



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 19

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement regarding Alberta's newborn metabolic screening program.

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement recognizing seven people who will soon be inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Mini World Cup of Soccer held at the Edmonton Soccer Centre - South from March 31 to April 14, 2007.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing the SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) men's and women's hockey teams on recently winning the 2007 Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) championship.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of the ratification of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the recently held 2007 Alberta Native Hockey Provincials, and specifically, the Gift Lake peewee girls' team and the Gift Lake midget boys' team.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Warren Brooke, MSc., of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding greenhouse gas emissions

Sessional Paper 251/2007

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

Letter dated April 2, 2007, from Brad McManus, Acting Chairman, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding a hearing concerning an application by AltaLink Management Ltd.

Sessional Paper 252/2007

Letter dated April 13, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting Government caucus support for an amendment Mr. MacDonald will be proposing to Bill 22, Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act

Sessional Paper 253/2007

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report dated November 1998 entitled “A Housing Symposium, Affordable Housing for Albertans Final Report” prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 254/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Trevor Allan of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding his rent increasing from \$725 to \$1,015, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 255/2007

Notice to residents of Burlington Arms, undated, advising that the building will be converted into condominium units

Sessional Paper 256/2007

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

Document, undated, entitled "Emergency Medical Services System Performance"
Sessional Paper 257/2007

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

University of Alberta website article entitled "Gambling Research Conference 2007"

Sessional Paper 258/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-65, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Annual Report 2005-2006
Sessional Paper 259/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 6, 2007, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

Sessional Paper 260/2007

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 6, 2007, what was the total number of psychiatrists contracted to provide clinical services for Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total number contracted to provide clinical services by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

Sessional Paper 261/2007

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by registered nurses, broken down by Regional Health Authorities?

Sessional Paper 262/2007

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Mr. Martin on April 16, 2007:

For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by licensed practical nurses employed by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA?

Sessional Paper 263/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

- A. Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to the Standing Orders that were approved by the Assembly on March 12, 2007, be amended as follows:
 - 1 Standing Order 3.1 is struck out and the following is substituted:
 - 3.1(1) The Assembly shall be called into session each year for a Spring Sitting commencing the first Monday of February, unless otherwise provided by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and concluding the first Thursday in June.
 - (2) Unless otherwise ordered, the Assembly shall meet for a Fall Sitting each year commencing on the first Monday in November and concluding on the first Thursday in December.
 - (3) The Assembly shall stand adjourned for a constituency week every 4th week during the Spring Sitting which, where possible, shall be aligned with school holidays or other holiday breaks, unless varied by a calendar agreed to by the House Leaders of the Government, Official Opposition and other recognized parties in consultation with Members not within a recognized party, which shall be filed with the Clerk on or before January 15 each year.
 - (4) If a Fall Sitting commences prior to the first Monday in November, the Assembly shall stand adjourned for a constituency week every 4th week.
 - (5) Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Government from advising the Speaker that the public interest requires the Assembly to meet on a certain date, and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.
 - (6) Nothing in this Standing Order precludes the Assembly from adjourning prior to the adjournment dates in suborders (1) and (2) if so ordered by the Assembly.
 - (7) Sittings may be extended beyond the adjournment dates in suborders (1) and (2) on passage of a Government Motion, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.
 - (8) The Government shall be called to provide the Assembly with a budget and estimates for the ensuing fiscal year on the 2nd Thursday in February unless, prior to the commencement of the Spring Sitting, the Government House Leader has provided to the Clerk notice of an alternate date, in which case the budget shall be provided to the Assembly on such date.

- 2 Standing Order 4 is amended
 - (a) by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) Notwithstanding suborder (1), evening sittings may be scheduled on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, or any combination thereof, upon passage of a Government Motion, which may be made on one day's notice and is subject to debate.
 - (b) by adding the following after suborder (2):
 - (2.1) Notwithstanding suborders (1), (2), (4) and (5), during the 2007 Spring Sitting, the Assembly shall meet for consideration of main estimates in Committee of Supply in the evening on the following dates and shall sit from 7 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.:
 - May 14 to 16, inclusive;
 - May 28 to 30, inclusive;
 - (c) in suborders (4) and (5) by striking out "7 p.m." and substituting "8 p.m.";
 - (d) by striking out suborder (6) and substituting the following:
 - (6) Notwithstanding suborders (4) and (5), on afternoons when there is an evening sitting of Committee of Supply, the Speaker or Chair, as the case may be, leaves the chair until 7 p.m.
 - (7) When the Committee of Supply meets during an evening sitting, the Committee shall rise and report at 10 p.m.
- 3 Standing Order 7 is amended by adding the following after suborder (1.1):
 - (1.2) If the items in the daily Routine are completed prior to 1:30 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Oral Question Period, and any matters outstanding shall be taken up prior to the calling of Orders of the Day.
- 4 Standing Order 8 is amended by adding the following after suborder (3):
 - (3.1) On Monday afternoon, if the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole, the Committee shall rise and report prior to 4:55 p.m.
- 5 Standing Order 34 is amended by striking out suborders (3) and (3.1) and substituting the following:
 - (3) The Government House Leader shall give the Assembly one day's notice of any Written Questions or Motions for Returns that are to be dealt with.
 - (3.1) On the Wednesday preceding the consideration of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, the Government House Leader may, by notice to the Clerk, indicate Written Questions and Motions for Returns that the Government will be accepting.
 - (3.2) The Clerk shall read the number, text and name of the sponsor of any Written Question or Motion for Returns of which notice of acceptance has been given pursuant to suborder (3.1) when this item of business is called.
- 6 Standing Order 53 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 53(1) and adding the following after suborder (1):
 - (2) The Government shall respond to a report of the Public Accounts Committee within 150 days of the date on which the Committee reports.
- B. Be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to give further effect to the March 7, 2007, House Leaders' Agreement:

- 1 Standing Order 8(7) is amended by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:
 - (c) A Public Bill Other Than a Government Bill shall be called in Committee of the Whole within 8 sitting days of the day the Bill receives second reading unless the Bill has been referred to a Policy Field Committee, in which case the Bill shall be called within 8 sitting days of the day on which the Policy Field Committee reports.
- 2 Standing Order 32 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (3) by adding “Subject to suborder (3.1),” before “When a division is called”;
 - (b) by adding the following after suborder (3):
 - (3.1) After the first division is called in Committee of Supply during the vote on the main estimates under Standing Order 59.04, the interval between division bells shall be reduced to one minute for any subsequent division.
- 3 The following is added after Standing Order 52:

Policy Field Committees

52.01(1) Four Policy Field Committees, consisting of 11 Members each, shall be established to consider the following subject areas:

 - (a) Standing Committee on Community Services – mandate to relate to the areas of health, education, children’s services, seniors, supports for the disabled, tourism, parks, recreation and culture;
 - (b) Standing Committee on Government Services – mandate to relate to the areas of government services, government organization, personnel administration, expenditure management, capital planning, revenue, justice, international and intergovernmental affairs, trade, aboriginal affairs, policing and security;
 - (c) Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures – mandate to relate to the areas of post-secondary education, technology, human resources, labour, immigration, rural development, municipal affairs, affordable housing, libraries, infrastructure and transportation;
 - (d) Standing Committee on Resources and Environment – mandate to relate to the areas of energy, the environment, agriculture, sustainable resources and forestry.

(2) The Chair of a Policy Field Committee shall be a member of the Government caucus, and the Deputy Chair shall be a member of the Official Opposition.

Consideration of Bills by Policy Field Committees

52.02 A Policy Field Committee shall review any Bill referred to it.

Consideration of regulations by Policy Field Committees

52.03 A Policy Field Committee may review any regulation, amendment to a regulation or prospective regulation within its mandate in order to determine whether the attention of the Assembly should be drawn to any regulation, amendment to a regulation or prospective regulation on the grounds that it

- (a) imposes a charge on the public revenue not specifically provided for by statute;
- (b) prescribes a payment to be made by any public authority that is not specifically provided for by an Act of the Legislative Assembly;
- (c) may not be challenged in the courts;
- (d) makes unusual use of the authority provided for in the parent Act;
- (e) has an unexpected effect where the parent Act confers no express authority for that effect;
- (f) purports to have retrospective effect where the parent statute confers no express authority to have a retrospective effect;
- (g) has been insufficiently promulgated, is outside the scope of the parent Act, has not been enacted properly, or has been made without the necessary statutory authority;
- (h) is not clear in meaning;
- (i) is in any way prejudicial to the public interest.

Orders of the Assembly take priority

52.04 An order of the Assembly that a Bill, regulation or some other subject matter stands referred to a Policy Field Committee shall take priority over any other hearing or inquiry.

Referral of annual reports to Policy Field Committees

52.05(1) The annual reports of each Government department, provincial agency, Crown-controlled organization, board and commission shall be deemed to be permanently referred to a Policy Field Committee.

