



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, May 9, 2007

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the Youth Secretariat, Alberta Children's Services.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing the value of persons with disabilities in the Alberta labour force.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the issue of affordable housing in Alberta.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 50th annual Stavely Indoor Professional Rodeo held on May 6, 2007.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Esquao Awards gala to recognize aboriginal women's achievements, held on May 3, 2007, in Edmonton.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the adoption of ammolite as the official gemstone of Lethbridge.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 469 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.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1), 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, May 14, 2007:

### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.  
To stand and retain their places: None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR5, MR6.  
To stand and retain their places: MR4.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Calgary Herald website article dated May 8, 2007, entitled “Nuclear energy can play a safe role” written by Patrick Moore

Sessional Paper 392/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2007, from Charlynn Cox of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting information regarding Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, and response dated May 4, 2007, from Mr. Agnihotri to Ms Cox committing to provide the requested information as soon as possible

Sessional Paper 393/2007

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

Document entitled “Standard on Assessment Appeal” approved in July 2001 by the International Association of Assessing Officers

Sessional Paper 394/2007

Document dated July 2000 entitled “Report and Recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on Equalized Assessment in Alberta” prepared by the Alberta Equalized Assessment Panel

Sessional Paper 395/2007

Ombudsman report dated March 2006 entitled “Getting It Right, Investigation into the Transparency of the Property Assessment Process and the Integrity and Efficiency of Decision-Making at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation” prepared by André Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario

Sessional Paper 396/2007

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

Handwritten note by Eric Lindstrom of Edmonton concerning rental rates

Sessional Paper 397/2007

Letter, undated, from Mary Swain of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding rent increases for her apartment building, with attached copy of an overdue rent notice

Sessional Paper 398/2007

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

Letter dated May 3, 2007, from Margaret Linklater of Lacombe to Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta, expressing concern regarding the Government’s response to the issue of affordable housing in Alberta

Sessional Paper 399/2007

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

E-mail message dated April 18, 2007, from Glenda Murphy of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding seismic testing in Marie Lake and urging the Government to request an environmental assessment be done prior to allowing seismic testing

Sessional Paper 400/2007

Letter dated May 5, 2007, unsigned, from Maxine and Arnold Jol of Spruce Grove to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children’s Services, requesting that specialized services funding received through the Family Supports for Children with Disabilities program not be discontinued

Sessional Paper 401/2007

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

Letter dated March 15, 2007, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald’s letter dated January 25, 2007, concerning the Government Fees and Charges Review Act

Sessional Paper 402/2007

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Bonko speaking.

#### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5) and Government Motion 19, agreed to by the Assembly on May 8, 2007, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007 — 8:00 P.M.

### **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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Abbott	Dunford	Melchin
Backs	Goudreau	Oberle
Boutilier	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Brown	Jablonski	Rodney
Calahasen	Johnson	Rogers
Cao	Johnston	Shariff
Cardinal	Liepert	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	VanderBurg
DeLong	Magnus	Zwozdesky
Ducharme		

Against the motion: 12

Agnihotri  
Blakeman  
Chase  
Eggen

Elsalhy  
Flaherty  
Martin  
Mason

Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)  
Pannu  
Pastoor  
Swann

### **Unanimous Consent**

On behalf of several Members, the Deputy Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

### **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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(4)(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (8):

(9) No increase in rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement shall be greater than the rate of inflation as measured by the All-items Consumer Price Index for Alberta published by Statistics Canada for the immediately preceding year, plus 2%, for the period April 24, 2007 to April 23, 2009.

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: 12

Agnihotri  
Blakeman  
Chase  
Eggen

Elsalhy  
MacDonald  
Martin  
Mason

Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)  
Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)  
Pastoor  
Tougas

Against the amendment: 30

Abbott	Dunford	Lougheed
Ady	Goudreau	Lund
Brown	Groeneveld	Melchin
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberle
Cao	Hinman	Ouellette
Cardinal	Jablonski	Renner
Cenaiko	Johnson	Rodney
Coutts	Johnston	Snelgrove
DeLong	Liepert	Stevens
Ducharme	Lindsay	Zwozdesky

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(4)(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (8):

(9) A landlord shall not increase the rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the Alberta Consumer Price Index published by Statistics Canada for the previous calendar year plus 2%.

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: 7

Blakeman	Martin	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Eggen	Mason	Pastoor
MacDonald		

Against the amendment: 27

Ady	DeLong	Lindsay
Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Lougheed
Brown	Groeneveld	Lund
Calahasen	Hancock	Melchin
Cao	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberle
Cenaiko	Johnson	Snelgrove
Chase	Johnston	Stevens
Coutts	Liepert	Zwozdesky

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(4)(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (8):

(9) No increase in rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement shall be greater than 10% for the period April 24, 2007 to April 23, 2008.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 9

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Blakeman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Swann
Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas

Against the amendment: 27

Ady	Evans	Martin
Brown	Groeneveld	Mason
Cao	Hancock	Melchin
Cardinal	Hinman	Mitzel
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Prins
Coutts	Johnston	Snelgrove
DeLong	Liepert	Stevens
Doerksen	Lindsay	Webber
Eggen	Lougheed	Zwozdesky

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved the Bill be amended in section 2(4) by adding the following after the proposed subsection (7):

(8) A landlord shall not increase the rent payable under a tenancy agreement by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the Alberta Consumer Price Index published by Statistics Canada for the previous calendar year plus 2%.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved that amendment to the Bill be further amended by adding “for a period of 18 months, or until the rental market stabilizes” after “plus 2%”.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

### **Unanimous Consent**

During debate on the subamendment to Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 32(3), to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes.

Debate continued on the subamendment.

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

For the subamendment: 13

Agnihotri	Martin	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Mason	Pannu
Eggen	Mather	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas
MacDonald		

Against the subamendment: 24

Abbott	Graydon	Ouellette
Amery	Haley	Pham
Backs	Hancock	Prins
Boutilier	Herard	Renner
Brown	Knight	Rogers
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Evans	Magnus	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Webber

The question being put on the amendment moved by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Bonko	Martin	Pannu
Eggen	Mason	Pastoor
Flaherty	Mather	Swann
MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Against the amendment: 28

Abbott	Graydon	Mitzel
Agnihotri	Haley	Ouellette
Amery	Hancock	Pham
Backs	Herard	Prins
Boutilier	Knight	Renner
Brown	Lukaszuk	Rogers
Danyluk	Magnus	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Mar	Stelmach
Evans	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Webber
Fritz		



The question was put on the remaining clauses of Bill 34, Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abbott	Graydon	Pham
Amery	Haley	Prins
Backs	Hancock	Renner
Boutilier	Herard	Rogers
Brown	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Magnus	Stelmach
Doerksen	Mar	Tarchuk
Evans	Mitzel	Webber
Fritz	Ouellette	

Against the motion: 14

Agnihotri	Martin	Pannu
Bonko	Mason	Pastoor
Eggen	Mather	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas
MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Rev. Abbott, 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 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 403/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 404/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 405/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 406/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 407/2007

Subamendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 408/2007

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition) —  
Defeated on Division

Sessional Paper 409/2007

## **Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

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.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned  
at 10:45 a.m., Thursday, May 10, 2007, until 1:00 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 9, 2007