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Tuesday, February 10, 2009

This being the first Day of the Second 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 28th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand nine;

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

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

NORMAN L. KWONG  
Lieutenant Governor.

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

PROCLAMATION

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

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

Kurt Sandstrom                      WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 9,  
Acting Deputy Minister of Justice      2009, the said Legislature; and  
and

Acting Deputy Attorney General      WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the 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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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.

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

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker introduced Honourable Shawn Graham, Premier of New Brunswick, and Honourable Robert W.J. Ghiz, Premier of Prince Edward Island. The Royal Canadian Artillery Band then played a brief musical interlude.

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

His Honour then read the following Speech From the Throne.

### **Speech From the Throne**

This is my fifth year delivering the Speech From the Throne, and it occurs to me that I've never taken the opportunity to thank all the Members of the Assembly for the kindness and support that you've shown my wife and me throughout this term. Serving as Lieutenant Governor is really one of the best jobs in the province because it's a chance to quarterback and coach a championship Alberta team that does a wonderful job of governing our province, and a chance to give back to a place that I'm incredibly proud to call home. So from both myself and my wife, Mary, thank you all for your support.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our guests from Canada's east coast: the Honourable Shawn Graham, Premier of New Brunswick; the Honourable Robert Ghiz, Premier of Prince Edward Island; and the Honourable Jack Keir, New Brunswick Minister of Energy. Premier Graham, Premier Ghiz, and Minister Keir, we're most pleased to have you join us not only in our province but also here in this House, where the business of the people of Alberta is conducted.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Second Session of the 27th Alberta Legislature. Today it is my honour to deliver the Speech From the Throne as it is my honour to serve this province and its people as Lieutenant Governor.

### **Facing the Future With Confidence**

Ours is a beautiful and blessed province. It has always attracted people of courage and determination, dreamers who saw opportunity here and worked together to realize all the possibilities our land offers. Together the people of this province have faced many challenges over the past century. Tough times bring out the best in Albertans. We always pull together and emerge from adversity even stronger than ever before. In tough times we have learned the value of self-reliance and hard work, the need to plan and prepare for the future, and what it means to stand together as a community that looks after its most vulnerable members.

These lessons will guide Alberta as it faces yet another challenge, the global economic uncertainty that is unfolding all around us. Our province is not immune from this turmoil. Far from it. Alberta will face its share of challenges, and government needs to make prudent and realistic decisions to ensure it delivers the things Albertans need at an affordable cost.

But despite the volatile economic times Albertans can face the future with confidence and optimism. We will do what we have always done: adapt, set goals for the future, and move forward in confident pursuit of those goals. Prudent fiscal management has positioned Alberta well. Our province is debt free and has more than \$7 billion set aside in the Sustainability Fund to help protect core programs from roller-coaster revenues. Tax changes, including the elimination of health care premiums this year, will save Albertans and Alberta businesses over \$1 billion annually, putting extra money in the economy, a welcome stimulus at a critical time.

These actions are part of your government's economic vision, steps that were taken long before the economic downturn began. They will serve Albertans well by helping our province weather the downturn and positioning our province to be ahead of the curve of the next growth cycle.

Our plan as we navigate through these uncertain times will focus on protecting Albertans and the things that matter most to them while preparing the way for growth to resume as quickly as possible. Our commitment to core programs such as health and education will remain strong, and we will continue to implement the strategic capital plan and other long-term initiatives that form our investment in the future to ensure that Albertans will have the infrastructure and services they need for a return to sustained growth and an increasingly diverse economy.

## **CREATING OPPORTUNITY**

As a trading province, Alberta's future economic success will be built on our ability to compete in a world marketplace. Your government will protect and nurture the business conditions that will allow Alberta companies and entrepreneurs to thrive in markets here at home and around the globe. It will also continue to aggressively promote Alberta products nationally and internationally and bolster Alberta's reputation as a place that welcomes those who want to live, work, invest, and trade with us.

Alberta has advocated strongly for the elimination of interprovincial trade barriers and led by example with our agreement with British Columbia to improve competitiveness and bolster the national economy. Removing these barriers will make Canada more competitive and a more desirable place to invest.

Alberta is also developing a comprehensive new strategy to strengthen international relations with long-time economic partners and identify new markets for Alberta. Of course, our biggest international partner is also Canada's closest friend, neighbour, and ally, the United States. We will build positive relations with the new U.S. administration and support our healthy trading relationship. We will continue to help the U.S. meet its need for a stable and secure supply of energy to power a return to prosperity, and we will demonstrate our commitment to developing our resources in an environmentally responsible way.

### **Foundations of Our Economy: Energy**

Alberta is blessed with world-class energy resources. These have provided broad, sustained wealth creation for Albertans, and they offer long-term energy security for Canada and North America. The royalty changes introduced by government at the beginning of this year set the stage for a renewed partnership between industry and Albertans, the owners of our resources. It is a partnership in which both the rewards and the risks of this volatile industry are more equitably shared.

As outlined in Alberta's first-ever provincial energy strategy, opportunities for further value-added development in Alberta will be pursued in the oil, gas, and petrochemicals industries. This will include a review of Alberta's competitiveness in the energy sector, comprising everything from the cost of materials to the efficiency and effectiveness of regulatory regimes. The goal is to ensure that Alberta continues to attract investment that diversifies the economy, creates good jobs for Albertans, and provides revenues to pay for important programs and services.

The aboriginal consultation policy and guidelines on land management and resource development will be reviewed this year with input from First Nations and industry to ensure the approach to consultation is beneficial to all Albertans.

One area of significant government focus is the oil sands, North America's most promising source of energy for decades to come. While global economic uncertainty has slowed the pace of oil sands development, there is no doubt that this abundant resource will play a key role in building long-term economic growth and energy security for Alberta and Canada. Consumers and businesses around the world will be looking for fossil fuels for generations to come, even as the search for alternatives intensifies. Our goal must be to provide the energy the world needs with an environmental footprint that grows lighter and lighter over time.

Your government will release and implement a comprehensive plan that will responsibly manage the economic, environmental, social, and infrastructure impacts and opportunities of oil sands development. The plan will set out strategies to optimize economic growth in the oil sands while reducing their environmental impact. It will increase coordination across all levels of government and stakeholders in developing the oil sands responsibly and enhance accountability in the management of the oil sands. It will foster innovation in science and technology that can solve the unique challenges of oil sands development. There will continue to be an increased emphasis on planning in high-growth communities in the oil sands regions.

With these improvements in mind we must recognize that no leading source of energy today and no source of fossil fuel comes without some environmental consequence. Our goal must be nothing less than to partner with our customers in meeting their energy needs and honouring our mutual commitment to protect the planet for future generations.

### **Forestry**

Our province is blessed with forests that provide social, economic, and environmental benefits for Albertans: they protect watersheds, provide fish and wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities, and support industries, jobs, and communities.

Forest companies and the communities they serve have been hit hard by global economic uncertainty, the slowdown of the U.S. housing market, and ongoing business challenges. The Alberta Government is working with the province's forestry sector to implement recommendations from the Forest Industry Sustainability Committee's interim report to improve global competitiveness, increase value-added opportunities, and pursue the evolving bioindustry.

Programs to promote healthier forests will include the healthy pine strategy to manage the spread of the mountain pine beetle, use strategic harvesting to diversify the age of the timber, and lessen the risk of catastrophic wildfire and insect infestations.



**Agriculture**

Alberta's agriculture and agrifood industries are key economic drivers of our province. However, Alberta's livestock industry continues to deal with many challenges that threaten its sustainability. Your government is working closely with all sectors to implement the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy, a long-term plan that will lay the foundation for a profitable and competitive future.

Alberta has already provided significant support to this valuable industry, more than any other jurisdiction across the country. It is important that we uphold the reputation of Alberta beef, pork, and other meat and livestock products as the best in the world. To do this, we must meet the demands of our customers for food safety, public safety, and animal health and welfare.

**Building for Tomorrow**

Modern, well-maintained infrastructure plays a vital role in our province's economic success and in supporting the high quality of life Albertans enjoy. Infrastructure projects support essential services and represent important economic activity that encourages employment and business across the province.

Unlike many jurisdictions that are going into deficit with infrastructure stimulus packages, Alberta has more than \$6 billion in its capital account to continue an aggressive infrastructure program that began years ago. Your government will follow through on its commitment to make significant investments in hospitals, schools, and other public infrastructure to strengthen our communities and help municipalities address growth pressures.

In today's economic environment, now more than ever, this means investing strategically and building responsibly. Keeping a close eye on project scope and budgets, we will work with stakeholders to ensure that facilities are appropriate for the needs of the community and delivered in a timely, cost-effective, and efficient manner.

**SHOWING ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP**

Albertans live in one of the most spectacular, diverse, beautiful, and healthy natural environments in the world. Generations of Albertans have grown up with an appreciation of and respect for the environment. Our province is a place of many blessings, including landscapes that are both extremely productive and incredibly beautiful.

With the increasing demand for resources felt from all corners of the globe, Alberta's landscapes face increasing pressure for habitat protection, housing, recreation, jobs, and economic growth. To address these pressures, Alberta is pioneering planning tools and new environmental management approaches that consider our province's landscapes across entire regions. The land-use framework will help promote environmental priorities alongside social and economic goals. Cumulative effects management, already being used in Alberta's Industrial Heartland northeast of Edmonton, will be applied next to the oil sands area in conjunction with the land-use framework.

**A Plan for Parks**

Among Albertans' most cherished spaces are our province's parks and protected areas. Like the rest of the province these areas are also impacted by a growing population and increased use. A new plan for parks will be introduced this year to ensure the long-term sustainability of our natural landscapes, enhance recreational opportunities, and help to improve the quality of life for Albertans. We want to ensure that Alberta's parks inspire people to discover, enjoy, and value the natural world.

**Clean Water, Air, and Land**

In 2003 Alberta's Water for Life Strategy became North America's most comprehensive water management strategy. Five years later this province has changed: more people, more buildings, more business, and more demands on our water resources. The renewed Water for Life Strategy addresses those changes and provides clear direction for addressing some of the water challenges facing our province. It will ensure that Alberta's precious water resources are the focus of thoughtful, long-term planning and stewardship.

Your government will redouble efforts to ensure that as we meet the needs of energy consumers here and around the world, we provide them with products that are made with environmental care. We will maintain a long-term focus to invest in clean, low-carbon technology, reduce emissions from industry, and support energy-wise choices for consumers.

Alberta pioneered North America's first regulatory system to reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions. Our system has already generated more than two and a half million tonnes of real reductions, but this is only a first step to regulate and reduce emissions. We will continue to learn from our actions, adapt, and grow, and we will continue to work with the Federal Government to support a cohesive national framework to limit greenhouse gas emissions and do our part as a responsible, sustainable North American energy leader.

This Spring the Government of Alberta will introduce legislation to facilitate the development of technologies that will help not just Alberta but countries around the world meet the challenge of climate change. The Carbon Capture and Storage Implementation Act will establish a \$2 billion investment in carbon capture and storage. Funding for between three and five projects will be announced this year, resulting in greenhouse gas emission reductions of up to five million tonnes annually in Alberta, the equivalent of taking a third of Alberta's vehicles off the road. Even more importantly, these initial projects will set the stage for technological developments that will make carbon capture and storage, real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, possible in other jurisdictions, including those whose emissions are substantially larger than Alberta's.

Albertans want to do their part to conserve and be energy efficient. Your government will develop an energy efficiency policy framework to help Albertans be wise energy consumers. A consumer rebate program will be introduced to encourage individual actions and energy-wise decisions.

**PEOPLE THRIVING IN A SKILLED WORKFORCE****Inspiring Education**

The freedom to create our own future and achieve our dreams so often rests on our enthusiasm for education. This year we will reach out to Albertans to explore their hopes, dreams, and aspirations for their children and learn how we can enable each child to reach his or her full potential. This conversation, called Inspiring Education, will create a long-term vision for kindergarten through grade 12 education in Alberta and develop better ways to offer educational opportunities to our children.

**An Environment Where Innovation Flourishes**

Your government will help innovation flourish in Alberta. Our province's international reputation is increasingly linked to our commitment to technology as Alberta becomes known as one of the world's preferred destinations for turning ideas into value-added products and services. New technologies will set the pace of our competitive success and will both harness and fuel our imaginations. We must be prepared to compete with and win against the best in the world when it comes to matching education, capital, and ingenuity to make better products, solve bigger problems, and create a better quality of life.

The Alberta Research and Innovation Act, to be introduced this Session, will strengthen and align the entire research and innovation system to help Alberta researchers and entrepreneurs, especially new entrepreneurs, better realize their potential as creators of world-class discoveries and products.

As part of Alberta's action plan for bringing technology to market, entrepreneurs will have access to a new suite of innovation services this year, including more efforts to help spur new product development and match young talent with experienced technology development advisers. A new connector service will help bring companies and international partners together with the many outstanding innovators and organizations in the province, and the Alberta Enterprise Corporation will encourage and leverage international investment.

Our new Campus Alberta philosophy will help nurture this culture of innovation by expanding young minds through our exceptional post-secondary institutions. A revised funding approach will better align resources with learner and labour market demand, focusing on areas that support Alberta's strategic advantage and long-term plan to win in the next generation's economy. Alberta's outstanding education system and trades and technology excellence will be showcased to the world at the September WorldSkills competition in Calgary.

### **Adapting to a Changing Business Environment**

Alberta's labour force has a long history of adapting to a changing business environment. Working from the past success of the building and educating tomorrow's workforce strategy, government will set the future direction for investing in our workforce. We will develop a long-term strategy that will look ahead, anticipate growth, and take the steps needed to ensure that Alberta has the talents and skills to create value-added activity, increase innovation, and expand and diversify the Alberta economy.

Your government is also committed to working with First Nations and Metis leaders on a government-to-government basis to increase labour market participation and economic opportunity. This summer the Government of Alberta, in partnership with Treaty 7 First Nations, will present a first-of-its-kind international symposium that will bring together aboriginal and business communities to share and encourage indigenous economic development strategies. The event, called Gathering for Success, will feature over 500 community, business, and aboriginal leaders and high-profile speakers from around the world.

### **A HEALTHY APPROACH**

Your government recognizes that Albertans want and deserve an excellent health care system that will be strong and sustainable for the future. Alberta has developed a forward-looking five-part plan for health called Vision 2020. This plan is about meeting the needs of individual patients, their families, and communities in a way that recognizes the role of all Albertans in maintaining their health and improving the way health services are organized, delivered, and used. Under Vision 2020 a primary health care strategy will be introduced to promote the use of interdisciplinary health teams and more flexible workforce arrangements. The strategy will also focus on recruitment and retention of the health workforce needed to deliver high-quality and accessible care.

Rural health care will be enhanced through the integration of ambulance and emergency medical services with other parts of the provincial health system effective April 1, 2009. This will result in improved access to high-quality care in rural areas.

Your government will pursue a three-year action plan on children's mental health, a partnership among government, schools, and communities that will support services and resources for optimal mental health and well-being.

A new Drug Programs Benefit Act will be introduced during this Session to support the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy. It will make drug coverage more accessible and affordable for lower income Alberta seniors and other vulnerable persons.

The Public Health Amendment Act, also to be introduced this Session, will lay a solid foundation for improving public health by strengthening the role and authority of the Chief Medical Officer of Health in protecting and promoting Albertans' health.

A health research strategy will be developed and implemented to guide Alberta's investment in health research and ensure that research focuses on innovation and improving health service efficiency and effectiveness.

## **STRONG COMMUNITIES**

Alberta is made up of vibrant, inclusive communities, places of opportunity, culture, and belonging where families and children are supported, where the vulnerable are cared for, and where people feel safe. Strong and sustainable municipalities are a key ingredient of strong communities. To foster strong communities throughout the province, your government will provide significant funding to Alberta municipalities through programs like the Municipal Sustainability Initiative.

### **A Culture of Creativity**

Nurturing a culture of creativity and inclusiveness in our province will give Albertans the edge we need to remain competitive with other jurisdictions in Canada and around the world for residents and visitors alike. Last year Alberta hosted its first-ever Arts Day, with events held in communities across the province to celebrate the arts in all its forms. This year the celebration will be expanded to a three-day event, called Arts Days, between September 18 and 20. A province-wide campaign will also be launched to promote Alberta's creativity and artistic excellence.

### **Supporting Children and Families**

Your government will support children and families through improvements in high-quality, accessible, and affordable child care options. The Government of Alberta has made a commitment to support the creation of 14,000 new child care spaces in our province by 2011, and it is well on the way to reaching that goal. More than 5,500 spaces have been created so far.

This year accreditation will be extended to out-of-school child care programs to raise the standard of care these programs provide. Accreditation will provide operators with access to grants and wage top-ups to help recruit, retain, and develop staff. It will also help families find quality care for their school-aged children.

### **Helping Albertans Through Tough Times**

Your government recognizes that economic uncertainty is putting pressure on Albertans, and some are worried about their futures. We will be there to help Albertans through tough times.

Alberta will deliver on its commitment to develop 11,000 affordable housing units by providing capital funding assistance to municipalities, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. With more than 5,600 affordable housing units supported since 2007, we are on track to meet this goal.

Alberta Works programs provide a hand up to employment, and these programs will become both more visible and more important in the year ahead. People with barriers to employment will receive information, advice, and assistance. People facing layoffs will receive help in identifying their options, looking for work, or moving into other careers. People wanting to take occupational upgrading will get help to learn new skills for a changing workforce, and new Albertans will be supported as they settle into community life and move into the workforce.

### **Supporting Seniors and Persons With Disabilities**

Your government recognizes and appreciates the contributions seniors have made and continue to make to our province. Alberta will ensure that seniors who need support, persons with disabilities, and others who are vulnerable or in need are well cared for.

Alberta will continue to pursue its new continuing care strategy to help Albertans to age in the right place by increasing access to home care and providing more choice in supportive living options. It will upgrade the physical and functional condition of long-term care facilities. We are committed to improving quality, supply, and client choice in the continuing care system.

This Session the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act will be introduced. This updated legislation will improve the quality of care and monitoring of standards in supportive living facilities.

The Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act will also be introduced to better protect adults who receive care and support services from government-funded agencies from abuse by improving prevention, monitoring, and follow-up when abuse has been reported.

### **Bill 1, Protecting the Jobs of Those Who Serve**

Albertans value the tremendous sacrifices Canadian military personnel make to protect our freedoms. Along with leaving family and friends when they are called into active service, those in the reserves also leave their civilian jobs. Your government believes those who defend our security should have job security so they can continue to support their families.

We are privileged to have three members of the Canadian Forces reserves with us today: Corporal Tyler Myroniuk of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Corporal Nathan Goisnard of the 41 Combat Engineer Regiment, and Master Corporal Kevin Fensom of the King's Own Calgary Regiment.

In order to ensure that Alberta reservists are properly protected under the Employment Standards Code, the government will introduce the Employment Standards Amendment Act to provide job-protected leave. The legislation would require the reinstatement of a reservist into the position he or she held prior to the leave or into a comparable position.

**Safe Communities**

The Government of Alberta will push forward on its commitment to strong communities. We will continue to advance initiatives that respond to and build on the recommendations of the safe communities task force. In the year ahead safe communities initiatives will focus on families in crisis, mental health services, immigrant support programs, and addiction and recovery projects.

A new framework for law enforcement will be developed to ensure equitable police funding across the province, improve service delivery, and enhance police governance. Negotiations with the Federal Government will continue to ensure that the RCMP remains our provincial police service.

Your government is taking a hard look at the impact organized crime is having on Alberta, including the tremendous pressure it puts on the police and the courts. Alberta will host a gang summit this year to address the problem of gangs and gang activity and the impact on our justice system. Your government will introduce a legislative package to disrupt and dismantle organized crime activity. It will include amendments to the Gaming and Liquor Act to give police another tool to help bar owners and staff deal with gang activity. It will also consider tightening the rules around vehicle modification methods used by gang members such as armour-plating and installing bulletproof glass and surveillance cameras.

A key aspect of the work Alberta is doing requires changing legislation at a federal level. Alberta will continue to take the lead in advocating for changes to federal laws to ensure that those who commit serious crimes, including youth, do serious time.

**CONCLUSION**

These are certainly challenging times, but Albertans can and should face the future with confidence. Your government remains committed to implementing its plan to support a bright and prosperous future. That plan builds on the steps Albertans and their government have already taken to put our province on a sound footing. It's a plan that goes beyond weathering the current global economic storm to build a springboard to sustainable, diversified long-term growth. It's a plan for education and employment, public health, strong communities, and a culture of innovation. It is a plan that will position Alberta as a committed partner in providing consumers here in Canada and around the world with the energy they need while respecting the environmental values we all share.

Your government will undertake these actions knowing that even in tough times, especially in tough times, it is essential to keep investing in our province and its future. We must continue to welcome people to Alberta to pursue their dreams and build our communities. We must continue to share Alberta's story with people around the world.

Government must do these things, all the while recognizing that its role, while important, is limited. As always, the real authors of our province's success, those who will carry our province forward to an even greater future, are hard-working and innovative Albertans. It is Alberta's people that make our province unique: people who are dynamic and genuine, optimistic and open-minded, people who share the freedom to create and the spirit to achieve. It is Albertans who have made our province great, and together we will continue to build our province for those who will inherit this land that we love.

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.

### **Speaker's Statement - Leader of the Official Opposition**

Honourable Members, on December 13, 2008, the Alberta Liberal Party announced that the Honourable Member for Calgary-Mountain View had been elected its new leader.

On December 15, 2008, the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Riverview advised me in writing that he was resigning his position as Leader of the Official Opposition effective that date, and further requested that the newly elected leader of the Liberal Party of Alberta, the Honourable Member for Calgary-Mountain View, be recognized as the Leader of the Official Opposition.

Please join me in thanking the Member for Edmonton-Riverview for his service as Leader of the Official Opposition.

As of this day the Chamber recognizes the Honourable Member for Calgary-Mountain View as the Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

The Honourable Member for Calgary-Mountain View becomes the 29th different person in Alberta's history to serve in that capacity and Alberta's 30th Leader of the Official Opposition. One person served twice. That is the reason for the difference in the numbers. The new Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition, congratulations and welcome.

### **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 1/2009



**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Ordered, that the Honourable Mr. Stelmach have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009." Hon. Mr. Stelmach accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

**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 Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:01 p.m. until Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 11, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the eighth annual Alberta Initiative for School Improvement conference held on February 9 and 10, 2009.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing February 12, 2009, as the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Charles Darwin.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding voter apathy in young Albertans and the need for electoral reform.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Calgary Scope Society's eighth annual Picture This international disability awards festival held from February 9-11, 2009.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the official opening of the Earth Renew Strathmore 1 agricultural waste processing plant held on February 4, 2009.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating John Kucera of Calgary on winning a gold medal at the World Alpine Championships in Val d'Isère, France.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

- Bill 8 Feeder Associations Guarantee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Notice having been given:

- Bill 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell
- Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas
- Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg
- Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

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

- Bill 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell
- Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas
- Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg
- Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton–Centre, on November 26, 2008, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Supplementary Supply Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 2/2009

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

E-mail message dated July 26, 2008, from Dorene Rew of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding compensation paid to Regional Health Authority executives, with attached Calgary Sun article dated July 18, 2008, entitled “Alberta taxpayers are hanging on the hook that’s set to pay ousted health boss Jack Davis about \$6 million in a kiss-off parting prescription”

Sessional Paper 3/2009

E-mail message dated December 25, 2008, from Ali Amini to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing dissatisfaction with the process used to licence foreign-trained doctors

Sessional Paper 4/2009

Letter dated December 15, 2008, from J. Faminoff of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to drug coverage for seniors

Sessional Paper 5/2009

E-mail message dated December 9, 2008, from Allan and Rose Marie Dahlen of Sherwood Park to the Alberta Liberal office expressing concern regarding proposed changes to drug coverage for seniors

Sessional Paper 6/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated February 10, 2009, entitled “Millar Western curtails production, reduces workforce” prepared by Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.

