



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 25

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, May 3, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2007, as the 62nd anniversary of National Liberation Day in Holland.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding alternatives to nuclear power.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing May 2007 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the installation on May 1, 2007, of Archbishop Richard Smith as Edmonton's eighth Archbishop.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta's election contribution funds.

Presenting Petitions

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 7 Spruce Grove and Stony Plain residents urging the Government to immediately introduce a bill to create a buffer zone of at least one mile distance from any major water body, such as a river, lake, or creek, from which any intensive/confined feeding operation, including swine, beef cattle, dairy, elk, bison, or poultry is prohibited from locating, in order to protect and preserve Alberta's fresh water sources.

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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Gaming Planning Act — Mr. Tougas

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter, undated, from Alexis Sokol of Edmonton to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the hardships of several apartment tenants due to rent increases

Sessional Paper 340/2007

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

Letter dated February 23, 2007, from Nicole Régis, grade three teacher, Grandin School, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 341/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2007, from Derinda Wood to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding three rent increases received since August 2006

Sessional Paper 342/2007

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

Letter dated May 2, 2007, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Alan J. Shopland, General Manager, Access Roads Edmonton Limited, responding to Mr. Shopland's letter dated April 4, 2007, concerning the costs related to the southeast portion of the Edmonton ring road

Sessional Paper 343/2007

Page 103 of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Annual Report 2005-2006, Schedule to the Financial Statements, Comparison of Expenses - Directly Incurred, EIP and Capital Investment and Statutory Expenses
Sessional Paper 344/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Program from the Edmonton Catholic Schools 18th annual Celebration of the Arts held on May 2, 2007, at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
Sessional Paper 345/2007

Edmonton Airports, Annual Report 06
Sessional Paper 346/2007

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Alberta's Opportunity, Funding Alberta's Future" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus
Sessional Paper 347/2007

Copies of a spreadsheet and presentation relating to "Alberta's Opportunity, Funding Alberta's Future" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus
Sessional Paper 348/2007

Website reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated April 20, 2007, entitled "Will the real fiscal conservatives please stand up" written by Scott Hennig
Sessional Paper 349/2007

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

Letter dated November 17, 2006, from Craig Dunn, B.Sc., President, WellDunn Consulting, to Alberta Energy, Oil Sands Consultations, regarding his presentation on September 28, 2006, entitled "Industry Leaders Take Risks: Green Energy Technology for the Oil Sands"
Sessional Paper 350/2007

Website reprint of an article dated January 7, 2002, entitled "Geothermal Technology: Part 2 of 2" written by Esme Friesen
Sessional Paper 351/2007

Website reprint of a Toronto Star article dated February 10, 2007, entitled "Oil industry finds hot rock resources" written by Tyler Hamilton
Sessional Paper 352/2007

Website reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated February 8, 2007, entitled "Greener oilsands would drill for heat" written by Ron Chalmers
Sessional Paper 353/2007

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 7 to May 10, 2007:

Tuesday, May 8

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply (Hours 7 to 9)

Municipal Affairs and Housing; Health and Wellness (ND)

Second Reading

Bill 2, 31, 32, 33, 34

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 9

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply (Hours 10 to 12)

Treasury Board; Finance; Health and Wellness; Municipal Affairs and Housing; Solicitor General and Public Security (Private Government Members)

Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/

Third Reading

Bill 2, 31, 32, 33, 34

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 10

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply (Hours 13 to 15)

Children's Services; Seniors and Community Supports; Education (Cross-ministry: LIB - 1.5 hr., ND - .5 hr., any Member - 1 hr.)

Second Reading/Committee of the Whole/

Third Reading

Bill 2, 31, 32, 33, 34

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Hours 4 to 6 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions for the Departments of Energy and Children's Services, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

The Acting Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated May 1, 2007, from Alliance Realty Management to Doreen Fiddler of Edmonton providing three-months' notice of a \$1,000 rent increase
Sessional Paper 354/2007

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until Monday, May 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 3, 2007