



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 16

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement congratulating Team Canada on winning the IIHF (International Ice Hockey Federation) World Women's Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on April 10, 2007.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the River Valley Alliance, an organization committed to transforming the lands within the North Saskatchewan River valley into an integrated urban park.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding poor water quality in the area of the North Saskatchewan River downstream of Edmonton.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement congratulating the Alberta women's team on winning the silver medal and the Alberta men's team on winning the gold medal at the 2007 Optimist International U-18 Curling Championships held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 4-8, 2007.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Government's recent efforts to consult the public on the subject of climate change.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding mental health issues.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 55 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 24 Edmonton residents urging the Government to hold rent increases to no more than the rise in the average monthly wage until December 31, 2010.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 28 Edmonton 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.

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:

WQ3.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ9, WQ10, WQ11.

The following Motion for Returns will be amended:

MR3.

The following Motions for Returns will be rejected:

MR1, MR2.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

9 recent letters from Edmonton residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, 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 206/2007

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

Information package and registration form for the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Showcase to be held at the Northlands Agricom in Edmonton on May 2, 2007, and at the Stampede Corral in Calgary on May 4, 2007

Sessional Paper 207/2007

Copies of 3 invoices prepared by Bob Maskell and Associates Inc. for services rendered between September 2005 and February 2006 for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Sessional Paper 208/2007

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

Calgary Herald article dated July 12, 2006, entitled "Alberta won't chase more resource revenues" written by Jason Fekete

Sessional Paper 209/2007

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

E-mail message dated April 1, 2007, from Stan Leonard of Calgary to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding residential rental increases

Sessional Paper 210/2007

E-mail message dated March 10, 2007, from Nadine Fletcher and Joel Hagen, Great Divide Nature Interpretation, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to the proposed development of the Horseshoe Lands in the Bow Valley

Sessional Paper 211/2007

E-mail message dated April 11, 2007, from Lorne Haugen of Tofield to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to the mineral rights under Marie Lake being sold for the purpose of oil and gas development

Sessional Paper 212/2007

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

E-mail message dated March 16, 2007, from Ashley Jones to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting wage enhancement funds for all childcare professionals working with children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 213/2007

E-mail message dated February 5, 2007, from Denise to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the level of weather-related maintenance work done on Highway 2

Sessional Paper 214/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2007, from Bob Borreson to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requesting the elimination of health care premiums

Sessional Paper 215/2007

Letter dated April 5, 2007, from Joan Harvey of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding a perceived lack of support from the Government for UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers) members who work at the Palace Casino and are currently on strike

Sessional Paper 216/2007

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

Letter dated February 27, 2007, from Daphne Budnick of the Unity Centre of North East Edmonton, to the Affordable Housing Task Force expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 217/2007

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

Sessional Paper 218/2007

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the
Legislature Report Card 2005/2006

Sessional Paper 219/2007

Following Oral Question Period, the Speaker allowed Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of
Education, to table the following document:

Edmonton Sun article dated April 11, 2007, entitled “Gifted contract ‘patronage,’
Alberta Tories slammed for dishing out \$38,000 to defeated MLA who would’ve
done work for free” written by Jeremy Looime

Sessional Paper 220/2007

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved the Bill be amended in
section 3, in the proposed section 46.2, by striking out subsection (2) and substituting
the following:

- (2) An integrated investigative unit established under this section shall include
 - (a) a retired judge,
 - (b) a retired or former Crown prosecutor,
 - (c) a retired or former police officer, and
 - (d) not fewer than 2 members of the public,
one of whom shall be designated as head of the unit.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 9

Agnihotri
Blakeman
Elsalhy

Griffiths
MacDonald
Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Pannu
Pastoor
Swann

Against the amendment: 29

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| Abbott | Haley | Mitzel |
| Amery | Hancock | Morton |
| Backs | Hinman | Oberle |
| Cao | Horner | Ouellette |
| Cardinal | Knight | Rodney |
| Coutts | Lindsay | Rogers |
| Ducharme | Magnus | Stevens |
| Evans | Mar | VanderBurg |
| Fritz | McFarland | Zwozdesky |
| Graydon | Melchin | |

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 —
Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 221/2007

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 222/2007

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated
on division

Sessional Paper 223/2007

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 224/2007

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott on behalf of
Dr. Brown

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 11, 2007