Sessional Paper 7/2009

News release dated February 11, 2009, entitled “Grande Cache Coal Corporation Provides Operational Update” prepared by Grande Cache Coal Corporation

Sessional Paper 8/2009

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 9/2009

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

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 1/09, Executive Council Salaries Order (No. 4)

Sessional Paper 10/2009

Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 2/09, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 16)

Sessional Paper 11/2009

Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 3/09, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 5)

Sessional Paper 12/2009

Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 4/09, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 17)

Sessional Paper 13/2009

Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 5/09, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 22)

Sessional Paper 14/2009

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

Brochure entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, Second Session, Spring 2009"

Sessional Paper 15/2009

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

2007 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 16/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2007, Section 1

Sessional Paper 17/2009

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2007, Section 2

Sessional Paper 18/2009

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2007, Section 3

Sessional Paper 19/2009

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 Management Accountants of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 20/2009

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 21/2009

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of the Proceedings of the Ninety-ninth Annual General Meeting

Sessional Paper 22/2009

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

Letter dated January 6, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, responding to questions raised during debate on Bill 51, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, No. 2, regarding the Tank Site Remediation Program

Sessional Paper 23/2009

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, 2008

Sessional Paper 24/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

2. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Standing Committees be approved:

A. Special Standing Committee on Members' Services:

that Mr. Fawcett replace Mr. Rodney  
that Mr. Rogers replace Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

B. Standing Committee on Private Bills:

that Mr. Bhardwaj replace Mr. Xiao  
that Mr. Rodney replace Mr. Fawcett  
that Dr. Taft replace Dr. Swann

- C. Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing:  
that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Bhardwaj
- D. Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:  
that Mr. Campbell replace Mr. Olson
- E. Standing Committee on Public Accounts:  
that Mr. Quest replace Mr. Griffiths as Deputy Chair  
that Mr. Olson replace Mr. Griffiths
- F. Standing Committee on Community Services:  
that Mr. Doerksen replace Mr. Rodney as Chair
- G. Standing Committee on the Economy:  
that Mr. Campbell replace Mr. Allred as Chair  
that Dr. Taft replace Ms Blakeman
- H. Standing Committee on Resources and Environment:  
that Ms Blakeman replace Dr. Swann as Deputy Chair
- I. Standing Committee on Health:  
that Dr. Taft replace Dr. Swann

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, February 12, 2009

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, made a statement regarding a long-term development plan entitled "Responsible Actions: A Plan for Alberta's Oil Sands" released by the government on February 12, 2009.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Block Watch programs in the Calgary-Montrose constituency and recognizing Mary Ryan, President of the Marlborough Park Block Watch, and Elaine Gordillo of the Abbeydale Block Watch.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Canada's National Anthem.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement expressing gratitude for the well wishes and support he received during his extended medical absence and commended the efforts of the health professionals who cared for him.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing several outstanding Calgary-Mackay constituents.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding delisted health services.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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 2007/2008  
Sessional Paper 25/2009

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Edmonton Journal supplement dated February 12, 2009, entitled "Alberta celebrates Vancouver 2010"  
Sessional Paper 26/2009

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

AlbertaCanada.com web site article, undated, entitled "Calendar of Events, Canada Job Fair"  
Sessional Paper 27/2009

Letter dated December 9, 2008, from Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, to Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, responding to questions raised at the November 5, 2008, meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Sessional Paper 28/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 29/2009

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

2 letters dated February 10, 2009, the first from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and the second from Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, both to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting Mr. Mason's resignation from the Standing Committee on the Economy and Ms Notley's resignation from the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services

Sessional Paper 30/2009

## 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 February 17 to February 19, 2009:

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| Tuesday, February 17   | <p><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 2 of 10)</p> <p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>   |
| Wednesday, February 18 | <p><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 3 of 10)</p> <p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 2, 3, 4, 5</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 1</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>   |
| Thursday, February 19  | <p><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 4 of 10)</p> <p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 4, 5</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 2, 3,</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 1</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p> |

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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, Hon. Mr. Hayden speaking.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 17, 2009

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: Mrs. Alice Ann Hanson, Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, 1993 to 1997, who passed away on February 7, 2009, and Mr. Nick Dushenski, Member for Willingdon, 1952 to 1959, who passed away on February 13, 2009.

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing February 2009 as Black History Month.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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, and to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Alberta Aviation Museum's Spirit of Edmonton Project, in recognition of 100 years of aviation in Alberta, which includes the recreation of the first airmail flight from Winnipeg to Edmonton and of a 1928 open cockpit flight from Edmonton to Fort Vermillion to deliver medical supplies.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the recreation of a 1928 open cockpit flight from Edmonton to Fort Vermillion to deliver medical supplies.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement recognizing February 2009 as Heart Month.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding a recent government announcement to provide \$415,000 in funding for the construction of a skateboard park in west Edmonton.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Southeast Central Community Patrol in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the National Homelessness Conference, hosted by the University of Calgary, to be held from February 18-20, 2009.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 2,130 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that sources of contamination at the Turner Valley Gas Plant site are properly identified and the site is remediated and reclaimed in accordance with Alberta Environment's standards for residential and parkland land use.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 31/2009

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

Service Canada JobFutures.ca web site advertisement for cabinetmakers  
Sessional Paper 32/2009

### **Point of Order**

During a point of order raised by Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Liepert tabled the following:

Reprint of a Calgary Herald web site article dated February 16, 2009, entitled "Call for health funds rejected; Calgary told stop 'whining' over Lougheed expansion plan"

Sessional Paper 33/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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. Lukaszuk 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 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Hon. Mr. Stevens 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 1 Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 18, 2009

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. William L. Mack, Member for Edmonton-Belmont, 1979 to 1982, who passed away on February 17, 2009.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the O Ambassadors program and recognizing the work of Holy Family School in the Edmonton-Ellerslie constituency.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the third annual Canadian Paraplegic Association's Diamonds and Denim Sweetheart Gala held in Red Deer on February 14, 2009.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the 777 Run for Sight Project and Norma Bastidas of Calgary who will compete in seven ultra-marathons, on seven continents, in seven months to raise awareness for the vision-impaired and the blind.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the work of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association and the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors in commissioning Richard Nixon of Alberta as the first land surveyor under the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 15 Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 201 Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Hehr

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

Bill 15 Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Petition signed by 150 students requesting that the Federal and Provincial Governments ban all flavoured tobacco products

Sessional Paper 34/2009

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

Document, undated, listing 14 names of missing and murdered women

Sessional Paper 35/2009

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

Letter dated January 20, 2009, from Paul Hawirko of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy

Sessional Paper 36/2009

Letter dated January 25, 2009, from Wayne Hampton of Lacombe to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy

Sessional Paper 37/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 38/2009

105 letters dated January 18, 2009, from residents of Newton Place, a residence at the University of Alberta, to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding recent increases in rent for students

Sessional Paper 39/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report 07

Sessional Paper 40/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly do 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.

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

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.

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

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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. Klimchuk 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 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Mr. Horner on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

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 5:50 p.m. until Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, February 19, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing St. John's Ambulance volunteers, in particular, Melanie Peters and Dean Smith.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the inaugural Alberta 55 Plus Winter Games to be held in Lethbridge from February 19-22, 2009.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Greater Edmonton Foundation.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing February 2009 as National Psychology Month.



Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing Alberta winter athletes Jan Hudec, Mike Robertson, Jennifer Heil, Kallie Humphries, Melissa Hollingsworth, and John Kucera.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding climate change policies.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 80 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.

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

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

Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Notice having been given:

Bill 202 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009  
— Mr. Johnston

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Consumer tip sheet dated February 2009 entitled “Utility Sub-meters for Rental Units” prepared by Service Alberta

Sessional Paper 41/2009

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

FPIInfomart.ca web site reprint of a Cochrane Times letter to the Editor article dated February 18, 2009, from Truper McBride, Mayor of Cochrane, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the removal of radiology services from Cochrane

Sessional Paper 42/2009

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

Letter, undated, from “Albertan students and their families” to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the rising costs of post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 43/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 photographs from a National Geographic article dated March 2009 entitled "The Canadian Oil Boom"

Sessional Paper 44/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 45/2009

## **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 March 2 to March 5, 2009:

Monday, March 2

**Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne** (Day 5 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, March 3

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

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 2, 5

**Third Reading**

Bill 1

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 4

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

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Supplementary Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 1)

And as per the Order Paper

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

Thursday, March 5

**Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne** (Day 8 of 10)**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Interim Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 2)

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 4)

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, March 2, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 2, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Summer Temporary Employment Program.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Edmonton branch of the Ukrainian Youth Association and the 50th anniversary of the Verkhovyna Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble, both celebrated in February 2009.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding an awareness campaign to encourage Albertans to write and register a personal directive.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the southeast Calgary ring road P3 project.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding Weyerhaeuser's Grande Prairie pulp mill being recognized as the safest pulp mill in Canada by Pulp and Paper Canada magazine.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

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

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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 2007-2008, with attached Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 46/2009

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3), Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2007-08, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 47/2009

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2007-08 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 48/2009

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s15(2), Historic Resources Fund, 2007-08 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 49/2009

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 50/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated January 16, 2009, from Crystal Fisher of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the rising costs associated with post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 51/2009

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Mary Mumert of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, listing individuals affected by the lack of rent controls and outlining several other concerns

Sessional Paper 52/2009

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

Letter dated January 12, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Mr. MacDonald's request for an update on the Workplace Health and Safety Compliance investigation into the incident that occurred at the CNRL Horizon Oil Sands Project on April 24, 2007

Sessional Paper 53/2009

Letter dated February 25, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Labour, requesting the Federal Government make changes to the Employment Insurance structure

Sessional Paper 54/2009

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

Letter dated February 26, 2009, from John Dooks, President, Calgary Police Association, to Members of the Alberta Legislature expressing support for Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 55/2009

Letter dated February 10, 2009, from Barry Davidson, Executive Director, Community Life Improvement Council, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 56/2009

Letter dated January 29, 2009, from Mike Colle, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ontario, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 57/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 58/2009

Statistics Canada web site article dated March 2, 2009, entitled "Canadian economic accounts" noting the decline in real gross domestic product in the fourth quarter

Sessional Paper 59/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Copy of a petition signed by 11 residents of Whitecourt urging the government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure

Sessional Paper 60/2009

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Dr. Taft on October 20, 2008:

How many new applicants were registered in the Farm Fuel Benefit Program each year from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008?

Sessional Paper 61/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on October 20, 2008:

*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.*

Sessional Paper 62/2009

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, 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.

**Messages From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

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).

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, tabled the following budget-related document:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 2008, Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 63/2009

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

2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 64/2009

2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund  
Sessional Paper 65/2009

**Government Motions**

5. 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 (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

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 201 Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Hehr

A debate followed.

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009, Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, tabled the following:

News release dated March 2, 2009, entitled “New law gets tough on crime” prepared by Alberta Justice

Sessional Paper 66/2008

Government of British Columbia web site article, undated, entitled “For Communities”

Sessional Paper 67/2008

Northern California Psychiatric Society web site article dated December 20, 2005, entitled “What is Classical Liberalism” prepared by John C. Goodman

Sessional Paper 68/2008

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kang speaking.



**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

501. Mr. Doerksen proposed the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to continue judicious and aggressive spending on infrastructure projects that are aligned with long-term government priorities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 3, 2009

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

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first anniversary of 31 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected and two former Members being re-elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 3, 2008.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial ceremony held in Edmonton on March 1, 2009.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Setting the Direction for Special Education in Alberta Steering Committee.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the work accomplished under the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the need for the government to increase its focus on workplace health and safety.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing the 27 recipients of Persons Case Scholarships, and in particular, Edmonton-Rutherford constituents Barbara McLean and Patricia Orizaga-Brocks.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction held in Edmonton on February 27, 2009.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 69/2009

Hon. Mr. Blakett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, Annual Review, April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 70/2009

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR10 and MR11, both asked for by Mr. Chase on October 20, 2008:

MR10. 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. 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.

Sessional Paper 71/2009

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Copies of web pages from the Facebook web site for Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose

Sessional Paper 72/2009

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

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 73/2009

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

Report dated January 5, 2009, entitled "Evaluation of Public Private Partnerships, Costing and Evaluation Methodology" prepared for the Canadian Union of Public Employees by Blair Mackay Mynett Valuations Inc.

Sessional Paper 74/2009

Program from the Alberta Ballet presentation of the Fiddler and the Drum recently held at the Northern and Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditoriums

Sessional Paper 75/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2008

Sessional Paper 76/2009

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

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 77/2009

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 78/2009

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2007-2008 (March 1/07 - Feb 29/08)

Sessional Paper 79/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate followed.

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

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

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 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Hon. Mr. Stevens 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 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger

Bill 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 8 Feeder Associations Guarantee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Bill 15 Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 4, 2009

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

### Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding Inspiring Education: A Dialogue with Albertans, an initiative launched by Alberta Education.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the delivery of health services.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the official opening of the Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre at Olds College on February 26, 2009.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing the 10 recipients of the Strathmore Youth Exceptional Service Awards presented by the Strathmore Youth Exceptional Service Award Society on February 20, 2009.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing March 1-7, 2009, as National Social Work Week and regarding the contribution of social workers.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the value of learning international languages.

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

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2008 Activities dated February 2009

Sessional Paper 80/2009

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, presented a petition from 770 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will ensure the following: 1. where a person who holds a graduated driver's licence is operating a motor vehicle that is involved in a collision resulting in serious injury or death, that person's licence shall be suspended immediately and notification shall be provided to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board; and 2. the Board shall immediately conduct a review of the incident to determine whether the person's licence should be reinstated, and if so, under what conditions.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated December 9, 2008, unsigned, from Jacqueline D'Costa of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding her autistic son's education, with attached response dated January 20, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Hancock to Ms D'Costa

Sessional Paper 81/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Excerpt of a document, undated, entitled “Continuing Care Strategy, Aging in the Right Place” prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 82/2009

Premier Ed Stelmach web site article dated January 29, 2009, entitled “Speeches, Long-term Capital Plan News Conference”

Sessional Paper 83/2009

News release dated March 3, 2009, entitled “Don’t Cut Seniors Out” prepared by Public Interest Alberta

Sessional Paper 84/2009

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

News release dated March 4, 2009, entitled “Alberta Energy Incentive Program Saves Jobs” prepared by the Petroleum Services Association of Canada

Sessional Paper 85/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, during Oral Question Period on March 2, 2009, regarding fires caused due to the negligence of landlords

Sessional Paper 86/2009

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

Victims Services Branch, Status Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 87/2009

## **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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3) and Government Motion 6 agreed to on March 2, 2009, at 5:55 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitzel reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2008-09 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, 2009, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$750,000
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**Agriculture and Rural Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$70,000,000
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**Employment and Immigration**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$49,727,000
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**Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$8,000,000
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The Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

**Justice**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	(\$7,400,000)
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**Solicitor General and Public Security**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$7,400,000
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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 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, 2009

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

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 17th anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election held on March 5, 1992.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Reflections Empowering People to Succeed, an Edson-based program designed to improve the lives of adults with mental illness and other disabilities.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Dr. Brendan Croskery who recently retired as Chief Superintendent of the Calgary Board of Education.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding government funding for the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2009, as International Women's Day.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy as it relates to seniors.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie to be held from March 6-22, 2009.

**Presenting Petitions**

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

of Beverly Anne Cormier for the Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act;

of W. John Brennan, Board Chair of Caritas Health Group, for the Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009;

of Les Filles de la Sagesse for the Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson



**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

3 recent letters from Jim Hawthorne, President, Railway Veterans' Organization, CN Pensioners' Association, Margaret and Denny R. May, and Wayne Hampton of Lacombe all expressing opposition to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy and the proposed changes to drug coverage for seniors

Sessional Paper 88/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 89/2009

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

Program from the Edmonton Public Schools 45th annual Night of Music held on March 4, 2009

Sessional Paper 90/2009

Document, undated, entitled "Tips, Developing the Settlement and Integration Plan" regarding newcomers to Alberta

Sessional Paper 91/2009

Report dated November 27, 2007, entitled "Capital Region New Upgrader-Related Property Tax Revenue Estimates" prepared by Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Services

Sessional Paper 92/2009

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Michael and Kelly Moynihan regarding recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, during Oral Question Period concerning the closure of the obstetrics ward at the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital

Sessional Paper 93/2009

Letter dated March 5, 2009, unsigned, from Chad Kerychuk to several addressees regarding the closure of the obstetrics ward at the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital

Sessional Paper 94/2009

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

Reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated March 5, 2009, entitled "Hospital patients dying for help; average six-hour wait in Edmonton ERs has sometimes proven fatal, physician says"

Sessional Paper 95/2009

## Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of March 9 to March 12, 2009:

Monday, March 9	<p><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 9 of 10)</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, March 10	<p><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 10 of 10)</p> <p><b>Government Motions</b></p> <p>Motion 9</p> <p><b>Committee of Supply</b></p> <p>Interim Supply Estimates (Day 2 of 2)</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, March 11	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, March 12	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 2 — Interim Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and Lottery Fund, 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 4:27 p.m. until Monday, March 9, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 9, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding several events taking place in Lethbridge in March and regarding Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on receiving a special name from Alberta First Nations.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Speak Out, a government initiative to encourage discussion with students about education.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding a scouting event held at Marlborough Park Community Hall on February 22, 2009, and the work of Brian Swan in running the community scouting program.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the 104th anniversary of the Rotary Club celebrated in Edmonton on February 23, 2009.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing March 2009 as National Kidney Month and March 12, 2009, as World Kidney Day.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing March 9, 2009, as Commonwealth Day.

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

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

Bill 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Report, undated, entitled "Foster Care Review Report Recommendations Status Report" with attached backgrounder dated June 10, 2008, both prepared by Alberta Children and Youth Services

Sessional Paper 96/2009

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

Document, undated, entitled "Poverty Talks" from a workshop held to raise awareness of poverty issues

Sessional Paper 97/2009

Letter dated February 10, 2009, from Maureen Thompson of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding Ms Thompson's de-certification as a child and youth care counsellor

Sessional Paper 98/2009

Letter, undated, from Morag Rempel of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding hiring standards for child and youth care workers

Sessional Paper 99/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

ProQuest web site article, undated, entitled "Boy's death sparks foster reform; Province pledges probation periods, more oversight"

Sessional Paper 100/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Report dated March 9, 2009, entitled “Key Issues” prepared by the Alberta Lymphedema Association regarding coverage and treatment availability for non-cancer lymphedema patients in Calgary and surrounding areas

Sessional Paper 101/2009

Letter dated January 14, 2009, from the Alberta Lymphedema Association to Alberta Health Services and Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern that lymphedema patients in Calgary and southern Alberta will not be able to access treatment services

Sessional Paper 102/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 103/2009

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

8 documents relating to the opening of the Calgary Courts Centre held on January 25, 2008, attended by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations

Sessional Paper 104/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Edmonton Journal web site article dated January 7, 2009, entitled “Government rejects 4-year council term”

Sessional Paper 105/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 201 Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Hehr

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 9

Blakeman	Kang	Pastoor
Chase	MacDonald	Taft
Hehr	Notley	Taylor

Against the motion: 37

Allred	Evans	Olson
Anderson	Forsyth	Prins
Benito	Horne	Quest
Blakett	Jablonski	Redford
Brown	Jacobs	Renner
Calahasen	Klimchuk	Rogers
Campbell	Leskiw	Sandhu
Cao	Liepert	Sherman
Dallas	Lindsay	Snelgrove
DeLong	Marz	VanderBurg
Denis	Mitzel	Vandermeer
Drysdale	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Elniski		

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

Bill 202 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009  
— Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

**502.** Moved by Mr. Benito:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to introduce amendments to the Emblems of Alberta Act to designate *Leccinum boreale*, also known as “Northern Roughstem” or “Red Cap,” as the official mushroom of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:41 p.m. until Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding foster parents and the Crossroads Family Services foster parent banquet held in Edmonton on March 6, 2009.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Confederation Park Senior Citizens Centre.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing March 2-8, 2009, as Health Ethics Week.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Calgary North East Centre of Community Society acquiring funding to build the Genesis Centre.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Work Safe Alberta bloodylucky.ca web site.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 2009 Agricultural Service Board Awards held in Woodlands County on March 6, 2009.

**Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

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

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented March 5, 2009, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 246 Albertans requesting the inclusion of complex decongestive therapy in the list of accepted therapeutic procedures covered by Alberta Health Care.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel

**Stranger on the Floor of the Assembly - Unanimous Consent**

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Hon. Mr. Milliken, Speaker, Canadian House of Commons, to join the procession and be seated at the Assembly Table on March 16, 2009.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

Confederation Park Senior Citizens Centre, 2008 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 106/2009

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

Report dated November 19, 2008, entitled "The Farm Crisis and the Cattle Sector: Toward a New Analysis and New Solutions" prepared by the National Farmers Union

Sessional Paper 107/2009

Letter dated October 6, 2008, from Ervin Eccleston of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the difficulties he has faced since 1981 in his dealings with the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 108/2009

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

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 109/2009



## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 2 of 2 — Interim Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the 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 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and Lottery Fund, 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 10)

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

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

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.

### **Government Motions**

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky 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.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 2 of 2 — Interim Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 4(3) and Government Motion 8 agreed to on March 2, 2009, at 5:55 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and Lottery Fund.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Denis reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, 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, 2010, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$29,300,000
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**Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$7,100,000
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**Office of the Ombudsman**

Expense	\$900,000
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**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,800,000
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**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

Expense	\$300,000
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**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,500,000
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**Aboriginal Relations**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$14,100,000
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<b>Advanced Education and Technology</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$744,300,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$34,900,000
<b>Agriculture and Rural Development</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$190,200,000
<b>Children and Youth Services</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$284,100,000
<b>Culture and Community Spirit</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$97,200,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$300,000
<b>Education</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,142,900,000
<b>Employment and Immigration</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$255,800,000
<b>Energy</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$133,800,000
<b>Environment</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$63,000,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000
<b>Executive Council</b>	
Expense	\$9,000,000
<b>Finance and Enterprise</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$94,200,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$11,000,000
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,238,000,000
Capital Investment	\$4,800,000
<b>Housing and Urban Affairs</b>	
Expense	\$133,100,000
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$157,300,000
Capital Investment	\$159,300,000
<b>International and Intergovernmental Relations</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,700,000

**Justice**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$135,100,000
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**Municipal Affairs**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$588,100,000
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**Seniors and Community Supports**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$640,900,000
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**Service Alberta**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$91,500,000
Capital Investment	\$23,200,000

**Solicitor General and Public Security**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$128,500,000
Capital Investment	\$8,800,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$409,400,000

**Sustainable Resource Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$109,600,000
Capital Investment	\$10,000,000

**Tourism, Parks and Recreation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$103,600,000
Capital Investment	\$4,400,000

**Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$590,600,000
Capital Investment	\$370,600,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,700,000

**Treasury Board**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$16,900,000
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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 6:01 p.m. until Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 12th anniversary of nine Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected on March 11, 1997.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch Program Society.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing March 11-17, 2009, as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding a neighbourhood revitalization project involving the communities of Queen Mary Park and Central McDougall.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing recipients of the Service Alberta Consumer Champion Awards presented in Edmonton on March 9, 2009.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing March 2009 as National Nutrition Month.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding a CPR program in Calgary schools organized by ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation of Canada) and the Kiwanis Clubs of Calgary and regarding an International Women's Day event hosted by the Calgary Ahmidiyya Muslim Women's Association.

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

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

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Program from the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women event hosted by the Women's Resource Centre in Calgary on December 6, 2008

Sessional Paper 110/2009

Program from the International Human Rights Day celebration held in Calgary on December 8, 2008

Sessional Paper 111/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated March 8, 2009, from Laura Franceschini to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act

Sessional Paper 112/2009

E-mail message dated March 7, 2009, from Kirsten Goa of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding Bill 18, Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, and regarding the implementation of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement

Sessional Paper 113/2009

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 114/2009

Alberta Court document dated March 11, 2009, listing charges against Rodney Tyrone McCabe, R & D McCabe, Suncor Energy Inc., and Compass Group Canada (Beaver) Ltd.

Sessional Paper 115/2009

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

54 postcards from St. Albert residents expressing opposition to the proposed de-listing of chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 116/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar

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 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

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 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell

A debate followed.

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 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas

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 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg

A debate followed.

Mr. Hehr 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 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, March 12, 2009

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

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the eighth anniversary of 11 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected on March 12, 2001.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 12-21, 2010.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act as it relates to seniors.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Doug Spurgeon, a radio show host in High Prairie.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's response readiness centre.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding long-term care issues.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding foster care.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 31 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.



## 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: WQ4, WQ15

### Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR16

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Doerksen on behalf of Mr. Elniski

Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(3):

2009 Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 117/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Excerpt of a document, undated, untitled, regarding a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy request

Sessional Paper 118/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Page 13 of a report, undated, entitled “Continuing Care Strategy, Aging in the Right Place” prepared by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 119/2009

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

Statistics Canada web site article, undated, entitled “Census families on farms, by family size, by province (2001 and 2006 Census of Agriculture and Census of Population) (Alberta)”

Sessional Paper 120/2009

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. MacDonald, Acting Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of government business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of March 16 to March 18, 2009:

Tuesday, March 17

### **Government Bills and Orders**

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

Bill 18, 21, 22

#### **Third Reading**

Bill 18

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 7, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 18

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

Bill 18, 21, 22

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 24, 25, 26

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

Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 19

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26

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

Bill 7, 8, 12, 13, 15

#### **Third Reading**

Bill 1, 2, 3, 5

And as per the Order Paper

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

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

Bill 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

**Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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 18 (A1) (Hon. Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 121/2009

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger

A debate followed.

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 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf  
of Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Dr. Morton on behalf of Hon.  
Mr. Lindsay

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 4:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the questions on the Appropriation Bills standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

Debate continued on Bill 16, Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009.

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 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett

Mr. Fawcett 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 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon.  
Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, March 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 16, 2009

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

### **Speaker's Statement - Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons**

The Speaker introduced Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, who was seated at the Assembly Table.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement on behalf of Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, (Minister of Aboriginal Relations), congratulating Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, and Ben Hebert on winning the 2009 Tim Hortons Brier Canadian Men's Curling Championships in Calgary on March 15, 2009, establishing a new record of 26 consecutive Brier game victories.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on March 16, 2009, of a homelessness strategy entitled "A Plan for Alberta: Ending Homelessness in 10 Years."

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta and recognizing Brian Hesje on recently receiving an Augustana Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Robin McKeever, a member of Canada's 1988 Olympic cross-country ski team, and Brian McKeever, a legally blind athlete, who is endeavouring to compete in both the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the government's proposal to have emergency medical personnel perform triage in the field.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the March Into the Light campaign sponsored by the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton and the Take Back the Night March to be held on March 27, 2009.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Report dated October 2008 entitled "A Plan for Alberta, Ending Homelessness in 10 Years" prepared by the Alberta Secretariat for Action on Homelessness  
Sessional Paper 122/2009

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

Draft report dated March 10, 2009, entitled "Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Business Plan 2009-12"  
Sessional Paper 123/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 124/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ4.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

For the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average wait time each year for Service Alberta to process a person's request for a service or for information?

