



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, March 15, 2007

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

Members' Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

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

Sessional Paper 70/2007

Notices of Motions

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

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

Sessional Paper 71/2007

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

Sessional Paper 72/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 73/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 74/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2005-2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 75/2007

Projected Government Business

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

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

Tuesday, March 20

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1, 3, 20, 25

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

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 21

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1, 3, 4, 5

Committee of the Whole

Bill 20, 25

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

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 22

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 20, 25

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 4, 5

And as per the Order Paper

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

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

A debate followed on urgency.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Interim Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$19,800,000

Office of the Auditor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$6,200,000

Office of the Ombudsman

Expense \$800,000

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$2,100,000

Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Expense \$200,000

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$1,600,000

Advanced Education and Technology

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

Agriculture and Food

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$205,000,000

Children's Services

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

Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$1,200,000,000

Employment, Immigration and Industry

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

Energy

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

Environment		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$40,600,000
Executive Council		
Expense		\$6,900,000
Finance		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$33,000,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements		\$15,000,000
Health and Wellness		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$3,681,000,000
Capital Investment		\$6,600,000
Infrastructure and Transportation		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$972,000,000
Capital Investment		\$362,000,000
International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$23,500,000
Justice		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$119,000,000
Municipal Affairs and Housing		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$234,900,000
Seniors and Community Supports		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$567,200,000
Service Alberta		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$98,000,000
Solicitor General and Public Security		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$119,200,000
Capital Investment		\$6,000,000
Lottery Fund Payments		\$463,300,000
Sustainable Resource Development		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$172,600,000
Capital Investment		\$20,000,000
Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture		
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases		\$239,700,000
Capital Investment		\$6,500,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements		\$2,500,000

Treasury Board

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$6,400,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 15, 2007