ms Calahasen

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2006 and 2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 580/2008

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

Program from the Kildare Remembrance Day Assembly held on November 10, 2008

Sessional Paper 581/2008

Program from the Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 New Teacher Induction Ceremony held on November 17, 2008

Sessional Paper 582/2008

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

Business Wire web site article dated May 12, 1999, entitled "Major Appointments Enrich CommonHealth Network and Adient Unit"

Sessional Paper 583/2008

Canada.com web site article dated November 10, 2008, entitled "Taxpayers' bill soars for troubled P3 school: Leaky Abbotsford school was built as a public-private partnership with NDP government"

Sessional Paper 584/2008

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 24 to November 27, 2008:

Monday, November 24 8:30 p.m. - **Message**

Government Motions

Motion 21, 22

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 40

Committee of the Whole

Bill 41, 47, 48, 49, 50

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| | | | <p>Third Reading Bill 44, 45, 46 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| Tuesday, November 25 | Aft. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 40, 52 Committee of the Whole Bill 41, 50 Third Reading Bill 47, 48, 49 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| | Eve. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 40, 52 Committee of the Whole Bill 41, 50 Third Reading Bill 47, 48, 49 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| Wednesday, November 26 | Aft. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Estimates Day 1 of 1 And as per the Order Paper</p> |
| | Eve. | - | <p>Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 52 Committee of the Whole Bill 40, 41 Third Reading Bill 50 And as per the Order Paper</p> |

Thursday, November 27 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bill 52
Third Reading
Bill 40, 41
And as per the Order Paper

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 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber
- Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

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 41 (Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 585/2008

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis
Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau
Bill 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Liepert on behalf of Mr. Anderson

Second Reading

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

- Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Dallas

Debate adjourned, Ms Notley speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, November 24, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement congratulating the Shepherd's Care Foundation on receiving the first CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accreditation for its aging services network.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Deliberative Democracy and Climate Workshop held in Edmonton from September 25-29, 2008.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement congratulating the Calgary Stampeder Football Club on winning the Canadian Football League's 96th Grey Cup on November 23, 2008.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Finding Balance Injury Prevention Campaign launched in Edmonton on November 3, 2008.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the ICE (Inspire, Connect and Educate) 2008 Information Technology Conference held in Edmonton from November 3-5, 2008.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating the Calgary Stampeder Football Club on winning the Canadian Football League's 96th Grey Cup held on November 23, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from over 1,200 Canadians urging the Government to develop an energy policy which encourages conservation, promotes the use of safe, clean, renewable energy sources and explicitly rejects nuclear power in this province.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from over 1,200 Albertans urging the Government to develop an energy policy which encourages conservation, promotes the use of safe, clean, renewable energy sources and explicitly rejects nuclear power in this province.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers

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 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Westernwheel.com web site article dated November 12, 2008, entitled "Province steps up to help fund Foothills Country Hospice"

Sessional Paper 586/2008

PC Alberta website article dated June 29, 2008, entitled "Hey MLA, Where's the Money?"

Sessional Paper 587/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canadian Broadcasting News article dated November 24, 2008, entitled "Secret advice to politicians: oilsands emissions hard to scrub" with attached document, undated, entitled "Key Messages for Ministers"

Sessional Paper 588/2008

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

13 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting full funding for the Safe Visitation pilot program

Sessional Paper 589/2008

Pamphlet entitled "The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign, November 19 - December 24" prepared by the Salvation Army

Sessional Paper 590/2008

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 2007 Annual Report and 2007 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 591/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) to allow the Assembly to proceed to Government Bills and Orders.

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

2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 592/2008

Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

22. 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 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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 Alberta Affordable Mortgage Protection Act — Mr. Weadick

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 209 Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Quest

A debate followed.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 209, Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2008, 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.

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 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make rodeo Alberta's official sport.

A debate followed.