(2) Each Policy Field Committee may

- (a) examine each annual report referred to it and report to the Assembly whether the report is satisfactory;
- (b) consider in more detail and report to the Assembly, on each annual report it considers unsatisfactory;
- (c) investigate and report to the Assembly on any lateness in the tabling of annual reports;
- (d) report to the Assembly each year whether there are any bodies which do not table annual reports in the Assembly and which should present such reports.

Public hearings on regulations

52.06(1) A Policy Field Committee may conduct a public hearing on any Bill, regulation or prospective regulation under review.

(2) A Policy Field Committee shall be required, prior to reporting that the attention of the Assembly be drawn to any regulation or prospective regulation, to inform the Government department or authority concerned of its intention to so report.

Policy Field Committee inquiries

52.07(1) A Policy Field Committee shall inquire into, consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Assembly.

(2) A Policy Field Committee may on its own initiative, or at the request of a Minister, inquire into any matter concerned with the structure, organization, operation, efficiency or service delivery of any sector of public policy within its mandate.

(3) An Order of the Assembly that a Policy Field Committee undertake an inquiry shall take priority over any other inquiry, but a Policy Field Committee shall not inquire into any matters which are being examined by a Special Committee.

(4) All inquiries must be concluded and a substantive report presented to the Assembly no later than 6 months after the commencement of the inquiry.

(5) Funding for the purposes of undertaking an inquiry, in addition to the committee's regular allocation, is subject to the prior approval of the Members' Services Committee.

Additional powers of the Policy Field Committee

52.08 In addition to any other powers of Policy Field Committees, the Committees may examine any matter within their mandate and recommend to the Assembly on the need for legislation in that area.

Response to reports

52.09(1) The Government shall respond to a Policy Field Committee's report on any matter other than a report on a Bill within 150 days from the date on which the Policy Field Committee reports.

(2) No motion concurring in the report of a Policy Field Committee to which the Government must respond under suborder (1) shall be voted upon until that response is tabled in the Assembly.

4 The following is added after Standing Order 55:

55.01 Reports of the Officers of the Legislature shall stand referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices unless otherwise ordered.

5 The following Standing Orders are added after Standing Order 59:

Application of Standing Orders during main estimates

59.01(1) The Standing Orders of the Assembly shall be observed in the Committee of Supply's consideration of main estimates except as follows:

- (a) a Member may speak more than once;
- (b) no Member may speak for more than 10 minutes at one time;
- (c) Standing Order 5, concerning quorum, shall not apply until the main estimates are voted upon.

(2) Notwithstanding suborder (1)(b), and provided that the Chair has been notified, a Minister and a private Member may combine their respective speaking times for a total of 20 minutes, with both taking and yielding the floor over the combined period.

(3) During Committee of Supply consideration of the main estimates, officials of the Government may be admitted to the floor of the Assembly to advise the Minister whose estimates are under consideration.

Hours of main estimates

59.02(1) Subject to suborder (2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the main estimates for not more than 75 hours.

(2) During the 2007 Spring Sitting, the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the main estimates for approximately 60 hours, with the time for consideration concluding upon the completion of 4 rotations of the 15-hour cycle outlined in Standing Order 59.03.

(3) Subject to the Official Opposition designations as provided for in Standing Order 59.03(2), the schedule for consideration of main estimates shall be determined by the House Leaders of the recognized parties and shall be tabled in the Assembly at least one sitting day prior to the Committee of Supply being called to consider main estimates.

(4) If the House Leaders fail to reach an agreement, the Government House Leader shall schedule the appearances of departments for estimates consideration by the Committee of Supply.

(5) On the first day of consideration of the main estimates by the Committee of Supply, the first member of Executive Council to speak shall move that the main estimates in their entirety be considered by the Committee.

(6) During the consideration of the main estimates, the Committee of Supply shall meet for a minimum of 3 hours at one time unless there are no Members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 3 hours.

(7) If the Committee of Supply meets for more than 3 hours at one time, the time in excess of 3 hours shall be available to any Member who wishes to speak and is recognized by the Chair.

(8) The time spent in Committee of Supply beyond 3 hours any afternoon shall not be included in the calculation of the time for a 15-hour cycle.

(9) During the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates, the Chair shall interrupt

(a) at 5:45 p.m.,

(b) at 10 p.m. if there is an evening sitting, or

(c) when there are no Members who wish to speak prior to the times indicated in (a) or (b),

and shall order the Committee to rise and report, and the Committee shall immediately rise and report progress without motion put.

(10) Standing Order 5 does not apply to a report to the Assembly from the Committee of Supply under suborder (9).

(11) When an amendment to a department's estimates is moved in Committee of Supply, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates.

15-hour cycles, hourly allotments to caucuses

59.03(1) In this Standing Order, "cross-ministry" means the estimates of 2 or more departments to be considered by the Committee of Supply during consideration of the main estimates.

