



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 20

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, made a statement regarding Senator-elect Bert Brown whose proposed appointment to the Senate of Canada was announced on April 18, 2007.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, 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. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of Little Bow constituent, Henry Bergen.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement recognizing the Government's efforts to increase the supply of physicians in Alberta.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing April 15-21, 2007, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the “McClung Goes Green” initiative recently undertaken in the Edmonton-McClung constituency and recognizing April 22, 2007, as Earth Day.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding climate change and recognizing April 22, 2007, as Earth Day.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Dr. Bruce Naylor, Ph.D, Director of the Royal Tyrrell Museum, who passed away on April 6, 2007.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 221 Castle Downs residents urging the Government to reconsider the location of the new Edmonton Remand Centre and work with the federal government to relocate the new site closer to the Edmonton Maximum Security prison.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 89 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 91 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's four new Standing Committees:

Standing Committee on Community Services (11 Members)

Ady (Chair)	Flaherty	Lukaszuk
Mather (Deputy Chair)	Johnson	Pannu
Abbott	Johnston	Shariff
Backs	Lougheed	

Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures (11 Members)

Dunford (Chair)	Martin	Rogers
Taylor (Deputy Chair)	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Webber
Doerksen	Prins	Zwozdesky
Herard	Rodney	

Standing Committee on Resources and Environment (11 Members)

Ducharme (Chair)	Graydon	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Swann (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Mitzel
Calahasen	Hinman	Oberle
Eggen	Lund	

Standing Committee on Government Services (11 Members)

Cenaiko (Chair)	Coutts	Mason
Elsalhy (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Pastoor
Amery	Forsyth	VanderBurg
Brown	Marz	

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with on Monday, April 30, 2007:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the immediate and pressing risk to the health and well-being of the residents of Fort McMurray caused by the recent fire and resulting inability of the community's social, housing, and health systems to cope with the impacts of this crisis without immediate provincial support.

Point of Privilege

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding personal allegations made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Letter dated April 4, 2007, from Alan J. Shopland, P.Eng., General Manager, Access Roads Edmonton Ltd., to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, clarifying details of the public-private partnership between Access Road Edmonton Ltd. and the Government of Alberta to complete the southeast portion of Anthony Henday Drive

Sessional Paper 265/2007

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

Series of e-mail messages between Chris Goss, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and representatives of the media, and 1 letter, undated, unsigned from Chris Goss to Sarah, Matthew, and Brayden expressing concern regarding the proposal to conduct seismic testing under Marie Lake

Sessional Paper 266/2007

Letter dated April 3, 2007, unsigned, from Dwight and Shelley Homister of Bonnyville to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, with associated attachment, expressing concern regarding the proposal to conduct seismic testing and allow oil sands development under Marie Lake

Sessional Paper 267/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2007, from Lauren Cordeiro to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concern regarding the care being received by Ms Cordeiro's father at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 268/2007

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

McClung Quarterly newsletter dated March 2007 featuring the "McClung Goes Green" initiative

Sessional Paper 269/2007

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

E-mail message dated February 16, 2007, from Kim Troy to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing frustration regarding a lack of child care spaces for children under two years of age

Sessional Paper 270/2007

E-mail message dated February 6, 2007, sender unknown, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, requesting support for all eligible children up to 12 years of age to be able to obtain subsidized day care and for wage enhancement and professional development funds for all childcare professionals working with children up to 12 years of age

Sessional Paper 271/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

Letter dated April 11, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, responding to questions raised during Oral Question Period on March 21 and 22, 2007

Sessional Paper 272/2007

Point of Privilege

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding personal allegations made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Martin, Mr. Oberle, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, and Rev. Abbott.

The Speaker indicated he would rule on the matter on April 19, 2007.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the immediate and pressing risk to the health and well-being of the residents of Fort McMurray caused by the recent fire and resulting inability of the community's social, housing, and health systems to cope with the impacts of this crisis without immediate provincial support.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

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 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Mr. Amery, 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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 273/2007

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 274/2007

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Lukaszuk on behalf of Mr. Dunford
- Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay
- Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

- Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau
- Bill 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 18, 2007