



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 22

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, April 30, 2007

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

The Deputy Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of people killed or injured in the workplace.

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2007, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

The Deputy 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.

The Deputy Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the sod-turning ceremony held on April 16, 2007, to commemorate the construction of a supportive living facility in the municipality of Jasper.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing Gary McPherson of Edmonton who will be inducted as a Member of the Alberta Order of Excellence on June 14, 2007.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing April 29 to May 5, 2007, as Education Week.

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing April 22-29, 2007, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing April 29 to May 5, 2007, as Education Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the 2007-08 Government of Alberta budget.

## **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer "Housing First," the report of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Government's response to that report to the Managing Growth Pressures Policy Field Committee constituted under temporary Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), with specific directions to consider and report back on the advisability of introducing temporary rent stability guidelines.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

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 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act —  
Mr. Prins

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:

Publication regarding Education Week, April 29 to May 5, 2007, entitled "Students First"

Sessional Paper 288/2007

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

Copy of a petition signed by 224 Albertans requesting the implementation of a cap on rental rates

Sessional Paper 289/2007

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

Document dated May 2, 2006, entitled "Fiscal Terms Report for Alberta Energy" prepared by Wood MacKenzie

Sessional Paper 290/2007

Internal memorandum dated April 23, 2007, from Kerry Langford to Fred Dunn, Auditor General of Alberta, responding to a request for a legal opinion regarding the authority of the Public Accounts Committee to compel the attendance of witnesses

Sessional Paper 291/2007

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Program from the 2007 Alberta Film and Television Awards presented by AMPIA (Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association) held on April 28, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 292/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited conference notes, undated, concerning the HQCEC (China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation) Bid Clarification Meeting

Sessional Paper 293/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Response to Written Question WQ31, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on August 28, 2006:

What measurable impacts do the activities of the System Improvement and Reporting Branch of Alberta Education have on enhancing teaching and educational outcomes for students?

Sessional Paper 294/2007

Response to Written Question WQ32, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on August 28, 2006:

For fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2004-2005, what are the total expenses broken down by project or function in the areas of system improvement and reporting within the System Improvement and Reporting Branch of Alberta Education?

Sessional Paper 295/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR27, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko on August 28, 2006:

Copies of all documents related to the \$150,800 grant provided to Maskalyk Miles as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Sessional Paper 296/2007

Return to Order of the Assembly MR28, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko on August 28, 2006:

Copies of all documents related to the \$188,000 grant provided to Jean Henry Paul as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Sessional Paper 297/2007

Return to Order of the Assembly MR29, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko on August 28, 2006:

Copies of all documents related to the \$103,000 grant provided to Lefebvre Edmond as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Sessional Paper 298/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Ms Pastoor on April 16, 2007:

What was the total number of applications and the total number of applications approved under the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program in fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?

Sessional Paper 299/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report Year End June 30, 2006, with attached Financial Statements, College of Chiropractors of Alberta dated June 30, 2006

Sessional Paper 300/2007

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2005 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program dated November 11, 2005

Sessional Paper 301/2007

Alberta Dental Association and College 2005 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, with attached Financial Statements, Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program dated December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 302/2007

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 303/2007

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 304/2007

University of Calgary Authorized Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006, with attached Financial Statements for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

Sessional Paper 305/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2), Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2005-2006 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 306/2007

Pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8, Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 307/2007

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 308/2007

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 309/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. Miller on April 16, 2007:

What is the total projected cost to taxpayers of the Government's current schedule for paying off the unfunded liabilities of public sector pension plans, broken down by plan?

Sessional Paper 310/2007

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Miller on April 16, 2007:

What was the total value of all Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments in tobacco-based companies at the end of fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2005-2006 and for the period April 1, 2006 to March 7, 2007?

Sessional Paper 311/2007

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer "Housing First," the report of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force, and the Government's response to that report to the Managing Growth Pressures Policy Field Committee constituted under temporary Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), with specific directions to consider and report back on the advisability of introducing temporary rent stability guidelines.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR4, MR5, MR6.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

Mr. Rodney, 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 203 (Hon. Member for Strathcona) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 312/2007

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

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

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**505.** Moved by Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a plan with municipalities to phase out the education portion of property taxes for seniors.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## **Adjournment**

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

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 30, 2007