



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Thursday, March 8, 2007

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

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

**Members' Welcome to the Premier**

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

## **Ministerial Statements**

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

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

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

## **Members' Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Notices of Motions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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

Notice having been given:

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

Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk

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

Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney on behalf of Mr. Dunford

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

Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

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

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

Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford

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

Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Funding Alberta's Future Act — Dr. Taft

Bill 202 Consumer Advocate Act — Mr. Elsalhy

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

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

Sessional Paper 3/2007

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

Draft Climate Change and Emissions Management Act

Sessional Paper 4/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 5/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 6/2007

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

Document, undated, entitled "The Morton Plan"

Sessional Paper 7/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 8/2007

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

Sessional Paper 9/2007

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

Sessional Paper 10/2007

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

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 11/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 12/2007

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

Sessional Paper 13/2007

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

Alberta Ombudsman, 39th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 14/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

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

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2005/2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 15/2007

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

Alberta Advanced Education, Annual Report 2005-06

Sessional Paper 16/2007

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

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 17/2007

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

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2005-06

Sessional Paper 18/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:  
 Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended  
 March 31, 2006  
 Sessional Paper 19/2007

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:  
 Alberta Economic Development, 2005-06 Annual Report  
 Sessional Paper 20/2007

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:  
 Alberta Education, Annual Report 2005/2006  
 Sessional Paper 21/2007

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:  
 Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
 Sessional Paper 22/2007

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:  
 Ministry of Environment, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
 Sessional Paper 23/2007

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:  
 Executive Council, Annual Report 2005-2006  
 Sessional Paper 24/2007

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:  
 Alberta Finance, Annual Report 2005-06  
 Sessional Paper 25/2007

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:  
 Alberta Gaming, 2005-2006 Annual Report  
 Sessional Paper 26/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:  
 Alberta Government Services, 2005-06 Annual Report  
 Sessional Paper 27/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:  
 Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2005/2006, Section I  
 Sessional Paper 28/2007  
 Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2005/2006, Section II  
 Sessional Paper 29/2007

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:  
 Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report 2005/2006  
 Sessional Paper 30/2007



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sessional Paper 42/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 43/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 44/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 45/2007

## **Projected Government Business**

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

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

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

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### **Government Bills and Orders**

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

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, March 13

### **Government Bills and Orders**

Interim Estimates Message

**Government Motions**

Motions 10, 11

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Supplementary Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 1)

Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 2 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 14

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Interim Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 2)

**Government Bills and Orders**

Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 3 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 15

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 4 and Appropriation Bill

**Committee of Supply**

Interim Supply Estimates  
(Day 2 of 2)

Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne (Day 4 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sessional Paper 47/2007

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

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

## **Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly do resolve itself into Committee of  
Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant  
Governor, the 2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General  
Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of  
Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, March 12, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 8, 2007