During debate the following documents were tabled:

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

Letter dated November 16, 2008, from Ab Brewster, President, Central Alberta Rodeo Association, to Dr. Taft, Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 514

Sessional Paper 593/2008

Letter dated November 21, 2008, from Danny Jones, Board of Directors, Ponoka Stampede Association, to Dr. Taft, Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 514

Sessional Paper 594/2008

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Canada.com web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated November 7, 2008, entitled "Taft's Stetson must be too tight"

Sessional Paper 595/2008

Canada.com web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated November 6, 2008, entitled "Liberal leader wants rodeo to be Alberta's official sport"

Sessional Paper 596/2008

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 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber
- Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:16 p.m. until Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing November 2008 as Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Fish and Game Association and the launch of their book entitled "Conservation: Pride and Passion."

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement recognizing November 25, 2008, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, December 6, 2008, as Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and regarding the White Ribbon Campaign taking place from November 25 to December 6, 2008.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the White Ribbon Campaign taking place from November 25 to December 6, 2008.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement congratulating the Bethany Care Society on receiving a Best Employer Award sponsored by the Workplace Institute.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated November 24, 2008, from Elizabeth Reid to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the recent appointments to the Alberta Health Services Board

Sessional Paper 597/2008

Treasury Board web site article, undated, entitled "Oil Sands Sustainable Development Secretariat"

Sessional Paper 598/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated November 7, 2008, from Larry Elford of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requesting a provincial inquiry into the Alberta Securities Commission and the financial services industry, with several related attachments

Sessional Paper 599/2008

3 documents dated May 17, 2006, April 26, 2006, and October 23, 2006, relating to the Mutual Reliance Review System exemptive relief application decisions in matters between the securities legislation of several provinces and the Bank of Montreal, the Toronto-Dominion Bank, and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Sessional Paper 600/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

Mr. Chase moved the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 7 is amended by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:
(c) in subsection (6) by striking out “42 days” and substituting “60 days”.
- B. Section 9 is struck out.
- C. Section 63(b)(iii) is struck out.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 40, Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008, Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the time between division bells to one minute.

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

For the amendment: 5

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| Chase | Notley | Taylor |
| Hehr | Swann | |

Against the amendment: 31

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| Benito | Hancock | Prins |
| Berger | Horner | Quest |
| Boutilier | Jablonski | Renner |
| Dallas | Johnston | Rodney |
| Danyluk | Leskiw | Sarich |
| Denis | Liepert | Sherman |
| Drysdale | McQueen | Stevens |
| Elniski | Morton | Tarchuk |
| Fawcett | Oberle | Vandermeer |
| Forsyth | Olson | Webber |
| Griffiths | | |

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

Mr. Johnston, 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 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 601/2008

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:15 p.m. until Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2008, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the establishment of a North American cap and trade system on CO₂ emissions.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the grand opening of the Alberta Regional Council of Carpenters and Allied Workers' provincial training and administration centre held in Edmonton on September 12-14, 2008.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the official opening of the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building at the University of Lethbridge on November 13, 2008, and congratulating the University of Lethbridge's women's Pronghorns on winning the national rugby championship.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Alberta Student Engagement Initiative launched by the government on November 26, 2008.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Alberta Active Communities Initiative and the involvement of His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, in a legacy awards program.

Speaker's Statement - Leaders of the Official Opposition

Honourable Members, I have a vignette today with respect to the Leaders of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

On December 13, 2008, the Alberta Liberal Party will announce a new leader who will become the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, the 29th different person in Alberta's history to serve in that capacity and the 30th Leader of the Opposition.

From 1906 until an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act came into effect in 1972, the terms of Leaders of the Official Opposition were based on actual Session dates. In other words, one was the Leader of the Official Opposition when the Legislature sat and was not when the Legislature did not sit.

Between 1906 and 1971 Alberta had 18 Leaders of the Opposition by 17 different individuals. There were times between 1906 and 1972 when the Legislative Assembly had no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition. One Member, James Walker from Warner, nicknamed Farmer Jim, served as Opposition Leader in the House as an Independent briefly in 1941 and as Leader of the Progressives in 1944, thus we had the 30 leaders from 29 different individuals.

