



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 23

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the 16th annual Alberta Wilderness Association Climb and Run for Wilderness held at the Calgary Tower on April 21, 2007.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the 33rd annual Alberta Film and Television Awards presented by the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA) in Edmonton on April 28, 2007.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding autistic spectrum disorders.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing the 2007 Alberta wheelchair curling champions who competed in the national finals in Ottawa, Ontario, from April 5 to 7, 2007.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing May 1, 2007, as May Day.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the Camrose Fire Department.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 10 Albertans 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 11 Albertans calling upon our elected representatives to enact first contract legislation immediately, which would compel the employer to bargain immediately and fairly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(3):
Spring 2007 Committee of Supply Calendar

Sessional Paper 313/2007

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

Memorandum dated May 1, 2007, from Ben Seutter, President, Edmonton Apartment Association, to all owner members encouraging association members to meet with their respective Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding rent controls and providing a list of discussion topics

Sessional Paper 314/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Roshika Khanna, Program Coordinator, Calgary Scope Society, to several Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary constituencies expressing concern regarding the difficulty finding affordable housing for their clients

Sessional Paper 315/2007

4 recent e-mail messages from Calgary-Varsity residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding their substantial rent increases

Sessional Paper 316/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Don Gunderson to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing opposition to the Government's response to the recommendations of the Alberta Affordable Housing Task Force

Sessional Paper 317/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 27, 2007, from Jim Sexsmith of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, regarding the lack of affordable housing for seniors in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 318/2007

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 19, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, to Frank Bruseker, President, Alberta Teachers' Association, regarding the Government's plan to address the unfunded liability of the Teachers' Retirement Fund

Sessional Paper 319/2007

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

E-mail message dated February 27, 2007, from Deb Newman of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding rent costs in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 320/2007

E-mail message dated April 19, 2007, from Velvet Martin regarding the need for the Government to include family involvement when addressing funding for special needs children

Sessional Paper 321/2007

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

Speaking notes of Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, recognizing April 28, 2007, as the International Day of Mourning for workers killed on the job

Sessional Paper 322/2007

Victims of Violence Citizens' Rights Group notice of an organizational meeting to be held in Edmonton on May 5, 2007

Sessional Paper 323/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 29, 2007, signed by 24 residents of the Sierra Building in Edmonton, expressing opposition to several recent rent increases and requesting that legislation be introduced to limit rent increases to five percent per year, with attached list of seven tenants' rent increases and two rental increase notices

Sessional Paper 324/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Dr. Oberg:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

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

Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 1, 2007