**WQ15.** Asked for by Ms Notley:

In January, May, and September of the years 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, how many full-time environmental inspectors permanently employed by the Government were permanently assigned to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo?

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

**MR16.** Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all correspondence between environmental inspectors in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, their managers, and the Government regarding the inspectors' workloads and ability to complete assigned tasks for the time period between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.

### **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 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009  
— Mr. Johnston

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Second time but the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Horne speaking.

### Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Mrs. Leskiw proposed the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate provincial achievement tests for grade three students and consider alternative assessments for learning.

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: 29

Ady	Elniski	Notley
Anderson	Forsyth	Olson
Bhullar	Groeneveld	Pastoor
Boutilier	Hehr	Quest
Brown	Jacobs	Rogers
Calahasen	Johnston	Sherman
Chase	Kang	Taft
Denis	Leskiw	Weadick
Doerksen	Mason	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 18

Allred	DeLong	Johnson
Bhardwaj	Fawcett	Liepert
Blackett	Fritz	Lukaszuk
Campbell	Hancock	Oberle
Dallas	Horne	Renner
Danyluk	Jablonski	Vandermeer

### Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

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

### Members' Statements

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement recognizing the 15th anniversary of the Clean Air Strategic Alliance on March 14, 2009.



Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Poverty Talks, a Calgary organization bringing awareness to several issues relating to people facing poverty.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the need for increased market access for Alberta's livestock and meat industry.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Edmonton-Mill Woods constituent Evelyn Gutierrez, who passed away on February 5, 2009.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the 11th National Metropolis Conference, Frontiers of Canadian Migration, to be held in Calgary from March 19-22, 2009.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the recipients of the 2009 Immigrants of Distinction Awards.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2009 — 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, 2009 — Mr. Rogers

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Several pieces of correspondence regarding the Spray Lake Sawmills Family Sports Centre facility expansion funding application

Sessional Paper 125/2009

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

Letter dated March 16, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, Federal Minister of Health, requesting an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Health Canada Trans Fat Task Force

Sessional Paper 126/2009

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

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 127/2009

Memorandum dated May 28, 2008, from John Mould, Provincial Child and Youth Advocate, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, regarding annual reports of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate with attached information bulletin dated January 19, 2009, entitled "Child and Youth Advocate outlines process used to develop previous annual reports" prepared by the Child and Youth Advocate

Sessional Paper 128/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that Bill 52, Health Information Amendment Act, 2009, the contents of this Bill being the same as Bill 52, Health Information Amendment Act, 2008, be reinstated to the same stage that Bill 52 had reached at the time of prorogation of the previous Session, namely, the Bill standing referred to the Standing Committee on Health following Second Reading.

The Speaker advised the Assembly that the Bill had been reviewed and was in the same form as Bill 52 at the time of prorogation of the previous Session of the current Legislature.

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 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

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

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

Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

**Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Mr. Johnston, 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 18 (A1A) (introduced by the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations on March 12, 2009) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 129/2009

Amendment to Bill 18 (A1B) (introduced by the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations on March 12, 2009) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 130/2009

Amendment to Bill 18 (A1C) (introduced by the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations on March 12, 2009) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 131/2009

Amendment to Bill 18 (A1D) (introduced by the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations on March 12, 2009) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 132/2009

Amendment to Bill 18 (A2) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 133/2009

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing 197 Calgary-Montrose constituents, recipients of the Alexander Rutherford, Louise McKinney, and Jason Lang Scholarships.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the work being done by the Crossroads Community Association.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the 2009 Bantam B female provincial hockey tournament held in Bonnyville on March 13, 2009.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for the government to regularly monitor and enforce foster care standards.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the 65th anniversary of the 418 Squadron Association based at the Alberta Aviation Museum in Edmonton.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Eco Village of Hope, an Alberta-initiated international development project.

### **Speaker's Statement - Tabling Returns and Reports**

Honourable Members, on several occasions the Chair has risen in this House to discuss the issue of tablings. On Thursday, March 12, 2009, an Honourable Member tabled a document on behalf of one of his honourable colleagues, and this document has been brought to the Chair's attention for several reasons. The issues are as follows. It is not clear what the document is about. There's no cover page, no title, and no heading; the document is not dated nor signed, nor is there an author identified. While the document appears to be an excerpt from a document that is part of legal proceedings, there is no indication of what the document is an excerpt from.

Honourable Members, it is important to note that all documents tabled in the House become official records of the Assembly. They are available to the public through the Legislature Library. The description of Sessional Papers in the Votes and Proceedings is an actual description of the document and is not based on the comments of the Member tabling the document. If there is no way of identifying the document, it is difficult for those producing the official records of the Assembly to be accurate in their description of the document. Staff should not be expected to waste time trying to decipher these documents.

There is need to set additional guidelines and the Chair would ask all Honourable Members to follow them. Copies should be of good quality and legible: five copies collated, stapled, or clipped together. Letters should be signed and the name of the sender should be legible. Web site articles should clearly indicate the name of the web site so that we can properly quote the site. Responses to Written Questions and Motions for Returns must indicate that they are such. Please do not table only a set of documents. It should be clear to all of us that the documents are provided as responses. Reports, charts, and similar items must have a title or heading on the document. The general rule is that Members should table documents under Tabling Returns and Reports.

The Chair will be advised when tablings do not meet these guidelines, and those purported tablings will be returned to Members.

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

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Administrator of the Province of Alberta, and notice having been given:

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

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

Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Letter dated January 13, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, expressing support for the objectives and principles contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 134/2009

Document, undated, entitled "Convention on the Rights of the Child, Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, entry into force 2 September 1990, in accordance with article 49"

Sessional Paper 135/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 4, 2009, from Claude and Eugenie Dube of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding an increase in Alberta Blue Cross premiums

Sessional Paper 136/2009

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

Pamphlet entitled "A single purpose. A profound effect." prepared by Ducks Unlimited Canada

Sessional Paper 137/2009

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

Document dated January 2005 entitled "Policy Directive, Subject: Appointment of Independent Counsel" prepared by the Manitoba Department of Justice Prosecutions

Sessional Paper 138/2009

British Columbia Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Attorney General, Crown Counsel Policy Manual dated November 18, 2005, regarding special prosecutors

Sessional Paper 139/2009

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

Copy of a petition signed by 233 Edmonton residents requesting the Edmonton Public School Board establish a special needs task force

Sessional Paper 140/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on March 17, 2009, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 5.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 6

Chase	Mason	Taft
Hehr	Pastoor	Taylor

Against the amendment: 31

Allred	Hayden	Redford
Amery	Horne	Renner
Bhullar	Horner	Sandhu
Brown	Jacobs	Snelgrove
Calahasen	Klimchuk	Stevens
Campbell	Lindsay	VanderBurg
Denis	Lund	Weadick
Doerksen	Marz	Woo-Paw
Evans	McFarland	Xiao
Goudreau	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East on March 17, 2009) — Defeated on division  
Sessional Paper 141/2009

Amendment to Bill 18 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Adjourned debate  
Sessional Paper 142/2009

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 5:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill remaining on the Order Paper for Third Reading.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on March 18, 2009.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens



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 18 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood)—Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 142/2009

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, March 19, 2009

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

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 20th anniversary of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, being elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 20, 1989. Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, presented both Members with a 20-year Mace pin.

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2009, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and regarding Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, former dancer, composer, conductor, and musical director for the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2009, as World Water Day.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Earth Hour to be held on March 28, 2009.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing March 2009 as Red Cross Month and recognizing the centennial of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a new student residence at Lethbridge College, the Kodiak women's basketball team, and the G.S. Lakie Middle School cheer squad.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2009, as World Water Day.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

### **Privilege - Rights of the Assembly to Review Proposed Legislation**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the government attempting to prevent Members of the Assembly from fulfilling their responsibility to review proposed legislation. Through Bill 18, Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, the government seeks to provide itself the power to rewrite existing legislation – a duty which belongs under our constitution to the Assembly.

### **Notices of Motions**

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

#### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ1, WQ3, WQ5, WQ8, WQ10, WQ12, WQ14, WQ16, WQ17

To be dealt with: WQ2, WQ7, WQ9, WQ11, WQ13, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be accepted: MR1, MR5, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR20

To be dealt with: MR2, MR3, MR4, MR6, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR17, MR18, MR19

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act — Ms Blakeman

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure:

Report dated March 19, 2009, entitled “Summary of Draft Amendments to Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act” prepared by Alberta Infrastructure  
Sessional Paper 143/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

2 Edmonton Journal web site articles, the first dated March 5, 2009, entitled “Hospital patients dying for help - Average six-hour wait in Edmonton ERs has sometimes proven fatal, physician says” and the second dated March 14, 2009, entitled “Wait can average 27 hours for unlucky ER patients”  
Sessional Paper 144/2009

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 145/2009

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Ms Notley on March 16, 2009:

In January, May, and September of the years 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, how many full-time environmental inspectors permanently employed by the Government were permanently assigned to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo?

Sessional Paper 146/2009

**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 April 6 to April 9, 2009:

Tuesday, April 7	<p><b>Temporary Recess</b></p> <p><b>Messages</b></p> <p><b>Budget Address</b></p> <p><b>Government Motions</b></p> <p>Motion 12, 13</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, April 8	<p><b>Reply to the Budget Address</b></p> <p>Official Opposition Leader</p> <p>New Democrat Opposition Leader</p> <p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15, 18</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 10</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, April 9	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 18</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bill 4, 6, 7, 8, 15</p> <p>And as per the Order Paper</p>

### **Privilege - Rights of the Assembly to Review Proposed Legislation**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the government attempting to prevent Members of the Assembly from fulfilling their responsibility to review proposed legislation. Through Bill 18, Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, the government seeks to provide itself the power to rewrite existing legislation – a duty which belongs under our constitution to the Assembly.

The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Blakeman, Dr. Brown, and Dr. Taft.

The Speaker indicated he would accept written submissions on the matter from Members until March 26, 2009, and would rule on the purported question of privilege on April 6, 2009.

## **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 1    Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 5    Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 15   Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, April 6, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 6, 2009

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement regarding the Capital Region Growth Plan.

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

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

## Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 134 semi-finalists of the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the need to extend prescription drug coverage to all citizens in Alberta.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding \$3.2 million being provided to the South Fish Creek Recreation Association and \$750,000 to the Hull Child and Family Services under the Major Community Facilities Program.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Pete Eager Fire Hall Wind Energy Project in Grande Prairie.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding BLAST (Building Leadership for Action in Schools Today), a joint initiative of the Lung Association and the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the 783 Air Force Wing.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Program from the 15th Alberta East Coulee Spring Festival held on April 4, 2009  
Sessional Paper 147/2009

Program from the Alberta Ballet presentation of Alice in Wonderland held at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium from March 27-28, 2009, and at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium from April 2-4, 2009  
Sessional Paper 148/2009

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

Document, undated, entitled "Hosting Expenses over \$600 by Ministry for the Government of Alberta as publicly disclosed in the Alberta Gazette, 2004-2008"  
Sessional Paper 149/2009

Letter dated May 27, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, listing questions regarding Poll 075, with attached response from Mr. Gibson to Mr. MacDonald dated June 2, 2008

Sessional Paper 150/2009

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

Responses from Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, both dated March 26, 2009, to the Speaker's invitation to Members of the Legislative Assembly to provide comments regarding Ms Notley's purported point of privilege raised in the Assembly on March 19, 2009

Sessional Paper 151/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Advanced Education and Technology, Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the year ended March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 152/2009

Advanced Education and Technology, Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the year ended June 30, 2008

Sessional Paper 153/2009

### **Privilege - Rights of the Assembly to Review Proposed Legislation**

On the last day before the Spring break the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona raised a purported question of privilege concerning the regulation-making authority found in Bill 18, Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009. This Bill is currently at Committee of the Whole stage. The Member's purported question of privilege is based on section 5 of the Bill, which would amend schedule 6.1 of the Government Organization Act by adding a subsection 7(2), which would allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations that "may suspend the application of or modify a provision of an Act or regulation or may substitute another provision in place of a provision."

Both the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona and the Government House Leader submitted written materials on March 26, 2009, that restate and supplement their arguments made in the Assembly on March 19. The Chair has tabled those submissions. The full exchange on this purported question of privilege is found at pages 499 to 503 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

With respect to the technical aspects of Standing Order 15, the Speaker's office received written notice from the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on March 19, 2009, at 11:19 a.m. of her intention to raise the purported question of privilege and a brief description of the issue. Accordingly, the two-hour notice requirement of Standing Order 15(2) was met. For the reasons that follow, the Chair will not comment on whether this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity.

Essentially the Member's argument is that the provision in the Bill would allow the government to amend legislation that is passed by the Legislature without returning to the Assembly. The Member argues that this provision constitutes a breach of the Assembly's privileges, or alternatively, a contempt of the Assembly.

The type of provision found in Bill 18 that is the subject of this purported question of privilege is often referred to as a Henry VIII clause and, as the Chair has discovered, has been the subject of much discussion not only in Canada but across the Commonwealth. The United Kingdom Parliament web site indicates that:

“. . . the House of Lords Select Committee on the Scrutiny of Delegated Powers in its first report of 1992-93 defined a Henry VIII clause as: a provision in a Bill which enables primary legislation to be amended or repealed by subordinate legislation, with or without further Parliamentary scrutiny . . . The clauses were so named from the Statute of Proclamations of 1539, which gave King Henry VIII power to legislate by proclamation.”

Erskine May, 23rd edition, at page 664 states:

“. . . power may . . . be conferred, by what is known as a 'Henry VIII clause,' to amend the statute itself by delegated legislation or to amend other statutes.”

In conducting research, we discovered that a written question in the British House of Commons asked, “How many Henry VIII clauses were contained in primary legislation enacted in Session 2007-08?” The answer contained in the British House of Commons Hansard for March 2, 2009, was that “the Government do not routinely collect or hold information about the number of Henry VIII provisions.”

In the arguments raised by the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, there is no reference to any instances where such clauses have been ruled a prima facie breach of privilege. Clearly, the references from the United Kingdom and the court decisions in Canada do not indicate that there is any breach of privilege involved when these clauses have been enacted although they may be perceived as objectionable.

Members should be aware that apart from decisions on money Bills, it is not the role of the Chair to rule on the legality or constitutionality of Bills. That is the role given to the courts. As noted in the Government House Leader's brief, this principle is cited in Beauchesne's (6th edition) at paragraph 31(9), where it is stated that “. . . the failure of the Government to comply with the law is not a matter for the Speaker, but should be decided by the courts.” This is also clearly stated at page 21 of Parliamentary Practice in B.C. (4th edition). There have also been rulings in this Assembly on this issue, the most recent being from the Chair on March 3, 2005, as noted at page 26 of Hansard.

The ability of Parliament or a Legislature to delegate authority to amend statutory provisions was set out as long ago as 1917 in a decision by the British House of Lords.



Accordingly, the Chair rules that there is no prima facie question of privilege, and the matter is now concluded with the following addendum. The Chair should not be seen as endorsing the use of these types of clauses. There is no doubt that they detract from the role of the Assembly, however, the question as to whether a Henry VIII clause ought to be used is different than the question as to whether it may be used.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ1.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

For the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated long-term care facility?

**WQ3.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHA), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

**WQ5.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

What was the number of physicians working in Alberta towns for each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008?

**WQ8.** Asked for by Ms Notley:

For each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average amount of time taken by Children and Youth Services to find permanent placements for children in permanent government care?

**WQ10.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

What were the total government subsidies provided to long-term care facilities and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008?

**WQ12.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

How many long-term care facilities and their respective bed complement were operating in Alberta on March 31 for the years 2007 and 2008, broken down by Regional Health Authority and whether the facility and service providers are/were owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

**WQ14.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

How much money has been spent on the "Alberta's brand campaign" in the United States in the fiscal year 2007/2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009?

**WQ16.** Asked for by Ms Notley:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, on how many occasions were approved legal aid services not provided due to unavailability of counsel?

**WQ17.** Asked for by Ms Notley:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, what was the average income of people accessing legal aid?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

**WQ7.** Moved by Ms Notley:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, for Alberta students with student loans, what was the average size of their student loan debt at the time they left their respective post-secondary institution?

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, for Alberta students with student loans, what was the average size of their *net* student loan debt at the time of *consolidation, which is six months after they cease being enrolled as full-time students?*

**WQ9.** Moved by Ms Notley:

How many people have been charged under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act since its implementation?

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *charges have been commenced* under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act *and the Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act* since its implementation?

**WQ11.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

What were the total government subsidies provided to assisted living facilities and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008?

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

What were the total government *operating grants* provided to *provincial lodges* and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the years *2003 to 2007*?

**WQ13.** Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total number of psychiatrists contracted to provide clinical services for Regional Health Authorities (RHA), broken down by RHA, and what was the total number contracted to provide clinical services by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total number of *in-province physicians submitting claims under the specialty of psychiatry*, broken down by *Regional Health Authority*?

**WQ18.** Moved by Ms Notley:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, how long did the average person with Alberta student loans take to pay the loans off, and how much interest did they pay on the loans?

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, how long did the average person with Alberta student loans take to pay the loans off?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

**WQ2.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

For the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated assisted living facility?

**WQ19.** Moved by Ms Notley:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, what was the average hourly rate paid by the Government when it contracted out to the legal community for government legal services, excluding legal aid services?

The following Written Question was rejected as amended:

**WQ20.** Moved by Ms Notley:

How many *licensed* supportive living facilities *and seniors' lodges* were operating in Alberta for *the fiscal year 2007/2008, and what was their respective capacity (number of residents)*, broken down by Regional Health Authority and by whether the facility *received public funding or not*?

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR1.** Proposed by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all 2007-2009 utilization plans for the Mazankowski Heart Institute and any records of how many wards and beds are currently vacant in the Institute.

**MR5.** Proposed by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all current protocols surrounding the proposal and selection process for approving Ministers' foreign travel plans.

**MR7.** Proposed by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of facilities in Alberta whose designation changed from "long-term care facility" to "assisted living facility" between April 1, 2001, and December 31, 2008.

**MR8.** Proposed by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the final report and recommendation of the Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

**MR9.** Proposed by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the agreement signed by the Premier on January 16, 2009, at the First Ministers' Meeting regarding amendments to the Agreement on Internal Trade.

**MR20.** Proposed by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all government plans to increase the number of midwives practising in Alberta between February 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009.

Debate adjourned on the following Motion for Returns:

**MR2.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports or plans prepared between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the future creation or expansion of assisted living facilities.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Notley speaking.

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

**504.** Moved by Mr. Quest:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately investigate the feasibility of constructing underground transmission lines to determine if they are a safe and viable option for transmitting high voltage power.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Ms. Redford, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members: Mr. Duco Van Binsbergen, Member for West Yellowhead, 1993 to 1997, who passed away on April 4, 2009, and Mrs. Catherine Chichak, Member for Edmonton Norwood, 1971 to 1982, who passed away on April 6, 2009.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Raymond Comets boys' and girls' basketball teams on winning the 2009 provincial championships and the Raymond Comets boys' football team on winning the 2008 provincial championship.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the budget deficit.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Ms Evans

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated June 10, 2008, from Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated May 27, 2008, to Mr. Gibson regarding the poll book for polling station 075 in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency

Sessional Paper 154/2009

Letter dated June 25, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, listing questions regarding Poll 074

Sessional Paper 155/2009

## **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 Her Honour the Administrator.

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

## Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 12, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following budget-related documents:

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

2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 156/2009

2009-10 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund  
Sessional Paper 157/2009

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13, Budget 2009,  
Ministry Business Plans  
Sessional Paper 158/2009

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

Be it resolved that the Message from *Her Honour the Administrator*, the 2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply and that the Message from *Her Honour the Administrator*, the 2009-10 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply following consideration by the Policy Field Committees.

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 2009, Government of Alberta Strategic Business Plan  
Sessional Paper 159/2009

Prior to moving Government Motion 13, 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 2009, Fiscal Plan  
Sessional Paper 160/2009

**13.** Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:32 p.m. until Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 8, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Caana (Commuter Air Access Network of Alberta).

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing April 2009 as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the FLT (Families Learning Together) Project, an initiative involving the Departments of Advanced Education and Technology, Employment and Immigration, and the Taber and District Community Adult Learning Association.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the third annual Calgary Peace Prize Gala dinner held on March 30, 2009, and recognizing Ms Louise Arbour on receiving the 2009 Calgary Peace Prize.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement recognizing April 7, 2009, as World Health Day.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement recognizing April 5-11, 2009, as National Wildlife Week.

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the seventh anniversary of Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election held on April 8, 2002.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Travel Alberta Business Plan 2009-2012

Sessional Paper 161/2009



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

Letter dated July 10, 2008, from Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised in Mr. MacDonald's letter to Mr. Gibson dated June 25, 2008, regarding poll 074

Sessional Paper 162/2009

Letter dated July 11, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, listing further questions regarding poll 075, with attached response from Mr. Gibson to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 16, 2008

Sessional Paper 163/2009

Report dated March 17, 2009, entitled "Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives" prepared by the United States Government Accountability Office

Sessional Paper 164/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation web site article dated March 6, 2009, entitled "Alberta ER docs to hear about changes to U.K. wait times"

Sessional Paper 165/2009

E-mail message dated April 1, 2009, from Samara Jones of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, listing several ideas for building a green economy in Alberta

Sessional Paper 166/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 167/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 168/2009

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

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1 - December 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 169/2009

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

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, 2008  
Annual Report

Sessional Paper 170/2009

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2008

Sessional Paper 171/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

**13.** 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.

### **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 Bills were reported:

Bill 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger

Bill 8 Feeder Associations Guarantee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Mr. Johnston, 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 18 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on March 18, 2009) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 172/2009

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 173/2009

Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 174/2009

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

Bill 15 Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas

Mr. Chase 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 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 9, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the 2-1-1 non-emergency referral and information phone service.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding health care funding.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on April 9, 2009, of \$36 million in funding for an energy efficiency consumer rebate program.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding home care workers.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the proposed 2009 budget as it relates to Alberta's workforce.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating the Grande Prairie Storm junior hockey team on winning the Enerflex Cup Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship on April 5, 2009.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2007

Sessional Paper 175/2009

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Statistics Canada web site article dated March 2009 entitled "Labour Force Survey"

Sessional Paper 176/2009

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 177/2009

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

Letter dated July 21, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, responding to Mr. Gibson’s letter to Mr. MacDonald dated July 16, 2008, regarding the poll book for mobile polling station 075 in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency  
Sessional Paper 178/2009

Letter dated July 29, 2008, from Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald’s letter dated July 21, 2008, to Mr. Gibson and further to Mr. Gibson’s response to Mr. MacDonald dated July 16, 2009, regarding polling station 075 in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency  
Sessional Paper 179/2009

Report dated September 2008 entitled “Report to Congressional Requesters, Oil and Gas Royalties, The Federal System for Collecting Oil and Gas Revenues Needs Comprehensive Reassessment”  
Sessional Paper 180/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

First Nations Development Fund Grant Agreement, undated, unsigned, with attached blank project application, tabled during Policy Field Committee consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Aboriginal Relations on April 8, 2009  
Sessional Paper 181/2009

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

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:  
For the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated long-term care facility?  
Sessional Paper 182/2009

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:  
For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHA), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?  
Sessional Paper 183/2009

**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 14 to April 16, 2009:

Tuesday, April 14

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

Bill 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9

**Third Reading**

Bill 2, 3, 8, 18

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 15

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

Main Estimates

Executive Council

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 16

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

Bill 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 10

**Third Reading**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9

And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that a Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mitzel (Chair)	Campbell	Marz
Lund (Deputy Chair)	Horne	Notley
Bhullar	Lukaszuk	Webber
Blakeman	MacDonald	

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer 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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 8 Feeder Associations Guarantee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld
- Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 14, 2009

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

### Members' Statements

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Immigrant Access Fund.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the government's recent decision to withdraw funding for gender reassignment surgery.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi Day, the 310th anniversary of Khalsa.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding County Central High School in Vulcan who will be participating in a video link with the International Space Station in September 2009.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement recognizing Shell Scotford Chemicals and Piksaf International on receiving Workplace Health and Safety Awards on April 14, 2009.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the unveiling of ATCO Electric's new hybrid bucket truck.