On June 1, 1972, the Legislative Assembly Act addressed the actual tenure of the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Since that time the leader has been the leader on a full-time basis, unlike the practice that existed from 1906 to 1971.

Former Premier Harry Strom, Social Credit representing the constituency of Cypress, served in 1972. He is the only Member to have served as Premier and then Leader of the Official Opposition. In 1973 James D. Henderson, Social Credit representing Wetaskiwin-Leduc, served for a brief period before Robert C. Clark, Social Credit representing Olds-Didsbury, was elected leader. Mr. Clark served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1973 to 1980. In 1980 Raymond A. Speaker, Social Credit representing Little Bow, became the leader and served to 1982.

Grant Notley of the New Democratic Party and representing the constituency of Spirit River-Fairview served as the Opposition Leader in 1983 and 1984. Following Mr. Notley's untimely death, Ray Martin, a member of the New Democratic Party representing the constituency of Edmonton-Norwood, assumed the position and served from 1984 to 1993.

Laurence Decore, a Liberal representing Edmonton-Glengarry, served in 1993 and 1994 when D. Grant Mitchell became the new Liberal leader from the Edmonton-McClung constituency. Mr. Mitchell served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1994 to 1998. From July 7, 1998, to March 12, 2001, Nancy J. MacBeth, a Liberal representing the constituency of Edmonton-McClung, served as the leader. In 2001 Dr. Ken Nicol, a Liberal representing Lethbridge-East, became the leader and served in that capacity to March 27, 2004, when the current Member for Edmonton-Riverview, a Liberal, assumed the position.

Alberta has had 28 different Leaders of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, 16 Lieutenant Governors, 13 Premiers and 11 Speakers. Only one former Leader of the Official Opposition has been elected as Premier of Alberta, E. Peter Lougheed, who was sworn in as Alberta's 10th Premier on September 10, 1971.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Redford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4, s36(2):

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2006

Sessional Paper 602/2008

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 603/2008

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, 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 2007/2008

Sessional Paper 604/2008

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

Letter dated November 19, 2007, from Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, acknowledging receipt of Dr. Taft's updated financial information

Sessional Paper 605/2008

6 letters dated November 10, 2008, from Edmonton residents to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait times for gynaecological cancer surgery

Sessional Paper 606/2008

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

Hospital Quarterly, Winter 1997/1998 article entitled "Private Health Services in Canada: The Potential, The Politics and The Propaganda" prepared by Jim Saunders

Sessional Paper 607/2008

Alberta Corporate Registration System, Corporation/Non-Profit Search of HRG Health Resource Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 608/2008

Health Care Protection Act Report to Albertans regarding the renewal of a surgical service agreement under the Health Care Protection Act for the term February 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 609/2008

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Several hundred letters, undated, from Calgary residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 610/2008

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

Backgrounder dated November 26, 2008, entitled "Syphilis epidemic: What Ron Liepert knew vs. what he's told Albertans" prepared by the Alberta NDP opposition

Sessional Paper 611/2008

Alberta Energy web site article dated November 2008 entitled "Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), Full Project Proposal (FPP) applicants"

Sessional Paper 612/2008

Alberta Energy web site article, undated, entitled "CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage) funding Q&As"

Sessional Paper 613/2008

Report dated September 30, 2008, entitled "Accelerating Carbon Capture and Storage in Alberta" prepared by the Alberta Capture and Storage Development Council

Sessional Paper 614/2008

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. McQueen reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$1,990,000 |
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Aboriginal Relations

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$32,000,000 |
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Advanced Education and Technology

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$29,500,000 |
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Agriculture and Rural Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$332,902,000 |
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Culture and Community Spirit

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$14,350,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,650,000 |

Education

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$25,500,000 |
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Employment and Immigration

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$5,734,000 |
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Health and Wellness

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$157,200,000 |
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Housing and Urban Affairs

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$49,650,000 |
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Infrastructure

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$58,943,000 |
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Municipal Affairs

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$27,500,000 |
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Service Alberta

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| Capital Investment | \$36,500,000 |
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Solicitor General and Public Security

