

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 11

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, April 2, 2007

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding opportunities for Canadian immigrants.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement outlining the achievements of Malaysian-Canadian Thaddeus Demong, a Calgary ophthalmologist who was recently awarded the 2007 Immigrant of Distinction Professional Award from the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the BLAST (Building Leadership for Action in Schools Today) team formed by students in the Nellie McLung program at Oliver School and their efforts regarding tobacco use reduction strategies.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Pharmacists Profession Regulation which came into force April 1, 2007, allowing pharmacists to prescribe medicine in certain circumstances.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the results of the federal barley plebiscite announced on March 28, 2007.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the need for a public inquiry regarding patient safety in Alberta's health care facilities.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Ian Wilms for the CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act; of Dan Reinhardt for the CREST Leadership Centre Act.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Copy of a petition signed by 55 Red Deer residents requesting an inquiry into the sale of Monarch Place in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 146/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated March 23, 2007, from Leona Laddish, Olga Eliuk, and Emily Palynchuk, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding medical treatment received by Myron Shewchuk at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Vegreville

Sessional Paper 147/2007

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Copy of Bill 17 – 2007, Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) Amendment Act, 2007, 2007 Legislative Session: 3rd Session, 38th Parliament, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

Sessional Paper 148/2007

E-mail message dated March 27, 2007, from Zelma Hardin to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding cleanliness in Alberta health care facilities

Sessional Paper 149/2007

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

Letter dated March 16, 2007, from Anne Lyon and Richard Morris, both of Calgary, to Dr. Erik Wasylenko, Patient Experience, Calgary Health Region, expressing concern regarding boundary changes for agencies providing homecare in the Calgary Health Region and the resulting effect on homecare clients

Sessional Paper 150/2007

Pamphlet entitled "Turning the Key, Ronald McDonald House, Southern Alberta, Grand Opening, March 2007"

Sessional Paper 151/2007

## Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 2, 2006, from Rosalee Galper of Edmonton to Diane Fraser, Capital Health Homecare Supervisor, Northeast Office, Capital Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the difficulties finding quality caregivers to provide homecare for adults with disabilities who live independently

Sessional Paper 152/2007

E-mail message dated March 13, 2007, from Betty Gamble to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Ms Gamble to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding safety concerns at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary

Sessional Paper 153/2007

## Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 24, 2004, from W.J. Byrne, Deputy Minister, Alberta Community Development, to Connie Marcinkoski of Vegreville attaching a document, undated, entitled "Report of a Decision Respecting Complaint #3695" prepared in accordance with the Protection of Persons in Care Act, and copy of a memorandum dated November 10, 2003, from Denise Harberg, Infection Prevention Control Consultant, East Central Health, to Dr. Jackman, outlining a proposed treatment plan for patient Robert Bruce

Sessional Paper 154/2007

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

Copy of a petition signed by 123 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 155/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "Alberta Legislature Grounds, Self-guided Tour"

Sessional Paper 156/2007

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to All Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) attaching a fact sheet outlining MLA remuneration rates effective April 1, 2007, historical MLA remuneration rates, and current information on MLA remuneration in all Canadian jurisdictions

Sessional Paper 157/2007

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to All Members of the Legislative Assembly attaching a form entitled "2007/08 Member RRSP Allowance, Decisions and Instructions"

Sessional Paper 158/2007

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2005, Section 1

Sessional Paper 159/2007

Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2005, Section 2

Sessional Paper 160/2007

Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2005, Section 3

Sessional Paper 161/2007

Pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2), Alberta Teachers' Association, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 162/2007

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand: MR1, MR2, MR3.

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

# Projets de loi et ordres émanant du gouvernement

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Emblems of Alberta (Franco-Albertan Recognition) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Oberle

## Deuxième lecture

Sur la motion destinée à ce que le projet de loi suivant reçoive une deuxième lecture:

Projet de loi 204 Loi modificative de 2007 sur les emblèmes de l'Alberta (reconnaissance du fait franco-albertain) — M. Oberle A debate followed.

Un débat a suivi.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Cao speaking.

Conformément à l'article 8(1) du Règlement, le débat fut suspendu, M. Cao ayant la parole.

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

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

## **503.** Moved by Mr. Flaherty:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the unfunded liability in the Teachers' Pension Plan as a public debt that should be addressed as soon as possible in order to reduce the unfairly high contribution rates of Alberta teachers and increase the resources available for classroom services.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, moved the motion be amended by striking out "as a public debt that should be addressed as soon as possible in order to reduce the unfairly high contribution rates of Alberta teachers and increase the resources available for classroom services." and substituting "and immediately initiate negotiations on options for a reasonable long term solution to the teachers' unfunded pension liability issue."

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended 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, April 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker