



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 3

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

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Monday, March 12, 2007

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

### **Speaker's Statements**

#### **Commonwealth Day 2007**

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

#### **Members' Anniversaries**

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

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

### **Members' Statements**

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

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

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

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

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding a partnership announced on March 9, 2007, between Olds College and Bell Canada to create the Bell e-Learning Centre, a state-of-the-art distributed learning facility at the Olds College campus.

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

### **Notices of Motions**

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

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

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

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

Notice having been given:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski
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### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

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

Sessional Paper 49/2007

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

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

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

Sessional Paper 50/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 51/2007

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

Letter dated March 11, 2007, from Ronald White of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding a lack of residential and community supports for seniors in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 52/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 53/2007

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

Sessional Paper 54/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 55/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 56/2007

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

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

A debate followed on urgency.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

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

### Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2.

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

#### Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 8

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

Against the motion: 30

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

## **Adjournment**

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

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

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Motions**

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

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

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

- 3 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 4(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Monday: 1 p.m. to conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions
- Tuesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- (2) Notwithstanding suborder (1), upon passage of a Government Motion before 6 p.m. which may be made on one day's notice and is subject to debate, the Assembly may meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
- (3) If there is no evening sitting, at 6 p.m. or on Monday at the conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions, the Speaker adjourns the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- (4) On Monday, if there is an evening sitting, at the conclusion of Motions Other Than Government Motions, the Speaker leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
- (5) On Tuesday and Wednesday, if there is an evening sitting and at 6 p.m. the business of the Assembly or Committee of the Whole has not concluded, the Speaker or Chair, as the case may be, leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
- (6) On evenings when the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, at 10 p.m. the Committee shall rise and report immediately.
- 4 Standing Order 7 is amended
- (a) in suborder (1) by adding "at 1:30 p.m.," before "Oral Question Period";
- (b) by adding the following after suborder (1):
- (1.1) At 1:30 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Oral Question Period with the balance of the daily Routine to follow.
- 5 Standing Order 8 is amended
- (a) by striking out suborders (1) to (3) and substituting the following:
- 8(1) On Monday afternoon, after the daily Routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Written Questions
- Motions for Returns
- Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders at 4:55 p.m.: Motions Other Than Government Motions.
- (2) Subject to suborder (3), on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:
- Government Motions
- Government Bills and Orders
- Private Bills.

(3) If the business enumerated in suborder (1) has not received a total of 3 hours of consideration, then Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders shall be the first order of business for the Assembly on Thursday afternoon for such time until the total time for consideration for those items enumerated in suborder (1) reaches 3 hours for that week.

(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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

(Day 1)

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

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

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

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 12, 2007