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$2,394,000 |
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| Lottery Fund Payments | \$20,000,000 |
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Sustainable Resource Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$134,373,000 |
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Transportation

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$86,000,000 |
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The Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

Aboriginal Relations

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$1,300,000 |
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Advanced Education and Technology

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|---|-------------|
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$5,400,000 |
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Agriculture and Rural Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$4,000,000 |
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Finance and Enterprise

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | (\$14,000,000) |
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Housing and Urban Affairs

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|---|-------------|
| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$2,300,000 |
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Justice

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | (\$6,441,000) |
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Solicitor General and Public Security

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$4,141,000 |
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Sustainable Resource Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$3,000,000 |
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Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$300,000

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

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Thursday, November 27, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Police Service Curb the Danger Program being selected as a semifinalist for a 2008 Webber Seavey Award.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing December 1, 2008, as World AIDS Day.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the 35th anniversary of the Good Samaritan Society Southgate Care Centre.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Registered Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Canadian Wheat Board elections to be held on November 28, 2008.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, sang a song regarding a fictitious list of Christmas gifts from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, presented a petition from over 1,100 Albertans urging the Government to officially proclaim October 15 of every year as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day across Alberta.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 35 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Documentation of Child Access Exchange Act — Ms DeLong

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Program from the Performing Arts of LaZerte Society Classics and Comedy Silent Auction Evening held on October 24, 2008

Sessional Paper 615/2008

Program from the Bannerman School Multicultural Day held on October 20, 2008

Sessional Paper 616/2008

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

Program from Three Little Birds held from November 20-30, 2008, at the Workshop West Theatre

Sessional Paper 617/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Open letter dated July 30, 2008, from Erik Butters, Chairman, Alberta Beef Producers, regarding the recently created Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy

Sessional Paper 618/2008

Page 1562 of Saskatchewan Hansard dated November 4, 2008

Sessional Paper 619/2008

Letter dated October 10, 2008, from Dr. David P. Miller of Beaverlodge to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, attaching 389 letters, undated, from Albertans, unaddressed, and a copy of a petition signed by 3,543 Albertans all expressing concern regarding the possibility of the Beaverlodge Hospital being replaced by a new community health care centre

Sessional Paper 620/2008

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 1 to December 4, 2008:

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| Monday, December 1 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 51 Committee of the Whole Bill 53 And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, December 2 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 51 Third Reading Bill 53 Royal Assent And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, December 3 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 51 And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, December 4 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders As per the Order Paper |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner:

A Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective May 21, 2008, be amended as follows:

1 **Standing Orders 3 and 3.1 are struck out and the following is substituted:**

Sitting times and sessional calendar

3(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Monday: 1:30 – 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:30 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:30 – 6 p.m.

Thursday: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(2) If at the time of meeting there is no quorum, the Speaker may take the chair and adjourn.

(3) The Assembly shall not meet on

(a) New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Alberta Heritage Day, Labour Day, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Alberta Family Day,

(b) December 26, or when that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, then either December 27 or 28, as the case may be.

(4) Unless otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall meet each year

(a) for the Spring Sitting commencing on the second Tuesday in February and concluding no later than the first Thursday in June; and

(b) for the Fall Sitting commencing on the last Monday of October and concluding no later than the first Thursday in December.

(5) On or before January 15 each year, and following consultation with the Opposition House Leaders, the Government House Leader shall file with the Clerk a calendar that indicates the days on which the Assembly shall sit and which weeks will be constituency weeks when the Assembly will stand adjourned.

(6) There shall be one constituency week for every 3 sitting weeks unless varied by the calendar provided for under suborder (5).

(7) As soon as possible after January 15 each year, the Clerk shall publish the calendar provided for under suborder (5).

(8) 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.

(9) The Spring or Fall Sitting of the Assembly may be shortened or extended by passage of a motion which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

2 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Night sittings and adjournment

4(1) Upon passage of a Government motion, which may be made upon one day's notice and is not subject to debate, the Assembly may meet on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening commencing at 7:30 p.m.

