

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 13

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

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

Naming a Member

The Speaker recognized Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, who apologized and withdrew the comments he made the previous day which resulted in him being named by the Speaker to the House.

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement congratulating University of Calgary students Brittany Gregor, Katrine Fisette, Heather Hansen, and Hayley Pattison, on winning the 2007 World University Games curling championship recently held in Torino, Italy.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Melvin Crump, an Albertan featured in the Glenbow Museum's new exhibit entitled "Mavericks: The Incorrigible History of Alberta."

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement outlining concerns regarding the level of farm debt in Alberta.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement recognizing the 130 finalists of the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a rally to be held at the McDougall Centre in Calgary on April 13, 2007, concerning clear-cutting plans in the Kananaskis area to control the spread of the mountain pine beetle.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 1,005 Albertans urging the Government to add the drug Elaprase to the Drug Benefit List approved by Alberta Health and Wellness in order to ensure that those suffering from Hunter's Syndrome, including Jordan Miranda, Riley Miranda, and Tyler Chauhan, get the care they need to reduce their suffering and live full lives.

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):

The following Written Questions will be accepted:

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

The following Written Question will be amended:

WQ2.

The following Written Question will be rejected:

WO3.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ9, WQ10, WQ11.

The following Motion for Returns will be accepted:

MR3.

The following Motions for Returns will be rejected:

MR1, MR2.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to questions asked by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on March 20, 2007, during Second Reading debate on Bill 20, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 177/2007

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

10 letters dated February 9, 2007, from Edmonton and area residents, 9 to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and 1 to Gary G. Campbell, Q.C., Chair, Alberta Cancer Board, all requesting assistance in obtaining financial aid for the Jerrard family of Edmonton to cover the cost of the drug Avastin, used to treat cancer

Sessional Paper 178/2007

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

Commemorative program from the Beth Israel Congregation 100th Anniversary Gala, held in Edmonton on January 28, 2007

Sessional Paper 179/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Several letters dating from December 2005 to January 2006 between Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Warren Fraleigh, Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society, all concerning an application for funding by the Western Guide and Assistance Dog Society under the Community Initiatives Program

Sessional Paper 180/2007

Issue paper concerning a grant provided to the Alpha Gamma Delta organization in October 2004 under the Community Initiates Program

Sessional Paper 181/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Jim Stallard to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing appreciation to Hon. Dr. Oberg and Mr. Chase for their efforts and cooperation in getting the cancer treatment Gemcitabine funded by the Alberta Cancer Board Sessional Paper 182/2007

E-mail message, undated, from Jerry Iwanus, MA, CRA, Vice-President (Communications), Battle River Wainwright Constituency Association, Alberta Liberal Party, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the condition of Highway 13 east of Camrose and requesting Mr. Chase urge the Government to improve the condition of the highway

Sessional Paper 183/2007

Letter, undated, unaddressed, unsigned, from Paola Romanelli of Bragg Creek expressing concern regarding plans to clear-cut trees in the Kananaskis area to control the spread of the mountain pine beetle

Sessional Paper 184/2007

E-mail message dated April 1, 2007, from David J. Easton of Bragg Creek to Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding plans to clear-cut trees in the Kananaskis area to control the spread of the mountain pine beetle

Sessional Paper 185/2007

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

2 letters dated February 27, 2007, 1 unsigned and 1 from Michael, both of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 186/2007

Petition signed by 100 Albertans who would like the accused killer of Joshua Hunt tried and sentenced as an adult

Sessional Paper 187/2007

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

Letter dated October 31, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, requesting the immediate release of the report entitled "Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, By Payee for the year ended March 31, 2006"

Sessional Paper 188/2007

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,602 Albertans requesting a new hospital in Bearverlodge

Sessional Paper 189/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Alberta Advanced Education, Public Post-secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the Year Ended June 30, 2005, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 190/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

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

Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham

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

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

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Hon. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

Ms Pastoor moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Dunford
- Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act Mr. VanderBurg
- Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Pham

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 4, 2007