### **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 certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Elniski

Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr2, Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 184/2009

Recommended amendment to Bill Pr3, Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act  
Sessional Paper 185/2009

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 19 Albertans 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 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

6 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and several other Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the delisting of gender reassignment surgery  
Sessional Paper 186/2009

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

Report dated April 8, 2009, entitled "Alberta Lottery Fund - Who Benefits Report" prepared by the Alberta Lottery Fund  
Sessional Paper 187/2009

Program from the third Calgary Peace Prize gala dinner recognizing Honourable Louise Arbour, C.C., LL.L., LL.D.  
Sessional Paper 188/2009

Program from the Calgary Learning Centre 30th anniversary dinner held on February 5, 2009  
Sessional Paper 189/2009

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

Letter dated October 3, 2008, from Lorne R. Gibson, Chief Electoral Officer, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letters dated June 25, July 11, and August 13, 2008, regarding polls 074 and 075 in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency  
Sessional Paper 190/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

6 e-mail messages from Albertans to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the rising cost of post-secondary tuition  
Sessional Paper 191/2009

E-mail message dated February 19, 2009, from Wilma Korthuis of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to the delisting of chiropractic services  
Sessional Paper 192/2009

3 e-mail messages from Anne-Marie and David Kemp, Harry and Tina Schuld, and Fred M. Reckhard to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to the government's proposed pharmaceutical strategy as it relates to seniors  
Sessional Paper 193/2009

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Copy of a petition signed by 35 Albertans expressing opposition to the passing of Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act, until public information sessions have been held

Sessional Paper 194/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk Assistant on behalf of 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 2008

Sessional Paper 195/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

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 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act, 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 Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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: 9

Chase	MacDonald	Pastoor
Hehr	Mason	Swann
Kang	Notley	Taylor

Against the amendment: 36

Allred	Horne	Prins
Anderson	Jacobs	Quest
Blackett	Klimchuk	Redford
Brown	Leskiw	Renner
Calahasen	Liepert	Rogers
Campbell	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Dallas	Marz	Tarchuk
Denis	McFarland	VanderBurg
Drysdale	McQueen	Vandermeer
Fawcett	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Forsyth	Olson	Xiao
Hayden	Ouellette	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved the Bill be amended in section 11, in the proposed section 10, by adding the following after subsection (2):

- (3) On or before April 1 each year, the Co-ordinator shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Minister respecting:
  - (a) the exercise of the duties and functions of the Co-ordinator, and
  - (b) the availability of treatment programs and services, and the level of staffing to support such programs and services, for children who are subject to protection orders under this Act.
- (4) Within 14 days of receiving a report under subsection (3), the Minister shall table it in the Assembly if it is then sitting, or if it is not then sitting, within 14 days of the next sitting, at which time the report automatically stands referred to the appropriate Policy Field Committee established by the Legislative Assembly.
- (5) When a report is referred under subsection (4), the Policy Field Committee shall promptly consider it and report back to the Assembly within 3 months.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Chase	Kang	Pastoor
Hehr	Notley	

Against the amendment: 30

Allred	Horne	Ouellette
Anderson	Jacobs	Quest
Brown	Klimchuk	Redford
Calahasen	Leskiw	Renner
Campbell	Liepert	Rogers
DeLong	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Denis	McFarland	Tarchuk
Fawcett	McQueen	VanderBurg
Forsyth	Oberle	Vandermeer
Hayden	Olson	Woo-Paw

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Mrs. Forsyth

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 6 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated  
on division

Sessional Paper 196/2009

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 15, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding axle weight restrictions for vehicles.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the proposed 2009 budget.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Angel Flights Alberta and its founder, Dr. Kerry Pawluski.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding Barbara Bannon, principal, Olympic Heights Elementary School, on being recognized as a Woman of Vision by Global TV, and congratulating the Calgary Board of Education on receiving the EcoLogo Environmental Stewardship Award.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement congratulating the Royal Tyrrell Museum's Distance Learning Program on winning a national award from the Canadian Museums Association.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding funding provided by the government for several Affordable Supportive Living Initiative projects in Cold Lake.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Copies of invoices dated October 17, November 12, and December 5, 2008, issued by J.L. Saunders and Associates Inc. to Alberta Health Services for consulting fees

Sessional Paper 197/2009

Copy of an agreement, undated, between East Central Health and J.L. Saunders and Associates Inc. regarding the provision of management services

Sessional Paper 198/2009

Letter dated July 22, 2008, from Charlotte Robb, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, with attached letter dated June 25, 2008, from Charlotte Robb to Ms Paddy Meade, Deputy Minister, Alberta Health and Wellness, regarding an offer of employment with Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 199/2009

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

physiotherapy.ca web site article, undated, entitled “National Physiotherapy Month” listing four areas of physiotherapy practice

Sessional Paper 200/2009

2 e-mail messages, the first dated April 10, 2009, from Marcus Peterson of Edmonton to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the second from Nicole Hankel dated April 13, 2009, to undisclosed recipients both expressing opposition to the delisting of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 201/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

What was the number of physicians working in Alberta towns for each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008?

Sessional Paper 202/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Leskiw 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.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of all amendments proposed during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of Executive Council:

Amendment to the Estimates for Executive Council (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 203/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for Executive Council (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 204/2009

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 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 16, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding Andy Bryant, Chief Executive Officer, Horse Racing Alberta, who passed away earlier this year.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the government's plans for the health care system.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding land-use issues faced by Calgary inner city communities.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Westend Seniors Activity Centre.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the government announcement on April 16, 2009, to increase funding to public libraries by 39 percent.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding climate change and recognizing April 22, 2009, as Earth Day.



## 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):

### Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR2, MR3, MR4, MR6, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR 21, MR 22, MR23, MR24

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 8, 2009, from Jordenne Prescott, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the delisting of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 205/2009

Legislative Assembly Office OurHouse web site reprint of a Calgary Sun article dated April 14, 2009, entitled “Brace for health-care cuts; Minister in charge isn’t mincing words: ‘We can no longer cover everything we’ve been covering’”

Sessional Paper 206/2009

ahw.gov.ab.ca web site chart dated September 2008 entitled “Alberta Waitlist Registry Trend Report”

Sessional Paper 207/2009

cnn.com web site article dated December 5, 2000, entitled “Former President Bush doing well after hip replacement surgery”

Sessional Paper 208/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

8 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to the delisting of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 209/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated April 14, 2009, entitled “Report to the Legislative Assembly” regarding issues raised by constituents prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, with three related attachments

Sessional Paper 210/2009

**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 20 to April 23, 2009:

Tuesday, April 21

**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 17, 19

**Second Reading**

Bill 23, 24, 26, 30

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 22

**Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9

**Third Reading**

Bill 17, 19

**Second Reading**

Bill 20, 25, 27, 28, 32

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 23

**Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9

**Second Reading**

Bill 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 29, 31, 33, 35

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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

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 19 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Infrastructure) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 211/2009

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, April 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 20, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing April 19-26, 2009, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing April 17, 2009, as Equality Day in Canada.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding CivicCamp, organized by Sustainable Calgary and the Better Calgary campaign, held in Calgary on April 18, 2009.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Dr. Grant Gall, former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, who passed away on April 18, 2009.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on April 20, 2009, of a 10-year plan to manage provincial parks.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing April 2009 as National Oral Health Month and regarding the College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta.

### **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, was not in order to be presented.

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

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Administrator, and notice having been given:

Bill 37 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 39 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Brown

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Document, undated, entitled "Community Spirit Donation Grant Program Grant Recipients 2008-09"

Sessional Paper 212/2009

Document, undated, entitled "Community Spirit Program, Statistics for the 2008-2009 Application Process"

Sessional Paper 213/2009

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Report, undated, entitled "Plan for Parks, 2009-2019" prepared by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Sessional Paper 214/2009

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated April 2009

Sessional Paper 215/2009

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

Program from the Kirkness School's 25th anniversary ceremony held on April 16, 2009

Sessional Paper 216/2009

Copy of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 5, 2009, entitled "Organ and Tissue Donation, we need a national transplant system"

Sessional Paper 217/2009

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

Letter dated April 20, 2009, from Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, rejecting Mr. MacDonald's Motion for Returns MR22

Sessional Paper 218/2009

Document dated April 15, 2009, entitled "Government Hosting Expenses \$600 and Over - From Alberta Gazettes"

Sessional Paper 219/2009

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

Petition signed by 167 Edmonton and area residents opposing the government's proposals to downgrade health care

Sessional Paper 220/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated April 17, 2009, from by Margaret Holliston, Executive Director, Camrose and District Support Services, and 5 recent e-mail messages to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, all expressing opposition to the government's proposal to terminate the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 221/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

**MR4.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the current job descriptions for all positions in the Public Affairs Bureau.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the current job descriptions for *the following* positions in the Public Affairs Bureau: *Directors, Directors of Communications, Executive Directors, and the Managing Director.*

**MR10.** Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
For the period January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2008, a copy of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
For the period *December 1, 2006*, to December 31, 2008, a *summary report* of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.

**MR11.** Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports, briefing notes, backgrounders, and memoranda regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports *and associated* backgrounders *containing analysis done on such reports* regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR2.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports or plans prepared between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the future creation or expansion of assisted living facilities.

**MR3.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all letters received by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports, and the Premier between October 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009, regarding the province's new pharmaceutical plan for seniors.

**MR6.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the results, data, and analyses of all public opinion polls, focus groups, surveys, and questionnaires undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Ministry of Health and Wellness between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the elimination or replacement of regional health boards with the Alberta Health Services Board.

**MR12.** Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the initial proposal submitted by Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited to the Ministry of Education for the construction of 18 Alberta schools, the findings of the selection process that resulted in Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited winning a contract, the research that concluded that \$118 million would be saved by constructing schools through P3s instead of through traditional methods, and the agreement signed between the Government and Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited to design, build, finance, and maintain these schools.

**MR14.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all correspondence sent to the Government between January 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009, from businesses and non-governmental organizations regarding the Government's funding of carbon capture and storage technology.

**MR15.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the time period between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.

**MR17.** Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the independent audit of the financing method being used for the construction of schools in Calgary referred to in the Assembly by the Minister of Education during Oral Question Period on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

**MR18.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all proposals, project timelines, and government objectives relating to the Green Transit Incentives Program (Green TRIP) initiative for the time period of January 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009.

**MR19.** Moved by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all government research on technologies designed to reduce carbon emissions that were conducted between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.

The following Motion for Returns was not moved and was removed from the Order Paper:

**MR13.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all plans made in the fiscal year 2007-2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009, for future investments in the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.



**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**505.** Moved by Mr. Elniski (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to permit the use of low-speed vehicles on roads with a posted speed limit of *up to* 60 kilometres per hour.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 21, 2009

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing April 21, 2009, as Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, commented on the statement.

The Speaker 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. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the 10th anniversary of the Edmonton Protocol, a procedure used to treat diabetes.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing March 2009 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Travel Alberta Holiday Cards.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing April 19-25, 2009, as National Soil Conservation Week.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Edmonton City Centre Airport.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding primary care networks and the grand opening of the Lacombe walk-in medical centre.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 222/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

Mr. Drysdale 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 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, on April 16, 2009.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be further amended in Part A, clause (b), in the proposed section 2(2), by adding “the project is in the public interest and if” after “a project is a public project if”.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 6

Blakeman	Mason	Pastoor
Kang	Notley	Taft

Against the subamendment: 34

Ady	Fritz	Marz
Benito	Griffiths	McQueen
Berger	Groeneveld	Morton
Bhardwaj	Hayden	Oberle
Blackett	Horne	Prins
Brown	Horner	Renner
Campbell	Johnson	Rodney
Danyluk	Johnston	Sarich
DeLong	Knight	Webber
Doerksen	Liepert	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Zwozdesky
Elniski		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Mr. Johnston, 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.

Subamendment to Bill 19 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 223/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1A) (introduced the by the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure on April 16, 2009) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 224/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1B) (introduced the by the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure on April 16, 2009) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 225/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1C) (introduced the by the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure on April 16, 2009) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 226/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1D) (introduced the by the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure on April 16, 2009) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 227/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1E) (introduced the by the Hon. Minister of Infrastructure on April 16, 2009) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 228/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 229/2009

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 22, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing April 2009 as National Cancer Awareness Month.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Flexahopper Plastics Ltd.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing April 19-25, 2009, as National Volunteer Week and regarding the contribution of volunteers.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing April 19-26, 2009, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2009.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing April 22, 2009, as Earth Day.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 92 Albertans urging the Government not to proceed with Bill 19, the Land Assembly Project Area Act, and to consult directly with citizens and concerned landowners and their organizations before proceeding with any further changes to the way public land expropriation is conducted in the province.

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.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — Dr. Brown

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay:

Booklet entitled “The Potential Impact of Canadian Federal and/or Provincial Tax Credit Incentives for Volunteer Participation” prepared by Volunteer Alberta, Mount Royal College, and the Muttart Foundation

Sessional Paper 230/2009

Report dated March 2009 entitled “Survey Findings: Impact of the Economic Downturn on Alberta’s Nonprofits and Charities” prepared by the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations

Sessional Paper 231/2009

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

Copy of a petition signed by 25 Albertans urging the government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure

Sessional Paper 232/2009

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

Package from the Canada Lands Company Peacekeepers’ Day Ceremony held in Calgary on August 10, 2008

Sessional Paper 233/2009

Pamphlet entitled “Vertigo Mystery Theatre, 2009-2010 Season” prepared by the Vertigo Mystery Theatre

Sessional Paper 234/2009

Flyer entitled “08/09 Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts Presents TransCanada Alberta Music Series” prepared by Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts

Sessional Paper 235/2009

Program from William Aberhart High School’s 50th anniversary celebration held in Calgary on April 17, 2009

Sessional Paper 236/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 237/2009

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

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

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — 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 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

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

**Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Mr. Allred, 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 19 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 238/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 239/2009

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 23, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing Alyse Reid and Lynne Amyotte for developing the Give a Kid a Lunch Program at the Unity Centre in Edmonton.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing Gordon Hansen for his work with the Marlborough Park Community in Calgary.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding achievement bonuses paid to Government of Alberta senior managers.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing April 23, 2009, as St. George's Day.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Genome Alberta.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding trade unions and labour legislation.

## **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):

### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24



### Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 240/2009

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

Copy of a petition signed by 9 Edmonton residents urging the government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure  
Sessional Paper 241/2009

Report dated April 2009 entitled “Government Senior Management Achievement Bonuses, From Government of Alberta Ministry Annual Reports” prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 242/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

4 Alberta Health Services web pages regarding units and programs at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute

Sessional Paper 243/2009

4 recent e-mail messages to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to the delisting of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 244/2009

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Report dated December 5, 2008, entitled “A Call to Action, World Summit on Learning Disabilities” prepared by Burke & Associates Inc.

Sessional Paper 245/2009

### Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Dr. Taft, 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 April 27 to April 30, 2009:

Tuesday, April 28

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

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 6, 7, 9, 19

**Third Reading**

Bill 4, 17

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 29

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

**Third Reading**

Bill 6, 7, 9, 19

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 30

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 14, 16, 20, 23, 24

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 10, 11, 12, 13

And as per the Order Paper

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, moved adjournment of the Assembly, which was defeated.

**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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 19 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 246/2009

Amendment to Bill 19 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 247/2009

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, April 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 27, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding PNWER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region), an initiative involving Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia, and Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the government's proposal to cut funding for the Wild Rose Foundation.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Services for Students with Vision Loss Initiative and the Vision Education Alberta web site launched by the government on April 27, 2009.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the 2009 Challenge North Conference held in Cold Lake from April 22-24, 2009.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the seventh annual Aboriginal History Quiz Awards Day held at Prince Charles Elementary School on April 24, 2009.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing the Lethbridge College Wind Turbine Service Technician Program, recipient of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges' 2008-2009 Program Excellence Award, and regarding the Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership.

## Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding being prevented from attending a government news conference on April 23, 2009, at Government House.

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Administrator, and notice having been given:

Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 24, 2009, from Ken Hughes, Board Chair, Alberta Health Services, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the completion of the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute

Sessional Paper 248/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document dated June 5, 2008, entitled “Honourable George Groeneveld, Minister, Agriculture and Rural Development, Speaking Points for News Conference” with related attachments

Sessional Paper 249/2009

2 letters, the first undated from Alisha Autumn Brown to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the second dated April 20, 2009, from Leslee Greenaway to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, both expressing opposition to the government’s proposal to terminate funding for the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 250/2009

E-mail message dated April 23, 2009, from Alison Dinwoodie to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to taxes being used to promote Alberta and regarding the need for seniors to have access to necessary drugs

Sessional Paper 251/2009

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

5 Alberta Corporate Registration System, Corporation/Non-Profit Searches

Sessional Paper 252/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 14, 2009, from Marjorie Russell of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the government delisting chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 253/2009

### **Privilege - Attendance at a Government News Conference**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding being prevented from attending a government news conference on April 23, 2009, at Government House.

The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Renner, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Mr. Mason, and Mr. MacDonald.

The Speaker then ruled on the purported question of privilege.

The Chair wants to thank all Members for their participation. Usually the Chair takes a day or two to rule on purported questions of privilege, but this situation has been well known for a few days, and the Chair does not want to prolong it any longer.

Essentially, the Honourable Leader of the third party's question of privilege is that his ability as a Member was infringed upon in an unacceptable manner when he was denied entry to Government House for an announcement concerning the drug plan for seniors made by the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness on the morning of Thursday, April 23, 2009. Technically this alleged violation of the Member's ability to perform his duties is characterized as a contempt.

For the benefit of those viewing the proceedings who may not be familiar with the location of various buildings in Edmonton, Government House is located a few kilometres north and west of the Legislature. It is next to the Royal Alberta Museum and is used by the government for various purposes, including caucus meetings and ceremonial events.

With respect to procedural matters the Chair notes that the third party Leader provided notice of his purported question of privilege to the Speaker's office at 11:09 a.m. today, April 27, 2009. The events giving rise to the purported question of privilege occurred last Thursday. Standing Order 15(5) provides that a question can be raised "after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question." The Member chooses to rely on the two-hour notice provision found in Standing Order 15(2). For the reasons that follow, the Chair will consider that notice has been adequately provided.

A similar issue concerning access to government briefings was the subject of a Speaker's ruling on March 7, 2000, at pages 286-287 of Alberta Hansard for that day. In that instance the Chair ruled that denial of access to a press briefing in the media room in the Legislature Building was not a question of privilege. As the Chair noted then, he does not have control over that room and that it is not booked through the Speaker's office. It is not part of the parliamentary precincts. Clearly, the same can be said of Government House and McDougall Centre in Calgary.

In the 2000 ruling the Chair referred to a January 19, 1984, ruling by Speaker Francis in the Canadian House of Commons. The 1984 incident involved some Members of the opposition being excluded from a media lock-up where it was alleged that a copy of a Bill was released prior to First Reading. As this Chair said in 2000 at pages 286 and 287 of Alberta Hansard:

“... even in the federal Parliament, where the Speakers of the Commons and the Senate exercise control over the entire building, it has been held that restricting attendance at a media lock-up does not constitute a question of privilege.”

The Chair went on to quote Speaker Francis's 1984 ruling at page 563 of Commons Debates for January 19, 1984:

“The Chair obviously recognizes that the parties represented in this House may from time to time request rooms. They may or may not choose to invite members of the press. They may choose to invite their own supporters or include or exclude their own supporters. They may on occasion include members of other Parties or not include them. This is not a matter for the Speaker to decide.”

As the Chair held then, allowing or not allowing a Member to attend a media briefing does not constitute an impediment or obstruction to the Member performing his or her parliamentary duties which, presumably, is the category of privilege that the Leader of the third party relies upon. If the facts had been different and the question of privilege involved a denial of access to the Chamber or a proceeding in this parliament and the precincts of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, this ruling may have been very different.

Accordingly, the Chair finds that there is no prima facie question of privilege and the matter is now concluded.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted:

**WQ6.** Asked for by Mr. Mason:

Which hospitals had to shut down wards (temporarily or indefinitely) due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and January 31, 2009, which wards were shut down and for how long?

**Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR21.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Executive Council itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.

**MR22.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.

**MR23.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Energy itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.

**MR24.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Finance itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.

## **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 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act — Ms Blakeman

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Danyluk speaking.

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

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson

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

**506.** Moved by Mr. Berger (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use site-specific native grasses and forbs in all future land reclamation projects *on native landscapes* to ensure the preservation and integrity of our plant ecosystem.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:43 p.m. until Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 28, 2009

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, 2009, as the International 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.

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

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing April 26 to May 2, 2009, as Education Week and the Speak Out student engagement initiative on receiving a bronze Telly Award.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations' 2009 report entitled "No Small Thing: Calgary's small nonprofits, charities and grassroots groups."

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Alberta's preparedness for a swine flu pandemic.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the five-year Growing Forward Alberta-Canada partnership to assist the agricultural industry.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement recognizing April 25 to May 2, 2009, as National Immunization Awareness Week.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association.

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 370 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to continue to cover under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan all health services which promote health and wellness, including chiropractic services.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blakett

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 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

### **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, 2008 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 254/2009

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

2 information packages from the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards Professional Development Sessions held in Edmonton on April 21, 2009, and in Calgary on April 23, 2009  
Sessional Paper 255/2009

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

Letter dated October 14, 2008, from George Alvarez, Director, Information and Privacy Office, Alberta Employment and Immigration, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's request for information dated September 11, 2008, regarding work sites requiring a joint work site health and safety committee  
Sessional Paper 256/2009

Copy of a petition signed by 9 Edmonton residents urging the government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure  
Sessional Paper 257/2009

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

Alberta Corporate Registration System Corporation/Non-Profit Search of R.K. Heli-Ski Panorama Inc. dated April 27, 2009  
Sessional Paper 258/2009

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

innovativeresearch.ca web site document, undated, entitled “Alberta Nuclear Consultation: Online Workbook”

Sessional Paper 259/2009

E-mail message dated April 26, 2009, from Guy M. Pallister of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressing opposition to the use of a photograph of a beach located in the United Kingdom in an Alberta tourism advertisement

Sessional Paper 260/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

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

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

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — 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 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

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

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

Bill 37 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

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 38 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 39 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — 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 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the 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 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

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 7 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 261/2009

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 29, 2009

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

## Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing April 26 to May 2, 2009, as Education Week and regarding the Inspiring Education: A Dialogue with Albertans steering committee.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Partners in Injury Reduction, a joint program between the Workers' Compensation Board and Employment and Immigration.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on April 24, 2009, to provide \$6 million in funding for Habitat for Humanity to build 67 homes in Alberta.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the government's commitment to assist municipalities in developing strong and inclusive communities for newcomers.

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

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

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

Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Program from Dr. E.W. Coffin School's SEEDS Water Conservation Challenge held in Calgary on April 24, 2009

Sessional Paper 262/2009

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2007-08

Sessional Paper 263/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 264/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton

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

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — 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 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

Hon. Mr. Blackett 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 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas

Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg

Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger

Bill 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

### **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 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on behalf of 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 19, the Land Assembly Project Area Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Kang	Pastoor	Taylor
Notley	Swann	

Against the amendment: 30

Anderson	Horne	Quest
Bhullar	Jablonski	Redford
Brown	Johnston	Rodney
Campbell	Klimchuk	Rogers
Cao	Leskiw	Sarich
Dallas	Liepert	Sherman
Denis	McQueen	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Mitzel	Vandermeer
Hancock	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Hayden	Olson	Zwozdesky

The question for Third Reading of Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 30, 2009

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

## Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding Paving Health Pathways: A Health Services Strategy.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Oscar Lacombe, former Sergeant-at-Arms, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on May 2, 2009.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing April 26 to May 2, 2009, as National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.



Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing the winners of the first annual Work Safe Alberta Student Video Contest.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding a lack of government openness and accountability.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding gangs and the Safe Communities Task Force.

### **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 4 to May 7, 2009:

Tuesday, May 5

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

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33

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

Bill 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 6

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

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 36, 43, 44

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

Bill 33

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 7

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

##### **Committee of Supply**

All votes on the 2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates and the 2009-10 Government Estimates

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 34, 36, 43, 44

And as per the Order Paper

Prior to Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 30, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding a comment made by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, during Oral Question Period on April 29, 2009

Sessional Paper 265/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar  
Bill 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk  
on behalf of Mr. Campbell  
Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett

#### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

#### **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 Bills:

- Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas  
Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

#### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, May 4, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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## Monday, May 4, 2009

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

### Members' Statements

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the H1N1 influenza outbreak and the safety of pork and pork products.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing May 3-9, 2009, as Emergency Preparedness Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding fictional events taking place in a grade six classroom.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing May 3-9, 2009, as National Hospice Palliative Care Week.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding Child Find Alberta's annual Green Ribbon Campaign.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the online campsite reservation system announced by the government on May 1, 2009.

### Presenting Petitions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 668 Albertans urging the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation to put a moratorium on the centralization of gynecological cytology laboratory services in the Province of Alberta.

### Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

### Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Advertisement for a fundraising event held in Calgary on May 2, 2009, entitled "Light up Papua New Guinea, The Captain Nichola Goddard Project" organized by the Light Up the World Foundation

Sessional Paper 266/2009

Booklet entitled “A Smart New Building for SMART” prepared by SMART Technologies

Sessional Paper 267/2009

Program from the John Paul II Polish School in Calgary 75th Anniversary Gala held on May 2, 2009

Sessional Paper 268/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

4 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and several other Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the delisting of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 269/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act — Ms Blakeman

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 7

Blakeman	Kang	Notley
Chase	MacDonald	Taylor
Hehr		

Against the motion: 31

Anderson	Forsyth	Morton
Berger	Groeneveld	Oberle
Calahasen	Horne	Olson
Campbell	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cao	Jacobs	Renner
Dallas	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Leskiw	Snelgrove
Denis	Liepert	Tarchuk
Drysdale	Marz	Weadick
Elniski	McQueen	Webber
Fawcett		

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

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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: 30

Anderson	Fawcett	Morton
Berger	Forsyth	Notley
Calahasen	Groeneveld	Oberle
Campbell	Horne	Olson
Cao	Jablonski	Renner
Dallas	Knight	Rogers
DeLong	Leskiw	Tarchuk
Denis	Liepert	Weadick
Drysdale	Marz	Webber
Elniski	McQueen	Woo-Paw

Against the motion: 4

Chase	Pastoor	Taylor
Kang		

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

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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

**507.** Moved by Ms Calahasen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the month of June as Aboriginal History and Culture Month in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 5, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Pochaiv Maple Leaf Safe House Project.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing the centennial of the Lethbridge High Level Bridge.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for the government to support the bitumen upgrading industry in Alberta.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the opening of the SMART Technologies headquarters and research centre in Calgary on May 1, 2009.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing May 10-16, 2009, as Food Allergy Awareness Week and regarding the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Julie Mulligan of Drayton Valley who was recently rescued from a kidnapping in Nigeria.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

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 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Report, undated, entitled "Human Trafficking in Alberta Panel" prepared by Tymofiy Hawrysh

Sessional Paper 270/2009

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Edmonton Sun web site article dated April 2, 2009, entitled "Municipal funding deal touted" with attached Facebook web page entitled "Bill 204: A New Funding Deal for Alberta's Cities"

Sessional Paper 271/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

3 recent e-mail messages from Kenneth L. Ross, David Gurnett, and Marilyn Bulat expressing opposition to the government delisting chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 272/2009

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

E-mail message dated April 29, 2009, from Marianne Hart to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the government delisting chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 273/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 274/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Health Services Strategic Direction 2009-2012, Consultation Document" tabled during Policy Field Committee consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Health and Wellness on May 4, 2009

Sessional Paper 275/2009

Health Action Plan, Annual Report April 2009, tabled during Policy Field Committee consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Health and Wellness on May 4, 2009

Sessional Paper 276/2009

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

What were the total government subsidies provided to long-term care facilities and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008?