(2) When there is no evening sitting, at 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, the Speaker adjourns the Assembly until the next sitting day.

(3) If the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole 5 minutes before the adjournment time in suborder (2), the Chair shall interrupt the proceedings and call on the Committee to rise and report without question put.

(4) When there is to be an evening sitting and the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole at 6 p.m., the Chair leaves the chair until 7:30 p.m.

3 Standing Order 7 is amended by adding the following after suborder (6):

(7) At 3 p.m. the items in the ordinary daily routine will be deemed to be concluded and the Speaker shall notify the Assembly.

4 Standing Order 8 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Order of business

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 5 p.m.: Motions other than Government Motions.

(2) 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) A motion other than a Government motion, once called, shall be considered until the motion has been given 55 minutes of debate and 5 minutes for the mover of the motion to close debate, unless the motion is voted on sooner, at which time all questions that must be decided in order to conclude debate on the motion shall be decided immediately.
- (4) Before the mover closes debate on a motion under suborder (3), a Member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that provides for the motion under consideration to be moved to the bottom of that item of business on the Order Paper.
- (5) Only one motion other than a Government motion shall be considered on Monday afternoon.
- (6) If the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole on Monday afternoon at 4:55 p.m., the Chair shall interrupt and the Committee shall immediately rise and report without question put.
- (7) (a) A public Bill other than a Government Bill retains its place on the Order Paper until the Bill has been given
- (i) 115 minutes of debate on the motion for second reading and 5 minutes for the mover of the Bill to close debate,
 - (ii) 120 minutes of debate in Committee of the Whole, and
 - (iii) 55 minutes of debate on the motion for third reading and 5 minutes for the mover of the Bill to close debate, unless the relevant motion is voted on sooner.
- (b) Once the time limits specified in this suborder are reached, all questions that must be decided in order to conclude debate on the motion shall be decided immediately.
- (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.
- (d) A public Bill other than a Government Bill shall be moved for third reading by the Member who introduced the Bill, such motion to be made no more than 4 sitting days after the Bill is reported by Committee of the Whole.
- (8) Before the mover of a motion for second or third reading of a public Bill other than a Government Bill closes debate, or the time limit is reached for consideration at Committee of the Whole under suborder (7)(a)(ii), a Member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that the votes necessary to conclude consideration at that stage be postponed for 10 sitting days or the first opportunity after that for the consideration of the Bill, unless there are other Bills awaiting consideration at that stage in which case the Bill will be called after the Bills at that stage have been considered.

- 5 Standing Order 25 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**
- (3) When the mover of a substantive motion or Bill is someone other than the sponsor, a later speech by either Member will close debate.
- 6 Standing Order 37 is amended by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:**
- (2) In addition to the copies required under suborder (1),
- (a) 2 copies must be tabled of responses to written questions and returns ordered by the Assembly for distribution to the Member who asked the question or moved the motion for return and the Leader of the Official Opposition, and
- (b) a sufficient number of additional copies must also be tabled for distribution to the leader of any other party or group in opposition.
- 7 Standing Order 41 is amended by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:**
- (2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker.
- 8 Standing Order 52(1) is amended by striking out “At the commencement of each session” and substituting “At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature”.**
- 9 Standing Order 52.01 is amended in suborder (1) by adding “At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature,” before “Five Policy Field Committees”.**
- 10 Standing Order 52.03 is struck out and the following is substituted:**
- 52.03** A Policy Field Committee may on its own initiative, or at the request of a Minister, review any regulation, amendment to a regulation or prospective regulation within its mandate.
- 11 Standing Order 52.08 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**
- (3) A Policy Field Committee may report to a Minister or responsible public official on issues arising from a public meeting.
- 12 Standing Order 52.09(1) is amended by adding “or a report provided for under Standing Order 52.08(3)” after “report on a Bill”.**

13 Standing Orders 59.01, 59.02 and 59.03 are struck out and the following is substituted:

Consideration of main estimates

59.01(1) Following the Budget Address, the main estimates of departments shall stand referred to the Policy Field Committees according to their respective mandates, unless otherwise ordered.