(2) The schedule for cross-ministry appearances shall be designated by the Official Opposition in consultation with the Third Party.

(3) The first 60 hours for consideration of the main estimates shall proceed through 4 rotations of a 15-hour cycle whereby

(a) a caucus is allotted a particular block of hours during which time that caucus is entitled to designate which estimates are to be considered, and

- (b) only the designated Minister or member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf and members of the caucus that has been allotted that time will be recognized to speak unless there are no members of that caucus who wish to speak.
 - (4) The 15-hour cycle shall be allotted as follows:
 - Hours 1 to 6 - Official Opposition
 - Hours 7 to 9 - Third Party
 - Hours 10 to 12 - Private Members - Government Caucus
 - Hours 13 to 15 - cross-ministry appearances with the following allotments:
 - (i) the first 2 hours shall be divided between the Official Opposition, who shall have 90 minutes, and the Third Party, who shall have 30 minutes, and
 - (ii) during the last hour any Member may speak.
 - (5) During each 15-hour cycle, where the members of a caucus are allotted a particular block of time and those Members no longer wish to speak, then consideration for the entire block of time scheduled for that day is deemed to have occurred and any Member may be recognized by the Chair until the Committee rises and reports.
 - (6) Following the completion of the 4th 15-hour cycle of estimates consideration, the schedule for the remaining hours in Committee of Supply shall be determined by the House Leaders of the recognized parties in consultation with Members of the other parties or independent Members.
- Voting - main estimates
- 59.04(1) On the date scheduled or at the end of 75 hours of consideration, there shall be one vote on the main estimates unless
- (a) additional votes are required on amendments pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(11) prior to calling the vote on the main estimates;
 - (b) on at least one day's notice a Member has provided written notification to the Chair and the Clerk of his or her desire that the estimates of a particular department be voted upon separately, in which case that department's estimates shall be voted separately and the final vote for the main estimates shall consist of the estimates of any departments not yet voted upon.
- (2) The votes under suborder (1) shall be taken without debate or amendment except as provided in Standing Order 59.02(11).
 - (3) The Government House Leader shall give notice of the date for the vote on the main estimates not later than the completion of the 4th 15-hour cycle of estimates.
 - (4) Notwithstanding suborders (1) and (3), for the 2007 Spring Sitting the vote on the main estimates may be scheduled with a minimum of one sitting day's notice to occur any time after the completion of the 4th rotation of the 15-hour cycle, unless otherwise ordered.

(5) On the date for the vote on the main estimates and prior to the vote on the main estimates, the Chair shall put the question to approve the estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(6) At 5:45 p.m. on the date scheduled for the vote on the main estimates, if the vote has not been taken earlier, the Chair shall interrupt the proceedings, and the Committee of Supply shall commence voting and, if required, continue beyond the normal adjournment hour until all matters have been voted upon, at which time the Committee shall immediately rise and report.

Tabling of responses

59.05(1) Ministers must table answers to questions asked in Committee of Supply within 2 weeks.

(2) The vote on the main estimates under Standing Order 59.04 shall not be held until the answers have been tabled in the Assembly as required under suborder (1).

(3) Suborder (2) does not apply to questions asked in Committee of Supply within 2 weeks of the date for the vote on the main estimates.

6 The following sections of the Standing Orders shall have no force and effect for consideration of main estimates for the balance of the 26th Legislature:

- (a) 60(1);
- (b) 61(1)-(7) and (9);
- (c) 62(1) and (2);
- (d) 65(1)(b).

7 Standing Order 62(1) is struck out and the following is substituted:

62(1) In this Standing Order and Standing Order 64, "normal adjournment hour" means 6 p.m.

8 Standing Order 68 is amended by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:

(2) The report of a committee is the report as determined by the committee as a whole or a majority of it but shall include any dissenting or minority reports concerning the report or parts of it.

9 The following is added after Standing Order 74:

Referral of Bill to a committee after First Reading

74.1(1) Immediately after a Bill has been read a first time,

- (a) with respect to a Government Bill a member of the Executive Council
- (b) with respect to a Public Bill Other Than a Government Bill the sponsor

may move a motion, without notice, to refer the Bill to a Policy Field Committee.

(2) The Member moving the referral motion may be permitted to give a succinct explanation of the motion.

(3) Any motion made pursuant to this Standing Order shall be decided without debate or amendment, and if the motion is decided in the negative the said Bill shall be ordered for Second Reading.