Sessional Paper 277/2009

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total number of *in-province physicians submitting claims under the specialty of psychiatry*, broken down by *Regional Health Authority*?

Sessional Paper 278/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

Bill 33, Fiscal Responsibility Act, be not now read a Second time, because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill does not adequately protect current and future generations from the possibility of catastrophic natural or environmental disaster.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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



For the motion: 33

Benito	Forsyth	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhullar	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Boutilier	Hancock	Quest
Campbell	Horne	Renner
Cao	Jablonski	Sherman
DeLong	Leskiw	Snelgrove
Drysdale	Liepert	VanderBurg
Elniski	Marz	Vandermeer
Evans	McQueen	Webber
Fawcett	Morton	Xiao

Against the motion: 6

Chase	Mason	Taft
Kang	Pastoor	Taylor

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

Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — 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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 6, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing May 2009 as Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing the efforts of agencies and volunteer firefighters who are fighting forest fires in a number of communities throughout the province.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the need for the government to provide adequate services for mental health patients.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2009, as National Mental Health Week.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing Lesser Slave Lake constituent Shandy Wogan.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing May 2-9, 2009, as Alberta Forest Week.

## **Speaker's Statement - Advice from the Ethics Commissioner**

The Speaker read a letter dated May 6, 2009, from Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, regarding Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 5, 2009, from Leslie Carlyle of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009  
Sessional Paper 279/2009

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

Letter dated May 6, 2009, from Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing advice pursuant to section 44 of the Conflicts of Interest Act on Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 280/2009

### **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. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 29, 2009, Department of Energy Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 281/2009

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

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

How many long-term care facilities and their respective bed complement were operating in Alberta on March 31 for the years 2007 and 2008, broken down by Regional Health Authority and whether the facility and service providers are/were owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

Sessional Paper 282/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

A copy of all 2007-2009 utilization plans for the Mazankowski Heart Institute and any records of how many wards and beds are currently vacant in the Institute.

Sessional Paper 283/2009

## **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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Ms Evans

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 33 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Adjourned debate  
Sessional Paper 284/2009

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

A debate followed.

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 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Dr. Swann 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 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 7, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Walking Away Hunger Campaign organized by Sikh Youth Calgary to assist the Calgary Inter-faith Food Bank.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada MS Walk Campaign and recognizing May 2009 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding shortfalls in the proposed 2009 budget and the lack of written responses to questions raised during debate on the budget.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Paving Health Pathways: A Health Services Strategy, announced by the government on April 30, 2009.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Climate Change and Emissions Management Corporation.

### **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 that the failure to provide written responses to questions posed during debate on the 2009-10 Main Estimates obstructs Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly in their review and evaluation of the Budget, preventing them from making a fully informed decision on the vote.

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):

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR25

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 285/2009

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, and Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on April 20, 2009, Department of Transportation, Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 286/2009

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on April 29, 2009, Department of Education, Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 287/2009

## Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on April 21, 2009, Department of Infrastructure, Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 288/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

How many *charges have been commenced* under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act *and the Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act* since its implementation?

Sessional Paper 289/2009

Response to Written Question WQ16, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, on how many occasions were approved legal aid services not provided due to unavailability of counsel?  
Sessional Paper 290/2009

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, what was the average income of people accessing legal aid?

Sessional Paper 291/2009

### 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 11 to May 14, 2009:

Tuesday, May 12	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 27, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 25, 37, 38, 39, 40</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 33</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>
Wednesday, May 13	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 20, 23, 26</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 24, 25, 27, 28, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43, 47</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 44, 45</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>

Thursday, May 14                      Aft.        - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 35  
**Third Reading**  
Bill 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 24, 25, 27,  
28, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 47  
And as per the Order Paper

### **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 public importance, namely that the failure to provide written responses to questions posed during debate on the 2009-10 Main Estimates obstructs Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly in their review and evaluation of the Budget, preventing them from making a fully informed decision on the vote.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that Mr. MacDonald be appointed to the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to fill a vacancy.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of government business for the remainder of the 2009 Spring sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.



**Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Doerksen, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Community Services has reviewed the 2009-10 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Culture and Community Spirit, Education, Housing and Urban Affairs, Municipal Affairs, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Doerksen then presented proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Estimates for the Departments of Culture and Community Spirit, Housing and Urban Affairs, Municipal Affairs, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Campbell, Chair, Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on the Economy has reviewed the 2009-10 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Advanced Education and Technology, Employment and Immigration, Finance and Enterprise, Infrastructure, and Transportation.

Mr. Campbell then presented proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Estimates for the Departments of Advanced Education and Technology, Employment and Immigration, Finance and Enterprise, Infrastructure, and Transportation.

Ms Pastoor, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Health, on behalf of Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Health has reviewed the 2009-10 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Children and Youth Services, Health and Wellness, and Seniors and Community Supports.

Ms Pastoor then presented proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Estimates for the Departments of Health and Wellness, and Seniors and Community Supports.

Mr. VanderBurg, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services has reviewed the 2009-10 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Aboriginal Relations, Justice, Service Alberta, Solicitor General and Public Security, and the Treasury Board.

Mr. VanderBurg then presented proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Estimates for the Departments of Justice, Solicitor General and Public Security, and the Treasury Board.

Ms Blakeman, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, on behalf of Mr. Prins, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Resources and Environment has reviewed the 2009-10 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Energy, Environment, International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Sustainable Resource Development.

Ms Blakeman then presented proposed amendments to the 2009-10 Estimates for the Departments of Environment, International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Sustainable Resource Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a), the following amendments were voted on:

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Advanced Education (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 292/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Advanced Education (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 293/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Advanced Education (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 294/2009

During consideration of the 2009-10 Main Estimates, Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved that the estimates for Horse Racing and Breeding Renewal Program under reference 4.0.6 at page 108 of the 2009-10 Main Estimates of the Department of Culture and Community Spirit be reduced by \$33,000,000 so that the amount to be voted at page 105 for Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases is \$259,762,000.

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

For the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Kang	Swann
Chase	MacDonald	Taft
Hehr	Mason	Taylor

Against the amendment: 33

Allred	Horner	Rogers
Benito	Jacobs	Sandhu
Bhullar	Klimchuk	Sherman
Blackett	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Brown	Lund	Stevens
Calahasen	McFarland	Tarchuk
Campbell	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Dallas	Oberle	Weadick
Evans	Olson	Woo-Paw
Hancock	Ouellette	Xiao
Hayden	Quest	Zwozdesky

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Culture and Community Spirit  
(Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated on division  
Sessional Paper 295/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Employment and Immigration  
(Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 296/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Environment (Hon. Member  
for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 297/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for Executive Council (introduced by the Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Leader of the Official  
Opposition on April 15, 2009) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 298/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for Executive Council (introduced by the Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Leader of the Official  
Opposition on April 15, 2009) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 299/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Finance and Enterprise (Hon.  
Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 300/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Finance and Enterprise (Hon.  
Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 301/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Finance and Enterprise (Hon.  
Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 302/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Health and Wellness (Hon.  
Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 303/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs  
(Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 304/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Infrastructure (Hon. Member  
for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 305/2009

During consideration of the 2009-10 Main Estimates, Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the estimates for Corporate Services under reference 1.0.4 of the 2009-10 Main Estimates of the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations be reduced by \$75,000 so that the amount to be voted for Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases is \$26,272,000.

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

For the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Kang	Swann
Chase	MacDonald	Taft
Hehr	Mason	Taylor

Against the amendment: 31

Allred	Horner	Rogers
Benito	Jacobs	Sandhu
Bhullar	Klimchuk	Sherman
Blackett	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Brown	McFarland	Tarchuk
Calahasen	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Campbell	Oberle	Weadick
Dallas	Olson	Woo-Paw
Evans	Ouellette	Xiao
Hancock	Quest	Zwozdesky
Hayden		

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 306/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Justice (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 307/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 308/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Seniors and Community Supports (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 309/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Solicitor General and Public Security (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 310/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 311/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 312/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 313/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Transportation (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 314/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Department of Transportation (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 315/2009

Amendment to the Estimates for the Treasury Board (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 316/2009

The question was the put on all resolutions for the 2009-10 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Allred	Horner	Rogers
Benito	Jacobs	Sandhu
Bhullar	Klimchuk	Sherman
Blackett	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Brown	Lund	Tarchuk
Calahasen	McFarland	VanderBurg
Campbell	Mitzel	Weadick
Dallas	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Evans	Ouellette	Xiao
Hancock	Quest	Zwozdesky
Hayden		

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	MacDonald	Swann
Chase	Mason	Taft
Hehr	Pastoor	Taylor
Kang		

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 2009-10 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, Government Estimates and the 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, 2010, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$58,450,000
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**Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$23,221,000
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**Office of the Ombudsman**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,911,000
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**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,951,000
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**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$991,000
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**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,741,000
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**Aboriginal Relations**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$149,966,000
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**Advanced Education and Technology**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,977,132,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$139,300,000

**Agriculture and Rural Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$622,857,000
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**Children and Youth Services**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,136,277,000
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**Culture and Community Spirit**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$292,762,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,685,000

**Education**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,298,126,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000

**Employment and Immigration**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,015,356,000
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**Energy**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$252,614,000
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**Environment**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$251,747,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,100,000

**Executive Council**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$35,880,000
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**Finance and Enterprise**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$479,289,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$43,660,000

**Health and Wellness**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$12,962,471,000
Capital Investment	\$19,200,000

**Housing and Urban Affairs**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$532,027,000
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**Infrastructure**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$585,195,000
Capital Investment	\$588,929,000

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$26,347,000
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**Justice**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$461,653,000
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**Municipal Affairs**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$593,970,000
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**Seniors and Community Supports**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,971,785,000
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**Service Alberta**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$366,018,000
Capital Investment	\$92,500,000

**Solicitor General and Public Security**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$601,316,000
Capital Investment	\$35,061,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,497,927,000

**Sustainable Resource Development**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$335,893,000
Capital Investment	\$20,450,000

**Tourism, Parks and Recreation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$190,761,000
Capital Investment	\$17,284,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$375,000

**Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,282,706,000
Capital Investment	\$1,482,278,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$6,545,000

**Treasury Board**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$242,481,000
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Dr. Brown then tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of Supply on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

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

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

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

A debate followed.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, May 11, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 11, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the work of the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service and recognizing the heroic effort of volunteer firefighter Jamie Coutts.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Israel.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Calgary Airport Authority's plan to construct an additional runway.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Kingsway Business Association.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing May 11-17, 2009, as National Mining Week.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the recent Meet the Filipino Foreign Workers symposium sponsored by Iglesia ni Cristo.

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

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

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Notice having been given:

Bill 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on April 21, 2009, Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 317/2009

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

E-mail message dated April 22, 2009, from Steve Schembri to Rick Miller forwarding a letter dated April 22, 2009, from Pat Schaffer, Operations Manager, Beaver Drilling Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to the government's bailout of Precision Drilling

Sessional Paper 318/2009

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

Document dated January 2009 entitled "Qualitative Research Finding, Branding Alberta Message Testing Groups" prepared by Harris/Decima

Sessional Paper 319/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 e-mail messages, the first dated April 19, 2009, from Wayne Stelte and the second dated May 6, 2009, both to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding Ticketmaster's policies

Sessional Paper 320/2009

Letter dated May 4, 2009, from Mrs. Tine Steen-Dekker of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, with attached copy of a petition signed by 59 Edmonton residents opposing the elimination of the General Hospital's Get-Fit program

Sessional Paper 321/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated May 2009 entitled "Report In Focus, The Sustainable Management of Groundwater in Canada" prepared by the Council of Canadian Academies

Sessional Paper 322/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 323/2009

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on April 22, 2009, Department of Finance and Enterprise, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 324/2009

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR7, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 20, 2009:

A list of facilities in Alberta whose designation changed from “long-term care facility” to “assisted living facility” between April 1, 2001, and December 31, 2008.

Sessional Paper 325/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR20, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 20, 2009:

Copies of all government plans to increase the number of midwives practising in Alberta between February 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009.

Sessional Paper 326/2009

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

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on April 28, 2009, Department of Advanced Education, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 327/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected as amended:

**MR25.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:

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

Copies of all invitations sent to Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly for lottery fund grant announcements in the constituencies they represent and any photographs of these Members taken at the events in question.

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

Copies of all invitations sent to Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly for lottery fund grant announcements in the constituencies they represent *from the date of inception of the Ministry on March 12, 2008, to March 31, 2009*, and any photographs of these Members taken at the events in question.

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

### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson

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 203 (A1) (Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 328/2009

Following Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 203, Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure) Amendment Act, 2009, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Motions Other Than Government Motions to be called before 5:00 p.m.

### Motions Other Than Government Motions

**508.** Moved by Mr. Bhullar (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *develop a policy framework* to ensure our kindergarten to grade 12 education system is innovative and competency-based by exploring incentives to encourage early graduation and by promoting real world learning opportunities and programs that help engage elementary students facing difficulties.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 12, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Alberta joining the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Alliance.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta and the Life Without Limits Gala held on May 8, 2009.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing May 11-17, 2009, as National Nursing Week, with this year's theme of "Nursing: You Can't Live Without It."

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing Lyn Radford who was chosen as Red Deer Citizen of the Year and Madiha Mueen who was chosen as Red Deer Young Citizen of the Year on May 6, 2009.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Newcap Radio Go Green Eco Expo held in Edmonton on April 4, 2009.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement recognizing Rosie Templeton of Coaldale on receiving the 2009 4-H Premier's Award and several other members selected to promote various 4-H programs.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on April 15, 2009, Department of Service Alberta, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 329/2009

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

Letter dated February 26, 2009, from John Witwitcki of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding his experience at the Foothills Medical Centre

Sessional Paper 330/2009

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

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care

Sessional Paper 331/2009

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

Letter dated April 10, 2009, from Lorian Kennedy, M.Sc., O.T., of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the delisting of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 332/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on April 14, 2009, Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 333/2009

## **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 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

Bill 47, Appropriation Act, 2009, be not now read a second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill does not provide a long-term savings and investment strategy, set adequate priorities, or reallocate spending to sufficiently protect the futures and fortunes of Albertans.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

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

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **Adjournment**

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 37 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 38 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 39 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Brown

#### **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 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas  
Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger  
Bill 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford  
Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight  
Bill 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay  
Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Ms Evans

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 33 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on May 6, 2009) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 334/2009

Amendment to Bill 33 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 335/2009

Amendment to Bill 14 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 336/2009

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:28 p.m. until Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 13, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Canadian Home Builders' Association's Built Green program and the Calgary region's 22nd annual Sales and Marketing Awards.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing teachers Lori Irvine and William Smolak, recipients of the Hilton Mierau Award of Excellence in Off-Campus Learning sponsored by Careers: the Next Generation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Buffalo Gals, a group of 10 western Canadians who explore Alberta.



Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing May 21, 2009, as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing May 15, 2009, as International Day of the Family.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing May 10-16, 2009, as Alberta Crime Prevention Week and the recent Solicitor General and Public Security Crime Prevention Awards.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Response to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 14, 2009, Department of Employment and Immigration, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 337/2009

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Petition signed by 103 Calgary and area residents urging the government to immediately provide public funding for the drug Revlimid as a choice for patients with multiple myeloma

Sessional Paper 338/2009

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

E-mail message dated May 12, 2009, from Alison Ainsworth of Red Deer to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, regarding Ms Ainsworth's continued demand for an apology from Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, for disclosing her personal information

Sessional Paper 339/2009

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

Letter dated May 11, 2009, from Ken Hughes, Chair, Alberta Health Services, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding surgery cancellations at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

Sessional Paper 340/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

4 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, expressing concern regarding the affordability and availability of health services to seniors

Sessional Paper 341/2009

2 letters, undated, from Dave Williams and Miriam Farrington to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, both expressing concern regarding the calculation used to determine the present cost of living allowance and the government's pharmaceutical strategy

Sessional Paper 342/2009

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

Letter dated February 26, 2009, from Al Kiffiak of Edmonton to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to health care coverage for middle-income seniors

Sessional Paper 343/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, for Alberta students with student loans, what was the average size of their *net* student loan debt at the time of consolidation, which is six months after they cease being enrolled as full-time students?

Sessional Paper 344/2009

Response to Written Question WQ18, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, how long did the average person with Alberta student loans take to pay the loans off?

Sessional Paper 345/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
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 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Hehr speaking.

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

Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton

Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Ms Redford

### **Adjournment**

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

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

Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), being immediately 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

Ady	Hancock	Olson
Anderson	Horne	Quest
Benito	Jablonski	Rodney
Bhardwaj	Johnson	Sarich
Blackett	Johnston	Sherman
Dallas	Knight	Tarchuk
Danyluk	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Elniski	Marz	Weadick
Fritz	Oberle	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald		

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blakett

A debate followed.

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

Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009,  
be not now read a Second time because the Bill has not been subject to sufficient  
consultation with teachers and school boards.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

### **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)

**Conflict of Interest**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009, and absented themselves from the debate and vote on the Bill.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on May 13, 2009.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 14, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing May 17, 2009, as Norwegian Independence Day.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding a documentary television program by Lorna Thomas entitled "Catching My Breath" and Ken Thompson, the subject of the documentary.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the government's commitment to assist low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole, former Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, and recognizing May 14, 2009, as Lois Hole Day in St. Albert.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Jennifer Keller, Director, Speak Out Alberta, on receiving the Institute of Public Administration of Canada Edmonton New Public Servant Award of Excellence.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the government to be more committed to rural communities.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

2 e-mail messages, the first dated May 2, 2009, from Zoya Svitkina, PhD., Post-Doctoral Research, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and the second dated May 7, 2009, from Lyndia Peters to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, both expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 346/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, on May 4, 2009, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 347/2009

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4), Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report 2008

Sessional Paper 348/2009

Pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report 2008

Sessional Paper 349/2009

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

What were the total government *operating grants* provided to *provincial lodges* and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the years *2003 to 2007*?

Sessional Paper 350/2009

### **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 May 25 to May 28, 2009:

Monday, May 25	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 27, 43, 45 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 26	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 20, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 41, 42 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 20, 23, 24, 26, 35, 44, 52 And as per the Order Paper





A debate followed.

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

### Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

### Third Reading

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

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 4:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading.

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: 34

Allred	Fritz	Ouellette
Amery	Goudreau	Prins
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Quest
Bhullar	Horne	Redford
Boutilier	Jablonski	Renner
Cao	Johnson	Rogers
Dallas	Klimchuk	Sarich
Danyluk	Knight	Sherman
Denis	Leskiw	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Liepert	Tarchuk
Evans	Oberle	Vandermeer
Fawcett		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Notley	Taft
Chase		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, May 25, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 25, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a recent tabling by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Nagar Kirtan, a Sikh religious parade, held in Edmonton on May 17, 2009.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding freedom of speech.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding several summer events taking place in Airdrie and its centennial on September 10, 2009.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2009 Child Care Professional Awards of Excellence held on May 22, 2009.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding an integrated training program for health care aides in Calgary supported by the Centre for Newcomers and Alberta Employment and Immigration.

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

Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following:

Report on Bill 52, Health Information Amendment Act, 2009  
Sessional Paper 351/2009

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, presented a petition from over 4,000 Albertans urging the Government to maintain a full-service hospital in Beaverlodge which includes such services as acute care, palliative care, and emergency health services.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Life Leases Act — Mr. Mitzel

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, on behalf of Mr. Hayden, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler (Minister of Infrastructure):

Petition signed by 103 Albertans expressing opposition to the closure of the dialysis unit at the Hanna hospital

Sessional Paper 352/2009

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Petition signed by 98 Calgary and area residents urging the government to immediately provide public funding for the drug Revlimid as a choice for patients with multiple myeloma

Sessional Paper 353/2009

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

Program from the Sir Winston Churchill High School 2009 graduation exercises held in Calgary on May 23, 2009

Sessional Paper 354/2009

Letter dated December 17, 2008, from Rick Scruggs, Senior Pastor, Bow Valley Christian Church, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requesting Mr. Chase's support in petitioning the government to include marriage and family therapy under the Health Professions Act

Sessional Paper 355/2009

E-mail message dated April 1, 2009, from Jeffrey Mellor to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to Bill 52, Health Information Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 356/2009

Letter dated December 4, 2009, from A. Mark Hambridge, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding his long wait to receive a colonoscopy for cancer screening

Sessional Paper 357/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 4, 2009, from Dr. Reg McCurry, unaddressed, proposing that the government partially fund health services after a patient's private funding has been used

Sessional Paper 358/2009

Letter dated February 17, 2009, from Michael C. Longul to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the government delisting chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 359/2009

Letter dated May 15, 2009, from Ivan Fair of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to the reduction in elective surgeries at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

Sessional Paper 360/2009

2 recent e-mail messages from Lennea Oseen and Alison Dinwoodie to Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, both expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 361/2009

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 362/2009

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

2 letters dated May 21 and 22, 2009, from Karen South for Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, both regarding general advice pursuant to section 44 of the Conflicts of Interest Act concerning Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)

Sessional Paper 363/2009

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on April 22, 2009, Department of Justice, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 364/2009

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Public Bills and Orders Other Than  
Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson

**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 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

Mr. Marz, 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 205 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) —  
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 365/2009

**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**509.** Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all electricity providers to notify local authorities of spikes in home utility usage that may indicate the electricity is being used to power the operations of an illegal drug facility.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009 — 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 Bills were reported:

- Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths  
Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland  
Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. Dallas, 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 27 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 366/2009

Amendment to Bill 27 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 367/2009

Amendment to Bill 27 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 368/2009

Amendment to Bill 45 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 369/2009

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:39 p.m. until Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

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

## Members' Statements

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding a recent forum held in Calgary to address the issue of hate crimes.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement congratulating the Calgary Roughnecks lacrosse team on recently winning the 2009 National Lacrosse League Championship in Calgary.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the efforts of Edmonton resident Richard Law to prevent crime in the Belgravia neighbourhood.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Industrial Eye Safety Program by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 23 recipients of the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the 60th anniversary of the Evansburg Legion Branch 196 Ladies Auxiliary.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Report dated May 2009 entitled "Prescription for Fairness, Special Report: Out of Country Health Services" prepared by the Alberta Ombudsman  
Sessional Paper 370/2009

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

Pamphlet advertising the 11th Annual Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan held in Edmonton on May 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 371/2009

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Document, undated, outlining the infrastructure, programming, and legislative needs of victims of human trafficking, prepared by Pauline Lysak and Tymofiy Hawrysh, Co-Chairs, Pochaiv Safe House Project

Sessional Paper 372/2009

Copy of a petition signed by 360 Albertans objecting to the excessive use of force by staff at the Edmonton Maximum Security Prison

Sessional Paper 373/2009

Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health:

3 recent letters from Frank Work, Q.C., Information and Privacy Commissioner, Trevor W. Theman, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, and Michael A. Gormley, Executive Director, Alberta Medical Association, all to Mr. Horne, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, expressing support for amendments to Bill 52, Health Information Amendment Act, 2009, proposed by the Standing Committee on Health

Sessional Paper 374/2009

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

Copy of a petition signed by 756 Lethbridge school students and several letters from Lethbridge school students to the Conservative Party of Alberta and to Whom it May Concern, all expressing opposition to the proposed section of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, related to parental rights

Sessional Paper 375/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

6 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, all expressing opposition to the proposed section of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, related to parental rights

Sessional Paper 376/2009

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

Copy of a presentation, undated, entitled "Elective Surgery Waiting Times" presented by Dr. Stephen Duckett, Adjunct Professor, Australian Centre for Economics Research on Health, University of Queensland

Sessional Paper 377/2009



Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated May 8, 2009, 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

Sessional Paper 378/2009

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

3 e-mail messages dated May 14 and 15, 2009, from Harris Kirshenbaum of Calgary, Richard Leslie, and Lisa Hurre, all expressing opposition to the proposed section of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, related to parental rights

Sessional Paper 379/2009

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

Letter dated May 25, 2009, from Melissa Luhtanen of Calgary to the New Democrat Opposition, expressing opposition to the proposed section of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, related to parental rights

Sessional Paper 380/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of 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. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, on April 15, 2009, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 381/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, on April 27, 2009, Department of Sustainable Resource Development, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 382/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

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

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

### **Adjournment**

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009 — 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