(2) The schedule for consideration of main estimates shall be prepared by the Government House Leader in consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader, the third party House Leader and the chairs of the Policy Field Committees, and such schedule, unless otherwise agreed, shall be subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Policy Field Committees shall meet to consider main estimates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,
- (b) no more than 2 Policy Field Committees shall be scheduled to meet at the same time,
- (c) each department's estimates shall receive a minimum of 3 hours' consideration,
- (d) the estimates of Executive Council may be considered by one of the Policy Field Committees or may be considered by Committee of Supply for a minimum of 2 hours.

(3) The Government House Leader shall table in the Assembly the schedule for consideration of main estimates at any time following the date of the Budget Address being made public and no later than one sitting day following the Budget Address.

(4) A Policy Field Committee shall consider estimates in the following manner:

- (a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may make opening comments not to exceed 10 minutes,
- (b) for the hour that follows, members of the Official Opposition and the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak,
- (c) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the third party, if any, and the Minister or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and
- (d) any Member may speak thereafter.

(5) When the time allotted for a department's estimates has not expired, but there are no Members who wish to speak, that department's estimates shall be deemed to have been considered for the time allotted in the schedule.

(6) When an amendment to a department's estimates is moved in a Policy Field Committee, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates.

(7) When a Policy Field Committee has completed its consideration of the main estimates of the departments within the Committee's mandate, the Chair shall so report to the Committee of Supply on the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates without question put.

Application of Standing Orders during main, supplementary and interim estimates

59.02(1) The Standing Orders of the Assembly shall be observed in the consideration of 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.

(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 consideration of estimates,

- (a) officials of the Government may be seated at the Committee or in the Assembly to advise the Minister whose estimates are under consideration, and
- (b) staff of the opposition may also be seated to assist Members who are participating in estimates consideration.

Voting - main estimates

59.03(1) On the date scheduled at the end of consideration of main estimates there shall be one vote in Committee of Supply on main estimates unless

- (a) additional votes are required on amendments pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(7) 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 59.01(7).

(3) The vote on the main estimates may be scheduled with a minimum of one sitting day's notice to occur any time after the Policy Field Committees have completed consideration of the main estimates.

(4) At 5 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, if required, Committee of Supply shall be called and the Policy Field Committee Chairs shall report without question put and then voting on the main estimates shall proceed.

(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) Once the Committee of Supply is called on the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates, it shall, 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.

14 Standing Order 61 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Interim and supplementary estimates

61(1) Interim and supplementary estimates shall be considered for a minimum of

- (a) one afternoon provided that Orders of the Day are called by 3 p.m. and Committee of Supply is the first item of business, or
- (b) 3 hours if the estimates are scheduled for an evening sitting.

(2) A member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day's notice, make a motion to determine when Committee of Supply may be called to consider interim or supplementary estimates and the question shall be decided without debate or amendment.

15 Standing Order 62 is struck out.

16 Standing Order 64 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

64(1) In this Standing Order,

- (a) "Appropriation Bill" means
 - (i) a Bill introduced to appropriate sums of money contained in the estimates approved by the Committee of Supply;
 - (ii) a Bill for a Special Act introduced pursuant to the *Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act*;
 - (iii) a Bill to provide for interim supply;
- (b) "normal adjournment hour" means 6 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. on Thursday unless an evening sitting is to be held, in which case it means 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

- 17 Standing Order 65(1) is amended by striking out “and” at the end of clause (a), adding “and” at the end of clause (b) and adding the following after clause (b):**

(c) Policy Field Committees may only go in camera with the unanimous consent of the members present.

- 18 Standing Order 68(2) is amended by striking out “dissenting or”.**

- 19 Standing Order 72 is amended by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:**

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker.

- 20 Standing Order 74.1(1) is amended by striking out “Immediately after a Bill has been read a first time” and substituting “At any time after a Bill has been read a first time and before it has been read a second time”.**

- 21 Standing Order 78.1(1) is amended by striking out “Immediately after a Bill has been read a second time” and substituting “At any time after a Bill has been read a second time and before it proceeds to Committee of the Whole”.**

- 22 Schedule A is amended by adding the following after section 25:**

26 The Clerk shall destroy the ballots following the announcement of the election results.

B And be it further resolved that the Standing Orders effective May 21, 2008, as amended in Part A of this motion, shall no longer be considered temporary and shall come into force on the day following the conclusion of the 2008 Fall Sitting.

C And be it further resolved that the appointments to the standing committees of the Assembly outlined in Government Motion 2 and approved by the Assembly on April 15, 2008, as amended by Government Motions 12 and 16 agreed to on April 30, 2008 and May 29, 2008, respectively, be deemed to stand for the balance of the 27th Legislature.

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 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Dallas

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and passed:

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Health for the committee's review:

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 64(2) to allow for Second Reading of Bill 51, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2).

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until Monday, December 1, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 1, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding opposition to a proposed gravel pit in Edmonton's river valley.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing December 1, 2008, as the 20th World AIDS Day.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the work of athletic therapists and supporting the call for athletic therapy to become a self-regulated profession.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the citizenship ceremonies held in Brooks on November 25 and 26, 2008.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the OH Ranch located in southern Alberta being designated as a heritage rangeland.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following:

Report on Public Meetings dated December 2008

Sessional Paper 621/2008

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 7,771 Albertans urging the Government and, in particular, the Minister of Environment, to take measures to halt the Qualico gravel project which could cause irreparable ecological harm to the North Saskatchewan River Valley.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 187 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 138 Albertans urging the Government to revise their policies to eliminate child poverty and its many manifestations in Alberta.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 37 Albertans urging the Government to develop an energy policy which encourages conservation, promotes the use of safe, clean, renewable energy sources and explicitly rejects nuclear power in this province.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, 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 2007-08
Sessional Paper 622/2008

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

Program from the Institute of Cultural Performing Arts "Lady of the Moon" opera held at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on November 29, 2008
Sessional Paper 623/2008

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated November 14, 2008, from Charlotte Kingston to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and the second dated November 24, 2008, from Holly Heffernan to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, both requesting full funding for the Safe Visitation pilot program
Sessional Paper 624/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Correspondence between Karen Grimsrud, Ameeta Singh, and Nicholas Bayliss regarding the Syphilis Campaign, obtained under Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 625/2008

Letter dated December 1, 2008, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting the government initiate a public inquiry into Alberta's current syphilis epidemic
Sessional Paper 626/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Final Report dated June 2008 entitled "An Open Market for CWB Grain" prepared by Informa Economics
Sessional Paper 627/2008

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 210 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act,
2008 — Mrs. Forsyth

On a motion that the following bill be read a Second time:

Bill 211 Documentation of Child Access Exchange Act — Ms DeLong

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Woo-Paw speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Mrs. McQueen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pursue initiatives which would eliminate the sale of energy intense appliances, lights, and electronics when an energy efficient alternative is available.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the 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 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Redford

Second Reading

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:37 p.m. until Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing November 24-29, 2008, as Family Doctor Week in Canada.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating Edmonton Police Service Constables Jason Mitchell and Dan Furman, and Sergeant Terry Cassells, recipients of a Canadian Police Association Award of Excellence.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding several areas requiring increased government funding.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement Project.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the effect of the United States' mandatory country of origin labelling on the Alberta agriculture industry.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding incentives for early high school graduation.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 616 Albertans urging the Government to consider a one-time funding package delivered to universities on an equitable basis to allow for maintenance and an annual funding envelope to provide for adequate ongoing preventative maintenance.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Chart entitled "Out-of-Province Healthcare Spending, 2002-03 to 2007-08"
prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 628/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated
Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 629/2008

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated
Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 630/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta, 2007/2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 631/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 632/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR18, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