- (4) This Standing Order does not apply to appropriation or Private Bills.
 Proceedings on Bills referred to a committee after First Reading
 74.2(1) When a Bill is referred to a Policy Field Committee after First Reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the Bill and report its observations, opinions and recommendations with respect to the Bill to the Assembly.
 (2) Upon the concurrence of a committee report that a Bill be proceeded with, the Bill shall be placed on the Order Paper for Second Reading.
- 10 The following is added after Standing Order 78:
 Referral of Bills to a Policy Field Committee after Second Reading
 78.1(1) Immediately after a Bill has been read a second time,
 (a) with respect to a Government Bill, a member of the Executive Council
 (b) with respect to a Public Bill Other Than a Government Bill, any Member
 may move a motion, without notice, to refer the Bill to a Policy Field Committee, which shall be decided without debate or amendment.
 (2) This Standing Order does not apply to appropriation or Private Bills.
 Public hearings after Second Reading
 78.2(1) When a Bill is referred to a Policy Field Committee after Second Reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the content of the Bill.
 (2) No public hearings may be conducted under suborder (1) if the Bill has been subject to committee consideration after First Reading.
 Report of Policy Field Committee on Bills
 78.3(1) A Policy Field Committee to which a Bill has been referred by the Assembly after Second Reading shall be empowered to report the same with or without amendments or to report that the Bill not proceed.
 (2) The report may contain a written statement of the committee's conclusions if the Bill was the subject of a public hearing.
 Procedure on report from Policy Field Committee
 78.4 When a Bill is reported pursuant to Standing Order 78.3, the following procedure shall apply:
 (a) any Bill reported shall be considered committed to Committee of the Whole Assembly unless otherwise ordered;
 (b) when a report recommends that the Bill not proceed, a motion to concur in that report shall be put immediately and decided without debate, and if agreed to, the Bill shall be dropped from the Order Paper but if negatived, the Bill shall stand committed to the Committee of the Whole.
- C. Be it further resolved that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing shall, without further motion, review and consider

- (a) the amendments to Standing Orders resulting from the March 7, 2007, House Leaders' Agreement by comparing the reforms to the practices in other Assemblies, examining whether the reforms afford open discussion of public policy where Albertans can participate and whether the reforms maximize oversight and accountability;
 - (b) the need for additional amendments or reforms to the Assembly's rules and practices to further objectives of open, public discussion of public policy, the role of the Assembly in overall government accountability and the work/life balance of Members; and
 - (c) following the 2007 Spring Sitting the operation of Standing Orders 59.01 to 59.05 and the process used for Committee of Supply in 2007,
- and shall report to the Assembly with its recommendations no later than February 2008 with respect to the matters in clauses (a) and (b) and no later than the conclusion of the 2007 Fall Sitting with respect to the matters in clause (c).
- D. Be it further resolved that the Policy Field Committees referenced in Part B of this motion be designated as Category A Committees for the purposes of the Members' Services Committee Allowances Order, RMSC 1992, cM-2.
 - E. And be it further resolved that
 - 1 The amendments in this motion come into force on passage.
 - 2 The amendments in this motion and the amendments approved by the Assembly on March 12, 2007, as amended, shall have effect until the dissolution of the 26th Legislature.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on April 12, 2007, that the motion be amended by striking out the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 3, Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007, be not now read a third time because the proposed measures to reduce the intensity of specified gas emissions contained therein, combined with rapid oilsands development will allow ongoing, dramatic increases in specified gas emissions and make it impossible to meet the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol.

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

For the amendment: 12

Blakeman	Martin	Pannu
Eggen	Mason	Pastoor
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Swann
MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor

Against the amendment: 35

Boutilier	Haley	Mitzel
Brown	Hancock	Oberle
Calahasen	Herard	Ouellette
Cao	Hinman	Pham
DeLong	Jablonski	Renner
Ducharme	Johnson	Shariff
Dunford	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Evans	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Strang
Goudreau	Lund	VanderBurg
Graydon	Mar	Zwozdesky
Groeneveld	Marz	

A debate followed on the main motion.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended in section 2(5) by striking out “Alberta” and substituting “the City of Edmonton”.

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: 11

Backs	Hancock	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	Lukaszuk	Pastoor
Eggen	MacDonald	Zwozdesky
Elsalhy	Mather	

Against the amendment: 30

Boutilier	Groeneveld	Mitzel
Calahasen	Haley	Oberg
Cao	Herard	Oberle
Danyluk	Hinman	Ouellette
DeLong	Horner	Pham
Ducharme	Johnson	Renner
Dunford	Lindsay	Rogers
Evans	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Lund	Stevens
Fritz	Mar	Strang

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
on division

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Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 17, 2007