During debate on amendment A1 introduced by the Hon. Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the amendment to the Bill be further amended by striking out part A and substituting the following:

A. Section 9 is struck out.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 7

Blakeman	Notley	Swann
Hehr	Pastoor	Taft
Mason		

Against the subamendment: 32

Ady	Drysdale	Olson
Anderson	Elniski	Ouellette
Benito	Evans	Prins
Berger	Fawcett	Redford
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Renner
Bhullar	Groeneveld	Sarich
Blackett	Hancock	Snelgrove
Campbell	Jablonski	VanderBurg
Danyluk	Knight	Vandermeer
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Rogers

Mr. Denis, 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 52 (A1A) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Agreed to

Amendment to Bill 52 (A1B) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 384/2009

Amendment to Bill 52 (A1C) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 385/2009

Amendment to Bill 52 (A1D) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 386/2009

Amendment to Bill 52 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 387/2009

Subamendment to Bill 44 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —  
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 388/2009

Subamendment to Bill 44 (SA2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona)  
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 389/2009

Subamendment to Bill 44 (SA3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview)  
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 390/2009

Amendment to Bill 44 (A1A) (Hon. Minister of Culture and Community  
Spirit) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 391/2009

Amendment to Bill 44 (A1B) (Hon. Minister of Culture and Community  
Spirit) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 392/2009

Amendment to Bill 44 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 393/2009

Amendment to Bill 44 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre)  
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 394/2009

Amendment to Bill 44 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 395/2009

Amendment to Bill 23 (A1) (Government House Leader) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 396/2009

Amendment to Bill 26 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 397/2009

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2009, until 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 27, 2009

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

## Speaker's Statement - Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

The Speaker made a statement regarding William C. Semple, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, who will be retiring at the end of the current Spring sitting.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Victoria Cross Memorial Park Society's plans to create a Victoria Cross memorial.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding unintended victims of crime.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Cheongju International Craft Biennale to be held in the Fall of 2009.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on April 4, 1949.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Drayton Valley Pathways Career Fair.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding his visits to several schools in the Calgary-Montrose constituency.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on April 20, 2009, Department of Culture and Community Spirit, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 398/2009

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

Letter dated May 13, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's questions raised during Oral Question Period on April 30, 2009, regarding the employment of Chinese temporary foreign workers in Fort McMurray

Sessional Paper 399/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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:

2008 Alberta Capital Finance Authority, Annual Report

Sessional Paper 400/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 5, 2009, Department of Environment, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 401/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — Dr. Brown

Bill 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

#### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 2 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 2 Section 15 is amended
- (a) by adding “or” at the end of subsection (1)(b) and repealing subsection (1)(c);
  - (b) by repealing subsection 2(d)(viii) and substituting the following:
    - (vii) if a service charge is imposed, that it is refundable on the request of a producer, except in the case of a plan respecting producers of
      - (A) beef,
      - (B) pork,
      - (C) lamb, or
      - (D) potatoes,in which case the plan shall provide that a service charge is not refundable on the request of a producer;
- B Section 3 is amended by adding the following after the proposed section 23(5):
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) do not apply to plans respecting producers of
    - (a) beef,
    - (b) pork,
    - (c) lamb, or
    - (d) potatoes,
- C Section 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 4 Section 24 is amended in subsection (1)(a) by repealing subclause (ii) and substituting the following:
- (ii) in the case of a plan respecting producers of beef, pork, lamb or potatoes that is administered by a commission under which the service charges are not refundable, if the amendment is to the effect that the service charges will now be refundable,

D Section 6 is amended by adding the following after the proposed section 26.1(4):

- (5) This section does not apply to plans respecting producers of
- (a) beef,
  - (b) pork,
  - (c) lamb, or
  - (d) potatoes.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 6

Blakeman	Hehr	Pastoor
Chase	Kang	Swann

Against the amendment: 29

Ady	Griffiths	Morton
Benito	Horne	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Johnson	Olson
Blackett	Johnston	Prins
Boutilier	Leskiw	Quest
Campbell	Liepert	Renner
DeLong	Lindsay	Sarich
Drysdale	Lukaszuk	Webber
Evans	Marz	Zwozdesky
Fritz	McQueen	

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis
- Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — Dr. Brown
- Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Griffiths

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton



Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 43 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) —  
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 402/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1A) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 403/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1B) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 404/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1C) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 405/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1D) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 406/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1E) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 407/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1F) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 408/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1G) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 409/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1H) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 410/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1I) (Hon. Minister of Sustainable Resource  
Development) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 411/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 412/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 413/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 414/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on behalf  
of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 415/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A6) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on  
behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 416/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-  
Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 417/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf  
of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 418/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-  
Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 419/2009

Amendment to Bill 36 (A10) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf  
of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 420/2009

Amendment to Bill 41 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 421/2009

Amendment to Bill 41 (A2) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 422/2009

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:09 a.m. Thursday, May 28, 2009, until 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 28, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing May 31, 2009, as World No Tobacco Day.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding unsolved murders.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Lago Lindo Community League.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the dairy beverage container deposit system beginning June 1, 2009.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding a government initiative to provide \$4.2 million in funding to Alberta school jurisdictions to support the High School Completion Framework.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement recognizing June 2009 as Aboriginal Month and June 21, 2009, as National Aboriginal Day.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

21 letters from Albertans to Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, and several other addressees expressing support for keeping the Edmonton City Centre Airport open

Sessional Paper 423/2009

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated May 28, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to a question raised by Mr. MacDonald during Oral Question Period on April 22, 2009, regarding hosting expenses for the Minister's open houses at Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties conventions

Sessional Paper 424/2009

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay:

Publication, undated, entitled "Welcoming Communities: Planning for diverse populations" prepared by the Canadian Institute of Planners

Sessional Paper 425/2009

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

E-mail message dated April 6, 2009, from Ken Markkula to Liberal Communications expressing concern about his unanswered communications to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 426/2009

Petition signed by 126 Albertans requesting the government discontinue the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy as it relates to seniors

Sessional Paper 427/2009

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

4 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 428/2009

Letter dated April 20, 2009, from Holly Heffernan, President, Calgary and District Labour Council, on behalf of the Calgary and District Labour Council Women's Committee, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to the government no longer requiring child and youth care supervisors to be certified by the Child and Youth Care Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 429/2009

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

4 Alberta Government Aircraft Passenger Manifests dated April 1 to April 30, 2009

Sessional Paper 430/2009

### **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 1 to June 4, 2009:

Monday, June 1	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 32, 42 <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 33, 44, 45, 52 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, June 2	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 46, 48, 49, 50, 51 <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 32, 34, 35, 36, 41, 42, 43 And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009

	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 32, 34, 35, 36, 41, 42, 43 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, June 3	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 46, 48, 49, 50, 51 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, June 4	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 46, 48, 49, 50, 51 And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Drysdale on behalf of Mr. Dallas
- Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger on behalf of Mr. VanderBurg
- Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnston on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay
- Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis
- Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel on behalf of Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight on behalf of Mr. McFarland

- Bill 37 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 38 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 39 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale on behalf of Dr. Brown

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, June 1, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, June 1, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing June 2009 as Aboriginal History Month.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding a fire on May 31, 2009, at the Lifestyle Options assisted living facility in Edmonton.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing May 31 to June 6, 2009, as Canadian Environment Week, and June 5, 2009, as United Nations World Environment Day.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Neil Kennedy, a volunteer at the Bissell Centre in Edmonton.

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, made a statement recognizing June 1-7, 2009, as Seniors' Week.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding Ronald David Woodward, retiring President of Red Deer College.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 903 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly amend Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, by striking out section 9 to remove (a) the onus on school boards and teachers to enforce parental choice regarding teaching related to sexuality, sexual orientation and religion; and (b) the ability for school boards and teachers to be subjected to complaints before the Human Rights Commission for discussing these matters in class.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

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 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Lukaszuk

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Program from the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards presentation held in Edmonton on May 30, 2009

Sessional Paper 431/2009

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Copy of an online petition signed by 820 Albertans urging the government to enshrine into legislation the right of parents to be notified when school curriculum or materials include the explicit teaching of religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation as well as the right to opt children out of such curriculum or materials without penalty

Sessional Paper 432/2009

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Copy of an online petition signed by 784 Albertans urging the government to enshrine into legislation the right of parents to be notified when school curriculum or materials include the explicit teaching of religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation as well as the right to opt children out of such curriculum or materials without penalty

Sessional Paper 433/2009

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake (Minister of Transportation):

Copy of a petition signed by 449 grade six students from Crawford Plains School requesting a ban on hand-held cell phones while driving

Sessional Paper 434/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

3 recent e-mail messages from Tamara Gorzalka to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Tyler Gschaid to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Lawrence Porter to Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 435/2009

8 recent email messages from Edmonton residents to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 436/2009

84 recent e-mail messages from Alberta students expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 437/2009

Letter dated May 31, 2009, from Reverend Linda Hunter, Wild Rose United Church, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, also signed by 75 Calgary and area residents, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 438/2009

## **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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

A debate followed.

The question was put that Bill 205, Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009, be reported, which was agreed to.

With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Drysdale	Lukaszuk
Anderson	Elniski	Marz
Benito	Evans	McQueen
Berger	Forsyth	Morton
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Oberle
Blackett	Griffiths	Olson
Boutilier	Groeneveld	Quest
Campbell	Johnson	Renner
Danyluk	Johnston	Rodney
DeLong	Leskiw	Sarich
Denis	Liepert	Webber
Doerksen		

Against the motion: 3

Kang	MacDonald	Pastoor
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And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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 205 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill on May 25, 2009) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 439/2009

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act,  
2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**510.** Moved by Dr. Swann:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to protect paid farm workers while continuing to exempt family members and other unpaid labourers.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 3

Kang	Pastoor	Swann
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Against the motion: 29

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Sherman
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	McFarland	

**Adjournment**

The Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:08 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

**Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills****Third Reading****Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009, and absented himself from the debate and vote on the Bill.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — 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)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

Bill 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

**Third Reading**

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Third time because the proposed notice provisions contained in the Bill will cause a chill in expression that will adversely affect Alberta's education system.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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: 7

Blakeman	Mason	Swann
Chase	Notley	Taylor
Hehr		

Against the amendment: 35

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Horne	Quest
Boutilier	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Rodney
Dallas	Knight	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Stelmach
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	

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

For the motion: 35

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Horne	Quest
Boutilier	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Rodney
Dallas	Knight	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Stelmach
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	

Against the motion: 7

Blakeman	Mason	Swann
Chase	Notley	Taylor
Hehr		

Pursuant to Standing Order 49(3), the question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Horne	Quest
Boutilier	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Rodney
Dallas	Knight	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Stelmach
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	

Against the motion: 7

Blakeman	Mason	Swann
Chase	Notley	Taylor
Hehr		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Blackett

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Elniski

Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009, until 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 2, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing May 30 to June 7, 2009, as Brain Injury Awareness Week.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding carbon emissions and carbon levies.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement congratulating Henry Bergen on receiving an Alberta Order of Excellence on May 21, 2009.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2009.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Penbrook Meadows community cleanup held in Calgary on May 31, 2009.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding a signing ceremony held on May 23, 2009, for the commemorative integrity statement for the Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada and the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, presented a petition from 450 Fort McMurray residents urging the Government to not introduce a provincial ambulance service and promote municipal integrated fire and emergency medical services throughout the province.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 226 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly amend Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, by striking out section 9 to remove (a) the onus on school boards and teachers to enforce parental choice regarding teaching related to sexuality, sexual orientation and religion; and (b) the ability for school boards and teachers to be subjected to complaints before the Human Rights Commission for discussing these matters in class.

**Privilege - Advice From the Ethics Commissioner**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Ethics Commissioner advising Dr. Taft not to participate in debate on Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2). The decision, which the Ethics Commissioner agreed was improperly broad, prohibited and obstructed Dr. Taft to a degree that jeopardized the adequate disposal of his responsibilities and duties as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Program from the William Aberhart High School closing ceremonies held in Calgary on May 27, 2009

Sessional Paper 440/2009

E-mail message dated May 30, 2009, from Alison Ainsworth to Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, regarding a recent incident with a child welfare worker

Sessional Paper 441/2009

E-mail message dated May 19, 2009, from David Sulz of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, regarding noise created by off-road vehicles

Sessional Paper 442/2009

2 recent e-mail messages from Allison Leonhardt and Willow Brocke to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to the de-listing of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 443/2009

3 recent e-mail messages from Alison Steward of Calgary, Dr. Robert C. Dickson of Calgary, and Robin Doherty of Sherwood Park to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, with attached letter to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing opposition to the government eliminating funding for the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 444/2009

2 recent e-mail messages from Jackie Seidel and Andrea Gough to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and other Members of the Legislative Assembly with attached responses from Mr. Chase and e-mail message dated March 4, 2009, from Elisha Danielson to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, all expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 503

Sessional Paper 445/2009

E-mail message dated June 1, 2009, from Tyler Gschaid to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from curriculum involving sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 446/2009

5 recent e-mail messages and 2 recent letters from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, all expressing opposition to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy as it relates to seniors and to the government's continuing care strategy

Sessional Paper 447/2009

Letter dated April 15, 2009, from E.C. Thorn of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to increases in taxes on basic needs

Sessional Paper 448/2009

12 e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the government delisting chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 449/2009

Letter dated April 21, 2009, from Veronica M. Petri of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of Alberta Health Care Insurance premiums, the Alberta Health Services Board, and the delisting of chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 450/2009

Letter dated March 26, 2009, from Connie Slonski, Office Manager, Achilles Foot Clinic, attaching a petition signed by 284 Albertans requesting that podiatry services not be delisted

Sessional Paper 451/2009

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Booklet entitled "Inspiring People, 2008 Aboriginal Review" prepared by Syncrude Canada

Sessional Paper 452/2009

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on behalf of Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain (Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security):

Letter dated April 24, 2009, from Esther Gehlert of Stony Plain to Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, attaching a petition signed by several hundred Albertans requesting a full fatality inquiry into the death of Lorraine Adolph

Sessional Paper 453/2009



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

Copy of a petition signed by 9 Albertans urging the government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure

Sessional Paper 454/2009

Report dated March 2009 entitled "Chief Officer Report to the Board" prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 455/2009

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

Booklet, undated, entitled "Festivals and events" prepared by Travel Alberta

Sessional Paper 456/2009

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

E-mail message dated June 1, 2009, from Tyler Gschaid to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from curriculum involving sexual orientation, and e-mail message dated June 1, 2009, from P. Kathleen Shigemi to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, and expressing concern that teachers may be held liable

Sessional Paper 457/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

A copy of the final report and recommendation of the Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Sessional Paper 458/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Mason on March 16, 2009:

For the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average wait time each year for Service Alberta to process a person's request for a service or for information?

Sessional Paper 459/2009

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, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 460/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR10, asked for by Ms Notley on April 20, 2009:

For the period *December 1, 2006*, to December 31, 2008, a *summary report* of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.

Sessional Paper 461/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average amount of time taken by Children and Youth Services to find permanent placements for children in permanent government care?

Sessional Paper 462/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Oral Question Period on May 26, 2009, regarding the Alberta Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Sessional Paper 463/2009

### **Privilege - Advice From the Ethics Commissioner**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, raised a question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Ethics Commissioner advising Dr. Taft not to participate in debate on Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2). The decision, which the Ethics Commissioner agreed was improperly broad, prohibited and obstructed Dr. Taft to a degree that jeopardized the adequate disposal of his responsibilities and duties as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker heard from Dr. Taft, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Mr. Mason, and Dr. Brown.

The Speaker stated he would likely rule on the purported point of privilege the next sitting day.

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

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase moved the motion for Third Reading of Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

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: 6

Chase	MacDonald	Taft
Hehr	Mason	Taylor

Against the amendment: 31

Ady	Hancock	Quest
Allred	Horner	Redford
Anderson	Johnson	Renner
Benito	Johnston	Rodney
Bhardwaj	Lukaszuk	Rogers
Blackett	Marz	Sarich
Boutilier	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Brown	Morton	Vandermeer
Dallas	Oberle	Webber
Elniski	Prins	Woo-Paw
Griffiths		

The question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Lukaszuk

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

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Blackett on behalf of  
Hon. Mr. Knight

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

**Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — 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 Pr3 (A1) (Hon. Member for Red Deer-South) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 464/2009

**Third Reading**

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

Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 3, 2009

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

### **Privilege - Advice From the Ethics Commissioner**

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Riverview yesterday, June 2, 2009. To summarize, the Member's purported question of privilege was that the Ethics Commissioner interfered with the Member's ability to perform his functions by providing conflicting advice as to whether the Member could participate in debate on Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2). In documents provided to the Speaker in support of his purported question of privilege, the Member included letters from the Ethics Commissioner dated May 26, 2009, advising him that as a result of the holdings of the Member's father-in-law he had to recuse himself from participation in debate on the Bill and from voting, and a letter dated June 1, 2009, where the Ethics Commissioner apologized for his earlier advice and informed the Member he could participate in further debate and vote on Bill 43.

Under Standing Order 15(6) the Speaker's role in a question of privilege is to determine whether the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity and whether it constitutes a prima facie question of privilege. With respect to the formalities the Member indicated yesterday that he received the Ethics Commissioner's letter after the proceedings in the Assembly had commenced on June 1. He provided notice to the Speaker's office at 10:55 a.m. on June 2, which the Chair finds to be in compliance with Standing Order 15(2), and the Chair finds that the matter was raised at the earliest opportunity.

At the outset the Chair notes that it was clear from the Member for Edmonton-Riverview's comments yesterday that he was driven by a desire to comply with the rules that the Members have set for themselves in the Conflicts of Interest Act while wanting to participate in debate on a matter for which he had prepared extensively. His justified frustration was apparent.

While this matter was raised by one particular Member, it reflects a sentiment that is found throughout the Assembly of Members being dedicated to observing the rules while wanting to represent their constituents.

In this case there is no doubt that the Member was prevented from participating in the debate at Committee stage on Bill 43. However, any obstruction that occurred was because of advice from an Officer of the Legislature whose mandate and functions are set out in the Conflicts of Interest Act. The Member did not suggest that there was any malicious intent on the part of the Commissioner or that the Commissioner was acting outside the scope of his duties.

The Ethics Commissioner occupies a unique position as the Assembly has delegated to that individual the ability to know a Member's and his or her family's most intimate financial details and to apply the Conflicts of Interest Act in a fair and even-handed manner. It is a position of ultimate trust. While the position and duties are defined by a statute, his recommendations are subject to debate and approval by the Assembly when he proposes a sanction against a Member. Just as the Commissioner must expect Members to be forthright in their disclosures, Members have the right to expect that the decisions and advice from the Commissioner are rigorous and consistent.

In this case the Commissioner admitted to having made a mistake which deprived the Member of his ability to participate in a critical phase of the legislative process.

In conducting research on this matter, the Chair discovered that on October 6, 2005, Speaker Milliken of the Canadian House of Commons found that there was a prima facie question of privilege involving the actions of the then Ethics Commissioner, Dr. Bernard Shapiro, which can be found at House of Commons Debates pages 8473-8474. The matter was referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, which found that the Commissioner was in contempt of the House but did not recommend any sanctions or penalty. That report was presented in the House of Commons on November 18, 2005. In that case the issue was that the Commissioner discussed a complaint against a Member with the media in violation of his duty of confidentiality and that the Member was not provided with written notice of the investigation and the charges against him.

In this case the Ethics Commissioner was fulfilling his duty to provide advice to a Member. The essence of the complaint is that the advice was wrong, which was admitted by the Commissioner, and that the error deprived the Member of his ability to participate in debate.

The Assembly is not without recourse against Officers. For instance, under section 36 of the Conflicts of Interest Act the Ethics Commissioner may be suspended or removed from office for cause or incapacity by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Assembly. If the Assembly is not sitting, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices may recommend suspension, but that suspension is only effective until the end of the next sitting of the Assembly.

The Conflicts of Interest Act is a code for Members. It does not provide for an appeal of advice provided by the Commissioner. The Chair is reluctant to find there is a prima facie question of privilege as that could be interpreted as providing an avenue for appeal for Members from advice from the Ethics Commissioner.

The Chair would as well like to make a comment on something said by another Member during his participation in the debate on this purported question of privilege. It is this Chair's view, and one supported by the Conflicts of Interest Act that Members must act in accordance with advice from the Ethics Commissioner. Under section 43(5) of the Act, no proceeding can be taken against a Member "by reason only of the facts so communicated and the compliance of the Member, former Minister or former . . . staff member with the recommendations." In short, Members should not engage in opinion shopping as they are only protected if they comply with the Ethics Commissioner's advice.

At this time the Chair is of the view that there is no prima facie question of privilege but does not want to end the matter there. In the Chair's view the Member was most gracious in speaking to the issue of remedy. He was not seeking a proverbial pound of flesh but wanted to ensure that there were measures undertaken to review what constitutes a conflict of interest so that Members could perform their functions while not furthering their private interests.

In the Chair's view there is much merit to this suggestion. Even prior to this question of privilege, discussions were underway to ensure that caucuses and officials could provide their views to the Ethics Commissioner so that there was harmony between the intent of Members in enacting the legislation and the Commissioner in interpreting it. Towards that end, there are some actions that the Chair would like to advise Members of that will or, in the Chair's view, should occur.

The Ethics Commissioner has agreed to meet with caucuses to discuss and receive input on the application of the Conflicts of Interest Act. This invitation must be taken up.

Parliamentary Counsel and counsel from the Department of Justice and Attorney General are to meet with the Ethics Commissioner to discuss the background to the Act, previous reviews of the Act, and approaches to interpretation.

The Speaker and Minister of Justice and Attorney General are available to discuss any issues that the Ethics Commissioner might have concerning the application of the Act.

The Ethics Commissioner is to provide prior to the commencement of the Fall sitting a general overview on the interpretation of the Act with respect to what might constitute a private interest of such a nature to require a Member to absent himself or herself from the proceedings of the Assembly, committee, or other forum.

The Chair reminds Members that a Select Special Committee of the Assembly under the chairmanship of the Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, reviewed the Conflicts of Interest Act a few years ago. The committee issued its report in May of 2006. The Bill resulting from that review was introduced in the Assembly on April 18, 2007, considered by a Policy Field Committee, and given Royal Assent on December 7, 2007. It came into effect on April 1, 2008. The Chair points this out as there is a great deal of background material on this subject found in the report and the proceedings of the committees. Research should be done, in fact, with the historical records of that committee.

While it is hoped that any consultations are productive, the Chair would like to offer a comment as he is not a disinterested observer in the proceedings in this Assembly. In fact, it is the Chair who witnesses and deals directly with the impact that the Ethics Commissioner's rulings and advice have on the deliberations in this Assembly.

As the discussions move forward, the Chair hopes that all are mindful that constituents often expect that their elected representative's experience will play a part in the decision-making process. Of course, no one is disputing that if, for example, a Member or a direct associate would derive a real and tangible benefit from a contract or such, the Member should recuse him or herself from the deliberations. The issue is where to draw the line between private interest and public duty.

One of the recommendations of the Select Special Committee that reviewed the Act in 2005-06 was that the preamble be expanded to include provisions such as:

"The Assembly as a whole can represent the people of Alberta most effectively if its Members have experience and knowledge in relation to many aspects of life of Alberta and if they can continue to be active in their own communities, whether in business, in the practice of a profession, or otherwise.

A Member's duty to represent his or her constituents includes broadly representing his or her constituents' interests in the Assembly and to the Government of Alberta."

Bill 2 amended the Conflicts of Interest Act to add a new recital to the preamble which reads:

"Whereas Members of the Legislative Assembly can serve Albertans most effectively if they come from a spectrum of occupations and continue to participate actively in the community;"

In the Chair's view these principles are a good basis on which to guide discussion on the interpretation of the Act.



**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, and Mr. Mitzel, Deputy Chair of Committees presented the departing Pages with a gift.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 12th annual Minister's Seniors' Service Awards.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing June 1-7, 2009, as Seniors' Week.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing June 15, 2009, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for a new runway and tunnel at the Calgary International Airport.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers Stewardship of Excellence Awards.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the University of Lethbridge's five-year strategic plan.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

E-mail message dated May 31, 2009, from Nate Gartke of Spruce Grove to Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, expressing support for Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, and in particular for section 11 of the Act

Sessional Paper 465/2009

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

Booklet, undated, entitled "Canada in Brief" prepared by Harpreet Singh Sandhu, Geographical Cultural Exchange and Tourism Promotion Organization, India

Sessional Paper 466/2009

Booklet, undated, entitled "Guru's Word" prepared by Harpreet Singh Sandhu

Sessional Paper 467/2009

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Ouellette on behalf of Mr. Drysdale

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the motion for Third Reading of Bill 30, Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009, be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Third time because the Bill limits the liability of motor vehicle rental companies to \$1,000,000 and thereby fails to protect the interests of individuals injured in motor vehicle accidents.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Ouellette on behalf of Mr. Drysdale

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Horne

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — Dr. Brown

- Bill 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson  
Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Ms Redford  
Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Rogers

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Elniski

Mr. Johnston, 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 Pr2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 468/2009

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 469/2009

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson  
Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Elniski  
Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(a) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:13 p.m. until Monday, October 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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**FALL SITTING**

OCTOBER 26, 2009 TO NOVEMBER 26, 2009

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Monday, October 26, 2009

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

### **Introduction of a New Member**

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-Glenmore containing the results of the by-election conducted on September 14, 2009, in the constituency and the said report further showed that Paul Hinman was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Glenmore.