A copy of any and all documents that provide an economic forecast regarding the costs relative to increasing the Ministry's capacity to deal with complex legal issues such as public-private partnerships and the British Columbia-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) as outlined in strategy 5.3 on page 209 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Sessional Paper 633/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR21, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

A copy of any *materials* that illustrate how early, effective, and affordable resolutions of civil disputes, such as an apology, will streamline the Ministry's operations as outlined in strategy 2.3 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Sessional Paper 634/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR22, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

A copy of any *materials* that illustrate how Alberta's succession statutes can be reformed or modernized to ensure they are consistent with current social values and will facilitate efficient handling of Albertans' estates as outlined in strategy 2.2 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Sessional Paper 635/2008

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

What is the percentage, broken down by year, of *clients who graduated from* the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 16, 2008, who have *been convicted* for a possession-related offence?

Sessional Paper 636/2008

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

What is the total amount of funding, broken down by *fiscal year, that has been or will be provided to Legal Aid Alberta from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2009?*

Sessional Paper 637/2008

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

What is the total number of *clients*, broken down by year, *who participated in or graduated from* the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 16, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided by *Alberta Justice* to the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court for that same period?

Sessional Paper 638/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Globe and Mail article dated September 26, 2007, entitled "Transferring problem pupils a Band-Aid fix, critics say"

Sessional Paper 639/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays:

Statistics Canada web site summary results article dated 2007/2008 entitled "How many times have you been bullied at school in the last month?"

Sessional Paper 640/2008

Pediatrics article dated May 2004 entitled "Associations Between Overweight and Obesity with Bullying Behaviours in School-Aged Children"

Sessional Paper 641/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

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:

- 10 Security Services and Investigators Act
- 18 Film and Video Classification Act
- 23 Weed Control Act
- 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act
- 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008
- 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008
- 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008
- 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008
- 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008
- 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008
- 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)
- 42 Health Governance Transition Act
- 43 Emergency Health Services Act
- 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008
- 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008

- 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008
- 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008
- 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008
- 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008
- 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008
- 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008

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 Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented them with a Christmas gift.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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:

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:44 p.m. until Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, made a statement regarding the release of the final Land-use Framework for Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 15th anniversary of the Riparian Habitat Management Society, also known as the Cows and Fish Program.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing Alberta writers Dianne Linden, Shenaaz Nanji, Fred Stenson, and Chris Turner, finalists for a Governor General's Award.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding wind power initiatives in the constituency of Cardston-Taber-Warner.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding several carbon capture and storage projects in Joffre-Viking.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, on behalf of Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmr, made a statement regarding the One Simple Act Program and the need for Albertans to reduce municipal waste during the holiday season.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2008, as Human Rights Day.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 515 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to put a moratorium on the closure of long-term care facilities until an independent assessment of needs for long-term care in the province of Alberta is carried out.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 2,058 Albertans urging the Government to reconsider the decision to change the role of Extencicare Lethbridge from a long-term care facility to a designated assisted living facility.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Excerpt from a document entitled "The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities, 2008 Awards of Excellence Recipients"
Sessional Paper 642/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document dated October 2008 entitled "Role Specification for the Position of Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services" prepared by Egon Zehnder International
Sessional Paper 643/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canada.com web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated November 29, 2008, entitled "Alberta 'pretty sloppy society,' says Liepert"
Sessional Paper 644/2008

Report dated November 2008 entitled "Poverty and health in Edmonton" prepared by Alberta Health Services
Sessional Paper 645/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Letter dated December 1, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, responding to questions raised during Oral Question Period on November 25, 2008, regarding water monitoring in the oil sands

Sessional Paper 646/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, 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 the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with the Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 647/2008

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwodzesky, Deputy Government House Leader, and pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(1), the Assembly adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

PROROGATION

JANUARY 28, 2009

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

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

Kurt Sandstrom,
Acting Deputy Minister of Justice
and
Acting Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 9, 2009, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the Second Session of the Twenty-seventh
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
Tuesday, the 10th day of February, 2009, 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 28th
day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the Fifty-seventh
Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

ALISON REDFORD
Provincial Secretary.