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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Wednesday, March 21, 2007

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding public health issues at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville.

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2007 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the vibrancy of the arts in rural Alberta.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement recognizing the efforts of parents of students at High Park Elementary School in Edmonton who are fighting to keep the school from closing.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding growth pressures in small Alberta cities.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding racial discrimination.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the positive effects of the Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 1,044 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to recognize the importance of community schools by taking immediate steps to halt further closures by the Edmonton Public School Board by amending the Closure of Schools Regulation (AR 238/97), to provide parents and other community members with a period of not less than 18 months to formulate a revitalization plan in response to any proposed public school closure, and to require the board to give such plan full consideration; striking a task force comprised of trustees and qualified members of the public to review and make recommendations regarding the Edmonton Public School Board's current school closure process to ensure that public schools are closed only as a last resort and after due consultation with the community; and encouraging ongoing consultation and partnerships between parents, communities, and municipal and provincial agencies to ensure that public schools continue to fulfill the educational and civic needs of Alberta's communities.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 218 Edmonton residents urging the Government to construct the proposed Edmonton remand centre in close proximity to the Edmonton courthouse, the central police station, and the existing remand centre and not in north east Edmonton.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 20, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated March 19, 2007, concerning an e-mail message allegedly sent from an Alberta Agriculture and Food Department computer to the SaveMyCWB website

Sessional Paper 100/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Questions WQ33 and WQ34, both asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason on August 28, 2006:

WQ33. For the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, what was the total cost of administering the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, broken down by costs associated with provision of customer services, registration and benefit processing?

WQ34. For the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, what was the total cost of administering the Health Insurance Premiums Act, and of that total what percentage was attributable to administering premium subsidies, and what percentage to collecting overdue accounts, including payments to collection agencies?

Sessional Paper 101/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Response to Written Question WQ27, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko on May 15, 2006:

What steps are the Ministry of Economic Development taking to work with the Government of British Columbia and the Federal Government to allow all Alberta exports safer and faster access to Prince Rupert Port in British Columbia?

Sessional Paper 102/2007

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

Letter dated February 5, 2007, from Karen Baxter, Fund Development Coordinator, Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society, to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, providing general information concerning the Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society

Sessional Paper 103/2007

E-mail message dated February 21, 2007, from Erick and Katherine Guevara of Calgary to Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, expressing concern regarding the availability of quality, affordable child care for all children up to 12 years of age and the need for child care workers to be paid appropriate wages  
Sessional Paper 104/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

8 letters from Edmonton residents, 7 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and 1 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board  
Sessional Paper 105/2007

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

Calgary Herald website article dated March 14, 2007, entitled “Aberhart grapplers stepped up to the plate” written by Kristen Odland  
Sessional Paper 106/2007

4 letters from Edmonton residents, 3 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and 1 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board  
Sessional Paper 107/2007

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

4 letters from Edmonton residents to several addressees expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board  
Sessional Paper 108/2007

Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, 2006 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 109/2007

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Program from the University of Alberta’s Celebration of Teaching and Learning held on September 8, 2006  
Sessional Paper 110/2007

8 letters from Edmonton and area residents, 6 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, 1 to Whom it May Concern, and 1 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board  
Sessional Paper 111/2007

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

Discussion paper, undated, entitled “Where to from Here? A Vision and Plan for Post-secondary Education in Alberta” prepared by Public Interest Alberta  
Sessional Paper 112/2007

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

2 letters dated February 27, 2007, 1 from Shelly Bickford and 1 signed illegibly, both of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding the homeless

Sessional Paper 113/2007

Petition signed by 97 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 114/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

8 letters from Edmonton and area residents, 6 to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and 2 to Whom it May Concern, expressing concern regarding the recommended closure of High Park Elementary School by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 115/2007

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

Report, undated, entitled "IEA (International Energy Agency) GHG (greenhouse gas) Weyburn CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring and Storage Project" prepared by the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme

Sessional Paper 116/2007

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

Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 117/2007

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

Canadian Labour Congress website statement dated March 21, 2006, entitled "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination"

Sessional Paper 118/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 119/2007

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Review 2006 and Financial Statements dated June 30, 2006

Sessional Paper 120/2007

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 121/2007

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005	Sessional Paper 122/2007
Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), (AR 286/94, s6(3)(b)), Alberta Mental Health Board, 2005/06 Annual Report	Sessional Paper 123/2007
Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2): Aspen Regional Health, Annual Report 2005-2006	Sessional Paper 124/2007
Capital Health, Annual Report 2005-2006	Sessional Paper 125/2007
Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2005/2006	Sessional Paper 126/2007
Peace Country Health, Annual Report 2005-2006	Sessional Paper 127/2007
Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3): Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2005	Sessional Paper 128/2007
Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2005 Annual Report	Sessional Paper 129/2007
Alberta Dental Association and College, Annual Report 2006	Sessional Paper 130/2007
College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, 2005/2006 Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2006	Sessional Paper 131/2007
College of Alberta Psychologists, 2005-06 Annual Report and Auditors' Report as at March 31, 2006	Sessional Paper 132/2007
College of Dieticians of Alberta, Annual Report 2005-2006	Sessional Paper 133/2007
Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security: Victims Programs Status Report, 2005/2006	Sessional Paper 134/2007

# **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 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk

Bill 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 25 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase 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 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 21, 2007