Mr. Hinman then proceeded from the Bar to the Mace. The Speaker presented Mr. Hinman to the Assembly, and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore took his seat.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow for the conclusion of Introduction of Guests and Ministerial Statements.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding the launch of the H1N1 influenza vaccine program across the province.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

### **Speaker's Ruling - Oral Question Period**

Just a brief statement for clarity with respect to the order of question period with a changed situation in the Legislative Assembly. The Routine today and tomorrow, that is day one and day two of this Session, will be exactly the same as it was when we left here in June earlier this year. On Wednesday the fifth question will go to the Member for Calgary-Glenmore and replace the ordinary government question, and on Thursday the fifth question, which is ordinarily a government question, will go to the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo. During tablings this afternoon I'll table a schematic to deal with this particular matter.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding astronaut Robert Thirsk and his mission on the International Space Station.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2009 Premier's Awards of Excellence.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the It's a Crime Not to Read Program involving the Calgary Public Library and the Calgary Police Service.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding fiscal accountability.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing October 26, 2009, as National School Library Day and October 2009 as Canada Library Month.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow the Assembly to conclude the Daily Routine.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing October 26-30, 2009, as Family Doctor Week in Canada.

### **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, was not in order to be presented.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

Bill 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Webber

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 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay:

Report, undated, entitled "Racism-Free Workplace Strategy, Breaking the Barriers, National Summary" prepared by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Sessional Paper 500/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Book of Proceedings, Breaking the Barriers Open Session, Racism-Free Works!" prepared by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Sessional Paper 501/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated June 19, 2009, from Katherine Wilson of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern with the health care system

Sessional Paper 502/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated September 4, 2009, from Margaret Doran of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter, undated, unsigned, to Dr. Stephen Duckett, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services, regarding articles written by Dr. Duckett

Sessional Paper 503/2009

E-mail message dated August 21, 2009, from Jenny Adams of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern that medical treatment is taking place in a tent at the Stollery Children's Hospital

Sessional Paper 504/2009

Letter dated September 17, 2009, from Marianne B. Hemery of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, asking why electric cars are not road legal in Alberta

Sessional Paper 505/2009

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

Chart entitled "Oral Question Period Rotation, Fall Sitting - 2nd Session, 27th Legislature, Effective October 26, 2009"

Sessional Paper 506/2009

Projected Sitting Days Calendar for the 2009 Fall sitting

Sessional Paper 507/2009

Letter dated October 19, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting his resignation from the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, and the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee

Sessional Paper 508/2009

Letter dated October 23, 2009, from Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the Conflicts of Interest Act as it relates to private interest, with attached pamphlet entitled "Conflicts of Interest, Quick Guide to Determining Whether My Interest is a 'Private Interest'"

Sessional Paper 509/2009

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, Second Session, Fall 2009"

Sessional Paper 510/2008

Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2), Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 511/2009

Pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28, Alberta Ombudsman, 42nd Annual Report, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 512/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on May 6, 2009, Department of Children and Youth Services, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 513/2009

## **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 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

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

Bill 208 Life Leases Act — Mr. Mitzel

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Denis speaking.

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

The following Motion Other Than a Government Motion was not moved and was removed from the Order Paper.

**511.** Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how complaints are addressed by the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to ensure a fair process for both complainants and respondents.



**513.** Moved by Mr. Kang:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that all vehicles purchased through the executive vehicle allowance be low-emission vehicles.

A debate followed.

Unanimous consent was granted 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 defeated. With Mr. Mitzel in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Blakeman	Hehr	McQueen
Chase	Horne	Renner
Dallas	Kang	Sarich
Denis		

Against the motion: 20

Benito	Elniski	Lukaszuk
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Morton
Blackett	Groeneveld	Oberle
Danyluk	Jacobs	Prins
DeLong	Johnson	Rodney
Doerksen	Johnston	Webber
Drysdale	Knight	

### **Intersessional Deposits**

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

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

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 27, 2009, deposited on June 18, 2009:

Which hospitals had to shut down wards (temporarily or indefinitely) due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and January 31, 2009, which wards were shut down and for how long?

Sessional Paper 470/2009

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister Responsible for International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009, deposited on June 18, 2009:

Copies of all current protocols surrounding the proposal and selection process for approving Ministers' foreign travel plans.

Sessional Paper 471/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR9, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009, deposited on June 18, 2009:

A copy of the agreement signed by the Premier on January 16, 2009, at the First Ministers' Meeting regarding amendments to the Agreement on Internal Trade.

Sessional Paper 472/2009

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

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

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 473/2009

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 474/2009

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2007/2008, with attached Financial Statements dated June 30, 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 475/2009

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2007-2008, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 476/2009

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4), College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 477/2009

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

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2007/08, with attached Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 478/2009

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 479/2009

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 480/2009

College of Alberta Denturists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 481/2009

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 482/2009

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, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 483/2009

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2):

Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 63rd Annual Meeting Report, March 17, 2009, deposited on July 9, 2009

Sessional Paper 484/2009

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS) Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report, Reporting Period: April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009), with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2009, and attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Compliance Certificate dated July 10, 2009, deposited on July 20, 2009

Sessional Paper 485/2009

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, 2009, deposited on July 20, 2009

Sessional Paper 486/2009

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

Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2008-2009 Annual Report, deposited on July 23, 2009

Sessional Paper 487/2009

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 2008-2009 and Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2009, deposited on July 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 488/2009

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Annual Report 08/09, deposited on August 26, 2009

Sessional Paper 489/2009

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Ms Notley on April 20, 2009, deposited on August 26, 2009:

Copies of all reports and associated backgrounders containing analysis done on such reports regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

Sessional Paper 490/2009

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 2009, deposited on August 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 491/2009

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, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on September 3, 2009

Sessional Paper 492/2009

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, 2008-2009 Annual Report, deposited on September 11, 2009

Sessional Paper 493/2009

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, Annual Report 2008-2009, deposited on October 5, 2009

Sessional Paper 494/2009

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

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters, 2008-2009 Annual Report, deposited on October 7, 2009

Sessional Paper 495/2009

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the One Hundredth Annual General Meeting (2009), deposited on October 8, 2009

Sessional Paper 496/2009

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

Alberta Ombudsman, 42nd Annual Report, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, deposited on October 13, 2009

Sessional Paper 497/2009

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2):

Farmers' Advocate Office, 2008/2009 Annual Report and Farm Implement Board Financial Statements, deposited on October 20, 2009

Sessional Paper 498/2009

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009, deposited on October 22, 2009:

How much money has been spent on the "Alberta's brand campaign" in the United States in the fiscal year 2007/2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009?

Sessional Paper 499/2009

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, October 27, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing October 2009 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2009, as Waste Reduction Week.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the House of Refuge Mission in Edmonton.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Alberta Hospital Edmonton implementation team.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Piikani First Nation housing project, a partnership between Alberta Employment and Immigration, the Federal Government, and the Piikani First Nation.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement recognizing the work of firefighters, military personnel, and law enforcement officers.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

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

Bill 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Copy of a petition signed by 1,386 Albertans requesting Alberta Health Services re-examine a decision to relocate ambulance dispatch services to Calgary from Medicine Hat

Sessional Paper 514/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated September 20, 2009, from Ian and May Dalziel to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, suggesting legislation be amended to limit the number of rental units in condominium high rise buildings to 20 percent

Sessional Paper 515/2009

Letter dated September 24, 2009, from Lawrence Landry of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding incomplete renovations at École J.H. Picard School in Edmonton and how they affect the French immersion program

Sessional Paper 516/2009

E-mail message dated October 6, 2009, from Walter Sheluk to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 517/2009

E-mail message dated September 22, 2009, from Anthony Falls of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, suggesting Alberta Hospital Edmonton be redeveloped rather than closing beds

Sessional Paper 518/2009

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

Letter dated August 24, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 16, 2009, regarding the three-year deficit elimination plan for Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 519/2009

Copy of a petition signed by 19 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly vote against Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 520/2009

Report entitled "Accommodation Expenses from the Government of Alberta Blue Book for the Year Ended March 31, 2008 and the Blue Book for the Year ended March 31, 2009 - Hotel" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 521/2009

Report entitled "Accommodation Expenses from the Government of Alberta Blue Book for the Year Ended March 31, 2008 and the Blue Book for the Year ended March 31, 2009 - Restaurant/Caterer" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 522/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copies of seven photographs of unmanned injection stations at the Westmount influenza clinic dated 5:00 p.m., October 26, 2009

Sessional Paper 523/2009

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

Report, undated, entitled "Future of Uranium Public Consultation Process: Executive Summary" prepared by Dan Perrins, Chair

Sessional Paper 524/2009

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

ATB Financial, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 525/2009

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 526/2009

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Motions**

16. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities.

A debate followed.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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

**Speaker's Statement - Centennial Window**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the City of Edmonton's gift to the Assembly of the stained glass Centennial Window, located in the Public Gallery, commemorating 100 Years of Democracy in Alberta. The Speaker recognized the artists, Barbara and Pawel Jozefowicz, who were unable to attend the unveiling. The Speaker also introduced several guests related to the project from the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Arts Council, and Alberta Infrastructure.



## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement calling for nominations for the 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding input received from Alberta seniors at province-wide health care forums organized by the Official Opposition.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Baby Heroes diaper drive campaign organized by Terra Centre, which provides assistance to pregnant and parenting teenagers in Edmonton.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the live satellite hookup between the International Space Station and County Central High School in Vulcan on September 23, 2009.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing October 2009 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding The Doorway, an organization which helps young adults living on the streets move into mainstream society.

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

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(d):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report  
2008-2009

Sessional Paper 527/2009

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, presented a petition from 122 Calgary residents urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,032 Albertans objecting to the development and use of nuclear power in Alberta, and urging the Government of Alberta 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 209 Children's Services Review Committee Act — Mr. Chase

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Alta. Reg. 49/2008 s9(2):

Capital Region Board, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 528/2009

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 529/2009

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 530/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated September 1, 2009, from Kevin and Pascal Wallace of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to bed closures at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 531/2009

2 e-mail messages, the first dated September 11, 2009, from Ken and Pat MacDonald, and the second dated October 13, 2009, from Roger and Georgina Lufkin to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, both requesting that plans to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton continue

Sessional Paper 532/2009

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

Letter dated August 7, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting information on the liquidation of funds by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 533/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne:

Copy of a letter, undated, from Mildred Dunlop of Whitecourt to the Mayor and Town of Whitecourt, with an attached petition, expressing the need for an extended care facility in Whitecourt

Sessional Paper 534/2009

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

Letter dated October 27, 2009, from Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting his resignation from the Standing Committee on Health

Sessional Paper 535/2009

### **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, c34, s13(3):

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, and Wildlife Foundation, 2008/2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 536/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Standing Committees be approved:

- A. Special Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:  
that Mr. Rogers replace Hon. Mr. Webber
- B. Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing:  
that Hon. Ms Redford be appointed to fill a vacancy
- C. Standing Committee on Resources and Environment:  
that Mr. Denis replace Hon. Mr. Webber  
that Mr. Jacobs replace Mr. Griffiths
- D. Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services:  
that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Jacobs

- E. Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee:  
that Mr. Rogers replace Hon. Mr. Webber
- F. Standing Committee on Economy:  
that Mr. Hinman be appointed to fill a vacancy.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**16.** Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities.

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved the motion be amended by striking out “the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds” and substituting “the issue of a maximum of \$250 million in Alberta Capital Bonds”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the motion.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by striking out “the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities” and substituting “the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government for a maximum term of 10 years in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the motion.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved the motion be amended by striking out “in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities” and substituting “in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities by Alberta companies”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, October 29, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding a visit by the government caucus to Canadian Forces Base Edmonton on October 22, 2009.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the Energy Efficiency Rebate program.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding doda, an addictive opiate substance.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Pincher Creek Community Health Centre.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the nursing shortage in Alberta.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from over 1,200 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly vote against Bill 50 (Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009).

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation to de-insure abortion in Alberta.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick
- Bill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

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

- Bill 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick
- Bill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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 2008-09

Sessional Paper 537/2009

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2008-09 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 538/2009

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s15(2), Historical Resources Fund, 2008-09 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 539/2009

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3), Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2008-09

Sessional Paper 540/2009

Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, Annual Review, April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 541/2009

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

9 recent e-mail messages from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to funding cuts for schools

Sessional Paper 542/2009

E-mail message dated August 30, 2009, from Leslie Zydek of Edmonton to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, attaching the text of a letter sent to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, requesting the government honour the agreement to increase teachers' salaries by 5.99 percent  
Sessional Paper 543/2009

E-mail message dated September 10, 2009, from Joan Farkas of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to rising school fees and funding cuts to education and health and social services  
Sessional Paper 544/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report, undated, entitled "Dashed Dreams, New Realities, Calgarians Talk Frankly About the Impact of the Economic Downturn" prepared by Alberta Global Forum, University of Calgary, Calgary Counselling Centre, Calgary Foundation, Canada West Foundation, and Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership

Sessional Paper 545/2009

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "65th Anniversary, Ukrainian Museum of Canada of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada, Alberta Branch, 1944-2009"  
Sessional Paper 546/2009

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

Letter dated August 25, 2009, from Dr. Clark Mills, President, Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the de-listing of chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 547/2009

Letter dated August 20, 2009, from Chris Sheard, Interim Chair, Capital Region Board, to Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, and Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, expressing support for the GreenTRIP program and requesting that the government make the program a priority

Sessional Paper 548/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated July 31, 2007, entitled "EDM - Adult Critical Care Triage and Resource Allocation Protocol for Pandemic Influenza" prepared by Hamilton Health Sciences

Sessional Paper 549/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

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

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the Year End June 30, 2009, with attached Financial Statements of the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors dated June 30, 2009

Sessional Paper 550/2009

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2006 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008, with attached Financial Statements of the Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program dated December 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 551/2009

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2008 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program - Schedule of Funds Received and Disbursed and Cash Balance

Sessional Paper 552/2009

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 553/2009

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 554/2009

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, with attached Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 555/2009

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, Annual Report 2008

Sessional Paper 556/2009

### **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 2 to November 5, 2009:



- Tuesday, November 3            **Government Bills and Orders**  
   **Second Reading**  
   Bill 46, 48, 49, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60  
   **Committee of the Whole**  
   Bill 31, 46, 48, 49  
   And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, November 4       **Government Bills and Orders**  
   **Second Reading**  
   Bill 53, 54  
   **Committee of the Whole**  
   Bill 55  
   **Third Reading**  
   Bill 46, 48, 49  
   And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, November 5         **Government Bills and Orders**  
   **Second Reading**  
   Bill 56  
   **Committee of the Whole**  
   Bill 53, 54, 56  
   **Third Reading**  
   Bill 31, 53, 54, 55  
   And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

**16.** Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Brown speaking.

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 2, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, November 2, 2009

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 new plan for the H1N1 influenza vaccine program.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating Devon Energy on receiving the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers' 2009 Steward of Excellence President's Award.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the opening of the new Stoney Trail ring road in Calgary on November 2, 2009.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the government's preparedness for the H1N1 pandemic influenza program.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding a fundraising event held in Edmonton on October 27, 2009, organized by the Edmonton Chinese community in support of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing November 2, 2009, as the 540th anniversary of the birth of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, and regarding the efforts of the Edmonton Sikh community to raise funds for several organizations.

## Presenting Petitions

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 113 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

## Notices of Motions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of 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 government's inadequate preparations for the pandemic H1N1 influenza program.

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

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

Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated October 27, 2009, from Faith Paul of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding the benefits of keeping Alberta Hospital Edmonton open

Sessional Paper 557/2009

Friends of Medicare web site notice entitled "Stop the Cuts! Rally, November 7, 11:30 a.m."

Sessional Paper 558/2009

**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 government's inadequate preparations for the pandemic H1N1 influenza program.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker called upon Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m., until Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 3, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement recognizing the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing November 2009 as Family Violence Prevention Month.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the government's health care spending practices.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the book entitled "Dream Out Loud" written by Nancy and Jim McPhee, about their five-year-old son Steven's campaign to collect backpacks for homeless children and shoes for school children, resulting in the creation of Stephen's Backpack Society.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing November 2-6, 2009, as Pan-Canadian Paralympic School Week.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement outlining Calgary-Glenmore constituents' concerns regarding the government's accountability on health care and financial issues.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 51 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Alberta Liberal Caucus web site article, undated, entitled “Statement from David Swann, MD and Leader of the Official Opposition, on H1N1 Immunization”  
Sessional Paper 559/2009

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, 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 2008/2009  
Sessional Paper 560/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 2008-2009 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 561/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 e-mail messages, the first dated October 27, 2009, from Ann Campbell, and the second dated November 2, 2009, from Victoria Stevens of Edmonton, both to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the government's handling of H1N1 influenza immunization clinics  
Sessional Paper 562/2009

E-mail message dated October 27, 2009, from Julie McGuire of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Alberta's declining grizzly bear population and requesting specific action by the government

Sessional Paper 563/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated September 16, 2009, from Doug Pruden of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding the records Mr. Pruden holds for one-arm pushups, with several related attachments  
Sessional Paper 564/2009

**Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5):

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1 - December 31, 2008  
Sessional Paper 565/2009

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

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

Bill 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 —  
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 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

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

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

Bill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — 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 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

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

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

Bill 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

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 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

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

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

Bill 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

Bill 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

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 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Chase 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 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — 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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Lukaszuk

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

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 31 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 566/2009

## Government Motions

**16.** Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m., until Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 4, 2009

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

## Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the 21st annual Great White North Pumpkin Fair and Weigh-off held in Smoky Lake on October 3, 2009.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement congratulating the students of St. Thomas More School in Edmonton on receiving the first Youth Engagement Environmental Grant.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for the Calgary Airport Authority to include an airport tunnel in its plan to construct an additional runway.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo constituents' expectations of government accountability.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Edmonton-Decore constituent Matthew Rice and the work of the Life Saving Society.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the annual Agri-Trade Farm Equipment Expo to be held in Red Deer from November 11-14, 2009.



## Presenting Petitions

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on behalf of Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood (Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development), presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 122 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

The petition put forth by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, was not in order to be presented.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated July 16, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting a copy of Alberta Health Services' three-year plan to eliminate its accumulated \$342 million deficit

Sessional Paper 567/2009

Letter dated July 16, 2009, from Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Labour, Government of Canada, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, acknowledging Mr. MacDonald's letter dated June 12, 2009, regarding changes to the Employment Insurance program in Alberta

Sessional Paper 568/2009

## 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, 2008 - March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 569/2009

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

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 570/2009

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

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2008  
Sessional Paper 571/2009

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual  
Report, April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009  
Sessional Paper 572/2009

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2008  
Sessional Paper 573/2009

Authorized Accredited Agencies Activity Summary 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 574/2009

Authorized Accredited Agencies Activity Summary 2007-2008  
Sessional Paper 575/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Lukaszuk

### Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Auditor General Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mitzel (Chair)	Campbell	Marz
Lund (Deputy Chair)	Lukaszuk	Notley
Blakeman	MacDonald	Rogers

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Auditor General 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.

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of government business for the remainder of the 2009 Fall sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 48, the Crown's Right of Recovery Act, be not now read a Second time, but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Health in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

A debate followed.

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 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

A debate followed.

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 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Dr. Morton on behalf  
of Hon. Mr. Webber

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 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m., until Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 5, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day, November 11, 2009.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing November 1-7, 2009, as National Down Syndrome Awareness Week, and regarding Tanya Ponich for her support and advocacy for individuals with Down Syndrome.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay which will pass through Alberta on November 6, 2009, and again from January 13-21, 2010.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding civic participation and Canadian citizenship.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the centennial of the community of Grouard.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding education funding.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, presented a petition from 74 Calgary residents urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Research paper dated November 2, 2009, entitled "Transmission Policy in Alberta and Bill 50" prepared by the University of Calgary School of Public Policy  
Sessional Paper 576/2009

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Travel Alberta Stay magazine for the period from October 29, 2009, to April 30, 2010  
Sessional Paper 577/2009

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

Letter dated July 27, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Bev Esslinger, Board Chair, Edmonton Public School Board of Trustees, regarding Edmonton Public School's Ten-Year Facilities Plan, 2009-2018  
Sessional Paper 578/2009

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

Report entitled "Speak Out, Alberta Student Engagement Initiative, Year in Review 2008-09" prepared by Alberta Education  
Sessional Paper 579/2009

### Tablings to the Clerk

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on May 6, 2009, Department of Solicitor General and Public Security, Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 580/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Ms Notley on behalf of Mr. Mason on April 20, 2009:

Copies of the current job descriptions for *the following* positions in the Public Affairs Bureau: *Directors, Directors of Communications, Executive Directors, and the Managing Director.*

Sessional Paper 581/2009

### 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 16 to November 19, 2009:

Monday, November 16	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bill 51, 53
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bill 48, 54, 55, 56
		<b>Third Reading</b>
		Bill 46
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, November 17	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bill 50
		And as per the Order Paper

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 57, 58  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 51, 53  
**Third Reading**  
 Bill 48, 54, 55, 56  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, November 18 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 50  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Order**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 59, 60, 61  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 57, 58  
**Third Reading**  
 Bill 51, 53  
 As per the Order Paper
- Thursday, November 19 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 50  
 And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 —  
 Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald 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 51 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Webber

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, November 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, November 16, 2009

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing November 16, 2009, as National Philanthropy Day.

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



Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement. Unanimous consent was not granted.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding St. Michael's Extended Care Centre Society.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing November 16-20, 2009, as International Education Week.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Department of Health and Wellness and its administration of the public health system.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing November 15-21, 2009, as National Bullying Awareness Week.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement recognizing November 2009 as National 4-H Month.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the commemoration ceremony in honour of Louis Riel held in the Legislature Building on November 16, 2009.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from approximately 1,500 Albertans urging the Government to free up the allocated construction money for the Good Samaritan Care Centre and start building the facility immediately.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, presented a petition from 44 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Petition signed by 282 Albertans requesting that the requirements for training and updating qualifications for massage practitioners practising prior to the inception of new legislation be grandfathered

Sessional Paper 582/2009

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

Letter dated November 2, 2009, from Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's inquiry in the Assembly on October 27, 2009, regarding the Ministry of Children and Youth Services' 2008-09 expenses at Radisson hotels

Sessional Paper 583/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Listing of events for Exposure's The Queer Body festival held from November 13-21, 2009

Sessional Paper 584/2009

E-mail message dated November 9, 2009, from Cara Kane to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for parts 2, 3, and 4 of Bill 48, Crown's Right of Recovery Act

Sessional Paper 585/2009

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

Information package dated November 9, 2009, prepared by the Save Our Fine Arts Organizational Committee

Sessional Paper 586/2009

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

Letter dated July 7, 2009, unaddressed, from F.W. (Rick) Brick, Executive Director, Human Resources, Health and Wellness, seeking the services of an executive firm to assist in the recruitment of additional members for the Alberta Health Services Board

Sessional Paper 587/2009

**Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 588/2009

- Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:  
Advanced Education and Technology, 2008-09 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 589/2009
- Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:  
Agriculture and Rural Development, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 590/2009
- Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:  
Children and Youth Services, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 591/2009
- Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:  
Culture and Community Spirit, Annual Report 2008-09  
Sessional Paper 592/2009
- Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:  
Education, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 593/2009
- Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:  
Employment and Immigration, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 594/2009
- Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:  
Energy, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 595/2009
- Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:  
Environment, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 596/2009
- Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:  
Executive Council, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 597/2009
- Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:  
Finance and Enterprise, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 598/2009
- Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:  
Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2008-2009, Section I  
Sessional Paper 599/2009  
Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2008-2009, Section II  
Sessional Paper 600/2009

- Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:  
Housing and Urban Affairs, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 601/2009
- Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure:  
Infrastructure, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 602/2009
- Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:  
International and Intergovernmental Relations, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 603/2009
- Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:  
Justice, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 604/2009
- Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs:  
Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 605/2009
- Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:  
Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 606/2009
- Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:  
Service Alberta, Annual Report 2008-09  
Sessional Paper 607/2009
- Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:  
Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 608/2009
- Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:  
Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 609/2009
- Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:  
Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Annual Report 2008-09  
Sessional Paper 610/2009
- Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:  
Transportation, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 611/2009
- Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:  
Treasury Board, Annual Report 2008-2009  
Sessional Paper 612/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Consolidated Financial Statements of the Government of Alberta, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 613/2009

Measuring Up, Progress Report on the Government of Alberta Business Plan, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 614/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

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 206 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 615/2009

Amendment to Bill 206 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 616/2009

**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**516.** Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the qualifications, skills, knowledge, and personal development that military personnel gain from training and service while in the Canadian Forces as equivalent to civilian qualifications.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m., until Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the success of Edmonton Northlands and the Canadian Finals Rodeo held from November 11-15, 2009.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding two inter-municipal cost sharing agreements signed by Northern Sunrise County and the Town of Peace River.

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

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the opening of the Médiathèque French Multimedia Library in Calgary on October 17, 2009.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the government's Inspiring Education initiative.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement congratulating Tara-Jean Popowich on winning the CTV reality show "So You Think You Can Dance" and the University of Lethbridge women's Pronghorn rugby team on winning the national championship in Vancouver on November 9, 2009.

## Presenting Petitions

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 182 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 319 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Program from the Alberta Teachers' Association, Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37, New Teacher Induction Ceremony held on November 16, 2009  
Sessional Paper 617/2009

18 recent e-mail messages from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts  
Sessional Paper 618/2009

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

2 e-mail messages, the first dated November 6, 2009, from Roger L. Gagne of Calgary and the second dated November 9, 2009, from William G.R. Partridge, Executive Vice President, Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Calgary Region, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, both expressing opposition to Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 619/2009

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

Draft report dated May 28, 2009, entitled "Alberta Seniors and Community Supports, Long-Term Care Accommodations, Variable Fee Structure Advisory Team, Session Summary" prepared by Andrea Mondor Management Consulting Ltd.

Sessional Paper 620/2009

Report entitled "Hunger Count 2009" prepared by Food Banks Canada

Sessional Paper 621/2009

### **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 Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 622/2009

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 623/2009

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 624/2009

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2008

Sessional Paper 625/2009

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Health Quality Council of Alberta, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 626/2009

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 08/09 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 627/2009

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 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 628/2009

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, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 629/2009



## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved the motion be amended by striking out all words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Second time because the Bill fails to provide for public consultation prior to the approval of critical transmission infrastructure.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

Bill 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 57 Court of Queen’s Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

#### **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 51 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Webber

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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 48 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) —  
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 630/2009

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act — Mr. Quest

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the first annual Carl Benito Awards of Excellence at a ceremony held on November 14, 2009.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 2009 Alberta Tourism Awards.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Barb Dacks, owner and publisher of Legacy, Alberta's Cultural Heritage Magazine.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing November 2-6, 2009, as Canadian Patient Safety Week.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the opening of the Alberta Rhodiola Rosea Growers Organization's facility in Thorsby on October 30, 2009.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing November 16, 2009, as the International Day for Tolerance.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 862 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 317 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current number of acute care mental health beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 37 Albertans urging the Government to include complex decongestive therapy in the list of accepted therapeutic procedures covered by Alberta Health Care.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

3 recent e-mail messages from Habib Syed, Nasser Hamid, and Al Epp to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, with attached letter from Nasser Hamid dated September 24, 2009, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly all expressing opposition to Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 631/2009

17 recent e-mail messages from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 632/2009

Report entitled “A Strong Idea” prepared by the University of Calgary  
Sessional Paper 633/2009

Publication dated Fall 2009 entitled “U” prepared by the University of Calgary  
Sessional Paper 634/2009

Program from the Calgary Homeless Foundation’s National Housing Day 5th  
Annual Breakfast  
Sessional Paper 635/2009

Program from the University of Calgary Medical Students’ Rich Man Poor Man  
fundraising dinner held on November 12, 2009  
Sessional Paper 636/2009

Program from the Hindu Society of Calgary’s Diwali Show 2009 held on  
November 8, 2009  
Sessional Paper 637/2009

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

Letter dated November 18, 2009, from Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Fish Creek, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,  
requesting that Bill 206, School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers)  
Amendment Act, 2009, be given early Third Reading consideration on  
November 23, 2009

Sessional Paper 638/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for  
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 17, 2009, that the motion be amended  
by striking out all words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Second time  
because the Bill fails to provide for public consultation prior to the approval of  
critical transmission infrastructure.

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: 11

Blakeman	Kang	Swann
Chase	MacDonald	Taft
Hehr	Notley	Taylor
Hinman	Pastoor	

Against the amendment: 34

Allred	Griffiths	McQueen
Brown	Groeneveld	Mitzel
Calahasen	Hancock	Olson
Campbell	Horne	Quest
Cao	Jablonski	Rogers
Dallas	Klimchuk	Sherman
Denis	Knight	Tarchuk
Drysdale	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Evans	Liepert	Vandermeer
Fawcett	Lindsay	Woo-Paw
Forsyth	Marz	Zwozdesky
Goudreau		

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.

Debate adjourned.

## **Adjournment**

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m., until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put on the motion for the previous question, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Calahasen	Jablonski	Prins
Campbell	Knight	Quest
Dallas	Leskiw	Rogers
Denis	Liepert	Sherman
Elniski	Lindsay	Tarchuk
Evans	Marz	VanderBurg
Fawcett	McQueen	Vandermeer
Forsyth	Mitzel	Woo-Paw
Hancock	Olson	Xiao
Horne		

Against the motion: 7

Hinman	Mason	Taft
Kang	Pastoor	Taylor
MacDonald		

Pursuant to Standing Order 49(3), the question being put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

#### **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 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Marz, 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 48 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on November 17, 2009) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 639/2009

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert  
Bill 51 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford  
Bill 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis  
Bill 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Webber

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m., until Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 19, 2009

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

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of 15 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 22, 2004.

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, made a statement in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 21, 1979, and has served as Speaker since April 14, 1997.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker made a brief statement and thanked the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then presented the Speaker with a 30-year Mace pin.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of Concrete Theatre and their longest-running play entitled "Are We There Yet?"

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Stella Calahasen, author of the book entitled "Dream Catcher."

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the opening of CASA House in Sherwood Park, a community-based facility providing mental health services for children and their families.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Livestock Traceability Program and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development's recent trade mission to Japan and Asia.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the government's handling of several issues.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, presented a petition from 54 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from over 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.



Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, presented a petition from 117 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 983 Albertans urging the government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Programs from the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards, Presentations to Alberta School Boards Association, Zone 1, Zone 5, and Zone 6 Recipients

Sessional Paper 640/2009

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Letter dated November 1, 2009, from Don Burdeyney, President, and Brenda Smith, General Manager, Trico Centre for Family Wellness, to an MLA Committee regarding the distribution of proceeds from licensed casinos

Sessional Paper 641/2009

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

Report dated October 2009 entitled "Preliminary Research, Fusion North East Edmonton" prepared by Casselman, McLeod, Miller, York

Sessional Paper 642/2009

Program from the North Edmonton Seniors Association Remembrance Day Tea and Salute held on November 10, 2009

Sessional Paper 643/2009

Program from the Unity Centre of Northeast Edmonton's 15th annual Silent Auction and Pub Night held on November 14, 2009

Sessional Paper 644/2009

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated November 11, 2009, from Jazz Alcock of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 645/2009

E-mail message dated November 18, 2009, from Kelsey Gill to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the future of Alberta

Sessional Paper 646/2009

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

E-mail message dated November 4, 2009, from Lesley Washington to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement

Sessional Paper 647/2009

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

Report dated November 17, 2009, entitled "Transmission Upgrades Discussion Paper" prepared by EDC Associates Ltd. for the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate

Sessional Paper 648/2009

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

12 recent e-mail messages from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 649/2009

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

Document, undated, entitled "Total Salary and Benefits of Senior Executives in Executive Council"

Sessional Paper 650/2009

### **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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of November 23 to November 26, 2009:



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

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

Bill 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Hon. Mr. Liepert 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 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 —  
Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

Mr. McFarland, 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 50 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Energy) — Adjourned debate  
Sessional Paper 651/2009

Amendment to Bill 56 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 652/2009

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, November 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, November 23, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding several sporting events held in Camrose and the 2011 Royal Bank Cup to be held in Camrose in May 2011.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Jewish and Ukrainian Holocausts and recent racist and anti-Semitic propaganda in Calgary.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Northern Student Teacher Bursary.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the government's renewed Water for Life Strategy and the Water for Life Action Plan.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Imperial Oil's Cold Lake heavy oil operation reaching its billion-barrel production mark in October 2009.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the impact of the proposed Heartland Transmission Project on Edmonton-McClung constituents.

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

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, presented the following:

Report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee 2009 recommending that Olaf Brian Fjeldheim be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 653/2009

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 672 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current number of acute care mental health beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 910 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 962 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 962 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 903 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 988 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Memorandum dated November 20, 2009, from Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Pat Cochrane and Members of the Calgary Board of Trustees clarifying the intent of Bill 206, School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 654/2009

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

E-mail message dated November 17, 2009, from Doug MacEachern to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the closure of acute care beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 655/2009

3 recent e-mail messages from Fran Lucas, Keith Wilson, and Lorraine Wilson, all of Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 656/2009

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

3 letters, the first dated April 30, 2009, from Yvonne Byer and Connie Whiteley to Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the second dated November 12, 2009, from Brian Johnson, unaddressed, and the third dated September 1, 2008, from Doris Smith and Beate Wagner to the Liberal Opposition, with attached copies of photographs, all regarding problems they have encountered with the builder of Folkstone Place in Stony Plain

Sessional Paper 657/2009

E-mail message dated June 12, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Yvonne and John Byer responding to their recent correspondence regarding consumer protection and compliance to Safety Codes concerning residential construction

Sessional Paper 658/2009

Document dated October 8, 2009, unaddressed, signed by Yvonne Byer, Doris Smith, B. Johnson, B. Wagner, and Doris Smith, entitled "Recommendations for the changes to the Building Codes and Safety Codes and Inspectors"

Sessional Paper 659/2009

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 114:

2008 Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report, and 2008 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch and Interparliamentary Relations, Annual Report

Sessional Paper 660/2009

Letter dated November 19, 2009, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Children's Services Review Committee Act, be given early consideration on November 23, 2009

Sessional Paper 661/2009

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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, Annual Report 2008/2009  
Sessional Paper 662/2009

### **Speaker's Statement - Order of Private Members' Public Bills**

Honourable Members, the Chair has to make some comments about the order of Private Members' Public Bills.

As is often the case when Session appears to be coming to an end, Members become anxious about having their Private Members' Public Bills considered prior to the end of the Session. In that vein, on November 18, 2009, the Chair tabled a letter from the Honourable Member for Calgary-Fish Creek dated that same day, requesting that Bill 206 receive early consideration at Third Reading if it passed Committee stage. The letter is recorded as Sessional Paper 638/2009.

The next day, Thursday, November 19, 2009, the Chair received a letter from the Member for Calgary-Varsity, which was tabled today, asking that Bill 209, which he is sponsoring, receive some consideration today.

The issue about the early consideration of Private Members' Public Bills has been the subject of several Speakers' rulings over the years. I would refer Members to the May 8, 2006, ruling at pages 1356 and 1357 of Alberta Hansard for that day, and the December 1, 2003, ruling, found at page 1968 of Alberta Hansard for that day. One feature of both rulings is the Chair's request to Members and House Leaders to have the situation reviewed and clarified.

In 2003 the Chair stated the view that "a Member should not be able to request early consideration of his or her Bill at the next stage until it has passed the previous stage." However, that is not the rule, for reasons that the Chair will elaborate upon.



The Speaker's role in determining the order of business for Private Members' Public Bills stems from Standing Order 9(1) which states that "All items standing on the Order Paper, except Government Bills and Orders, shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper." The issue for the Chair is to determine how to interpret "precedence assigned to each."

As indicated in previous rulings, this issue precedes this Speaker. In his February 11, 1997, ruling, Speaker Schumacher outlined a procedure whereby Members could request early consideration of their Bills. The ruling is found at page 16 of the Journals for that date. As the Chair believes this is such an important issue, he will repeat part of that ruling:

"If a Member wants his or her Bill to be considered before the due date, then that Member must make a written request to the Speaker prior to the opening of the House the day before the Member wants the Bill to be considered. For example, if a Member wants a Bill to be considered on a Wednesday, the letter must be received by the Speaker before the opening of the House on Tuesday on which day the Chair will table the letter."

When this ruling was given, private Members' business was considered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and that is the reason I refer to that. We now have a situation where we have private Members' business on Mondays, so you have to have it in by Thursday.

"When a Member requests that his or her Bill be considered before its due date, the Bill will be called after debate has concluded on the Private Members' Public Bill that is then before the House or Committee of the Whole assuming that no other Bills have reached their due dates."

In keeping with the previous practices, the business for today will start with Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 206. If this Bill is reported by the Committee and the report is accepted by the Assembly, then the Assembly will move to Third Reading consideration of Bill 206 for one hour. If there is time remaining the Assembly will resume its consideration of Bill 208 at Second Reading stage. Once that is completed, Bill 209 may be moved for Second Reading.

As the Chair indicated, there is some sympathy for Members who feel that their Bills have been "bumped" by requests for early consideration. On December 1, 2003, the Chair noted that the request for early consideration of Bill 208, which had not passed Committee stage when the request for early consideration of the Bill at Third Reading stage was made, might work a hardship on the Member who was sponsoring Bill 209 at Second Reading. The Chair noted the procedure for early consideration but stated:

"In an effort to ensure that the system is fair and equitable to all Members, the Chair would welcome suggestions by Members and their House Leaders over the winter on this issue of early consideration of Private Members' Public Bills so that a procedural policy could be put in place for the spring 2004 Session, one that would be very clear at the initiation of the Session."

No recommendations were forthcoming and no changes were made despite the Chair's second invitation.

The Chair renewed that invitation in 2006, but despite an extensive review of the Standing Orders since then, no changes have been made. The Chair sincerely hopes that this issue will be resolved or at least considered by House Leaders and Members in the near future.

## **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 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act,  
2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act,  
2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kang speaking.

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

**518.** Moved by Mr. Weadick:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider exempting seniors from paying the education portion of property taxes.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, on November 19, 2009.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be further amended as follows:

A Part A is struck out and the following is substituted:

A Section 1(3) is struck out.

B Part B is struck out and the following is substituted:

B Section 2(6) is amended by striking out the proposed sections 41.2 and 41.3 and substituting the following:

Staged development of CTI referred to in Schedule

41.2(1) The Independent System Operator, with respect to the critical transmission infrastructure referred to in section 1(1) of the Schedule, shall, subject to the regulations, specify and make available to the public milestones that the Independent System Operator will use to determine the timing of the stages of the expansion of the terminals referred to in section 1(1)(a) and (b) of the Schedule.

- (2) The transmission facilities referred to in section 4 of the Schedule shall be developed in stages in accordance with subsection (3).
- (3) The facility referred to in section 4(a) of the Schedule shall be developed first, which may initially be energized at 240 kV, and the Independent System Operator shall, subject to the regulations, specify and make available to the public milestones that the Independent System Operator will use to determine the timing of the development of the facilities referred to in section 4(b) and (c) of the Schedule.

- C Part C is amended in the proposed clause (v.5)(B) by striking out “or 41.3”.
- D Part D is amended in clause (a) in the proposed section 1(2) by striking out “section 41.4(1)” and substituting “section 41.2(1)”.
- E Part E is struck out and the following is substituted:  
E Section 3 is struck out.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 6

Chase	Kang	Pastoor
Hinman	Notley	Taylor

Against the subamendment: 28

Berger	Hancock	Olson
Blackett	Jablonski	Prins
Campbell	Jacobs	Redford
Dallas	Knight	Rodney
DeLong	Leskiw	Sherman
Denis	Liepert	Tarchuk
Drysdale	Marz	Weadick
Fawcett	McQueen	Webber
Forsyth	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Groeneveld		

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

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 50 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 19, 2009) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 663/2009

Subamendment to the Amendment to Bill 50 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 664/2009

Amendment to Bill 53 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 665/2009

Amendment to Bill 61 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 666/2009

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:28 p.m., until Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Equal Voice program encouraging women to become involved in politics.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the number of days the Alberta Legislature sits.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding joint federal-provincial government funding to expand the Jackie Parker recreation area.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding recent anti-Semitic graffiti at Jewish institutions and on public and private property in Calgary.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing November 22, 2009, as National Housing Day.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding recent anti-Semitic graffiti at Jewish institutions in the Calgary-Glenmore constituency.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 1,410 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 985 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 216 Alberta Outdoors Weekend Act — Mr. Rodney

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, is resumed, not more than one hour 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. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 2008-2009, The Year in Review, "K" Division  
Sessional Paper 667/2009

Pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming and  
Liquor Commission, 2008:2009 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 668/2009

Report entitled "Charitable Gaming in Review 2008:2009" prepared by the  
Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission  
Sessional Paper 669/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated November 18, 2009, from Samuel R. Hester of Edmonton  
to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern  
regarding the high cost of obtaining a dentistry degree  
Sessional Paper 670/2009

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

5 recent e-mail messages from Edmonton residents to Mr. MacDonald, Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and  
Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts  
Sessional Paper 671/2009

E-mail message dated November 18, 2009, from Jo-Anne and Paul Cassidy to  
Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Liepert,  
Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing  
concern regarding the proposed closure of acute psychiatric care beds at Alberta  
Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 672/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

E-mail message dated October 7, 2009, from Andrea Anielski to Dr. Taft, Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and  
Wellness, and several other addressees expressing concern regarding the proposed  
closure of acute psychiatric care beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton  
Sessional Paper 673/2009

8 recent e-mail messages from Edmonton residents to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for  
Edmonton-Riverview, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon.  
Mr. Stelmach, Premier, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts, with  
attached responses from Dr. Taft

Sessional Paper 674/2009

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

Report dated October 2009 entitled “Watered Down, Overcoming Federal Inaction on the Impact of Oil Sands Development to Water Resources” prepared by Danielle Droitsch, Water Matters

Sessional Paper 675/2009

Petition signed by 1,967 Albertans requesting the Minister of Environment require an environmental impact assessment regarding the effect of Waste Management’s proposed landfill in the County of Thorhild

Sessional Paper 676/2009

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Report, undated, entitled “Tax Commentary: Bill 53, Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009” prepared by Dale W. Franko, C.A., JMH & Co, Chartered Accountants

Sessional Paper 677/2009

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

Report dated November 2009 entitled “We Must Do Better, It’s Time to Make Alberta Poverty Free” prepared by Jim Gurnett

Sessional Paper 678/2009

Publication dated Winter/Spring 2009 entitled “Connection” prepared by the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre

Sessional Paper 679/2009

## **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)

#### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009 — 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 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

Bill 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

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.

Subamendment to Bill 50 (SA2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 680/2009

Amendment to Bill 50 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on  
November 19, 2009) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 681/2009

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. WeadickBill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett on behalf of  
Mr. Griffiths

Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009 — 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.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

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 50 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Energy on November 19, 2009) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 682/2009

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 25, 2009

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

**Speaker's Statement - Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms**

The Speaker made a statement regarding Ed Richard, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, who will be retiring following the current Fall sitting.

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the government's Ecotrust projects and their ongoing work on climate change.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing November 23 to December 1, 2009, as AIDS Awareness Week, December 1, 2009, as World AIDS Day, and the 25th anniversary of HIV Edmonton.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Movember Foundation's month-long events in November to raise awareness and funds for prostate cancer.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing November 25, 2009, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding City of Fort McMurray Alderman Ron Morgan who passed away on November 24, 2009.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding consideration of Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, by the Standing Committee on Community Services.

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

Mr. Doerksen, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following:

Report on Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, dated November 2009

Sessional Paper 683/2009

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 2,797 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 3,000 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 525 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from approximately 200 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, presented a petition from 6,615 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 285 Albertans objecting to the development and use of nuclear power in Alberta, and urging the Government of Alberta 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, presented a petition from 1,516 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Legislative Assembly stand adjourned on November 26, 2009, upon completion of Royal Assent by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Oral notice having been given November 24, 2009:

Bill 216 Alberta Outdoors Weekend Act — Mr. Rodney

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

News release dated November 25, 2009, entitled “Duckett’s move to cut RNs puts patients at greater risk of death” prepared by Alberta’s NDP Opposition  
Sessional Paper 684/2009

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

Programs from the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards, Presentations to Alberta School Boards Association, Zone 2, Zone 3, and Zone 4 Recipients

Sessional Paper 685/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 brochures relating to a public rally held in Edmonton on November 24, 2009, the first entitled "Huge power lines . . . huge risks" and the second entitled "It's time" both prepared by RETA (Responsible Electricity Transmission for Albertans)

Sessional Paper 686/2009

Letter dated August 23, 2009, from Norm Dick of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, regarding an increase in Mr. Dick's premiums under the Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage Plan, with attached response dated September 11, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 687/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

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

2 recent e-mail messages from Laura Van Geel and Megan Berry, and letter dated November 10, 2009, from Jordana Hinton, all of Calgary, to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 688/2009

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated November 17, 2009, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Ms DeCecco, 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 689/2009

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

5 recent e-mail messages from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 690/2009

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated September 17, 2009, from Donna E. Lowry of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed closure of beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 691/2009

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose:

2 letters dated November 20, 2009, the first from Karen Kroeker, Forest Lawn Parent Association, and the second from Ester Zdebiak, James Short School Parents' Association, to Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, both regarding the current review of eligible organizations' access to and distribution of proceeds from licensed casino events

Sessional Paper 692/2009

95 letters dated November 18, 2009, from the Monterey Park Elementary School Parents Association to an MLA Committee all regarding access to and distribution of proceeds from licensed casino events

Sessional Paper 693/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Excerpt from Nursing Economics dated September-October 2007 entitled "The Impact of Nurse Staffing on Hospital Cuts and Patient Length of Stay: A Systematic Review"

Sessional Paper 694/2009

Excerpt from Nursing Research dated March-April 2005 entitled "The Impact of Hospital Nursing Characteristics on 30-Day Mortality"

Sessional Paper 695/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Letter dated November 23, 2009, from Bill McAree, Whitecourt Town Councillor, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, expressing support for Bill 62, Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 696/2009

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Olaf Brian Fjeldheim be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

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

Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, being immediately 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

Ady	Goudreau	Mitzel
Allred	Hancock	Oberle
Amery	Hayden	Ouellette
Benito	Horner	Prins
Bhardwaj	Johnson	Rodney
Bhullar	Johnston	Sarich
Campbell	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Vandermeer
Doerksen	Lund	Xiao
Elniski	Marz	Zwozdesky
Fritz	McFarland	

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	MacDonald	Swann
Chase	Mason	Taft
Hinman	Notley	Taylor
Kang	Pastoor	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m., until Thursday, November 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the centennial of the Last Post Fund.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing Tom McFall, recipient of the 2009 Rozsa Award.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing November 1-7, 2009, as National Pain Awareness Week.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Helping Our Students to Succeed project.



Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2009, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding climate change and carbon emissions reduction.

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

Mr. Prins, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following:

Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, Report respecting presentations by Sierra Club of Canada, Canadian Wind Energy Association, Greengate Power Corporation, Alberta Geothermal Energy Association, Alberta Federation of Rural Electrification Associations, Independent Power Producers Society of Alberta, Capital Power Corporation, and Enmax Corporation dated November 2009

Sessional Paper 697/2009

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, presented a petition from 283 Albertans urging the Government to build a road to replace 84th Street that will connect Chateau Estates Park to 16th Avenue.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, presented a petition from 72 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising registered massage therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 5,788 Albertans urging the Government or its representatives, including boards and commissions, to locate double circuit 500 kV transmission power lines 800 metres away from homes, schools, daycares, hospitals, and environmentally sensitive areas or locate them underground.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 1,088 Albertans urging the Government or its representatives, including boards and commissions, to locate double circuit 500 kV transmission power lines 800 metres away from homes, schools, daycares, hospitals, and environmentally sensitive areas or locate them underground.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, on behalf of Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from over 5,000 Albertans urging the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Edmonton Sun article dated November 26, 2009, entitled “New top doc slams health-care politicking”

Sessional Paper 698/2009

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 699/2009

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona:

Letter, undated, from Bonnie Seutter of Sherwood Park to Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, attaching a petition signed by 674 Albertans opposing the construction of a high voltage power line across or within sight of the Country Side Golf Course in Strathcona County

Sessional Paper 700/2009

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Petition signed by 120 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will increase the Alberta Works learner fund and make educational institutions responsible for monitoring students based on their career goals

Sessional Paper 701/2009

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

Backgrounder entitled “Summary of Alternative Spending Cuts” prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 702/2009

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

Report dated 2009 entitled “Graduate Students, Building the Alberta Advantage” prepared by the Alberta Graduate Council

Sessional Paper 703/2009

Pamphlet regarding Homeless Awareness Week, September 14-20, 2009

Sessional Paper 704/2009

Document entitled "2009 FCSS Calgary Funded Programs and Services"  
Sessional Paper 705/2009

Report entitled "2008 Report on Calgary's FSCC Program and 2009 Funding Recommendations" prepared by City of Calgary, Family and Community Support Services

Sessional Paper 706/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 1,300 Albertans urging the Government to do more to protect Edmonton's inner-city community schools

Sessional Paper 707/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Letter dated November 23, 2009, from Ronald N. Stern, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Newsprint Company, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, expressing concern regarding Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, with attached related material

Sessional Paper 708/2009

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2009, Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 709/2009

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 710/2009

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 2008-2009, April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 711/2009

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

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2008-09

Sessional Paper 712/2009

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2008-09, June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 713/2009

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2008-09, with attached Financial Statements, year ended March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 714/2009

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2008-2009, March 1, 2008 - February 29, 2009

Sessional Paper 715/2009

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2009

Sessional Paper 716/2009

### **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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later this day, there was no projected government business to report.

### **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.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

23. Oral notice having been given November 25, 2009, moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Legislative Assembly stand adjourned on November 26, 2009, upon completion of Royal Assent by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **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:

- 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009
- 46 Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act
- 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act
- 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)
- 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009
- 51 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009
- 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009
- 54 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2009
- 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009
- 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009
- 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009
- 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009
- 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009
- 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009
- 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009
- 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009
- 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the 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.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 23 agreed to by the Assembly on November 26, 2009, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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# **PROROGATION**

JANUARY 20, 2010

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**Prorogation**

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

NORMAN L. KWONG  
Lieutenant Governor.

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

PROCLAMATION

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

GREETING

Ray Bodnarek  
Deputy Minister of Justice  
and Deputy Attorney General

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

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective  
February 3, 2010, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain  
causes and considerations to convene the  
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta  
for the Third Session of the Twenty-seventh  
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of  
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on  
THURSDAY, the 4th day of February, 2010, 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 20th  
day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the Fifty-eighth Year  
of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND

ALISON REDFORD  
Provincial Secretary.