



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team's successful 2007 season.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Edmonton Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the new Agrivalue Processing Business Incubator in Leduc.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the oil sands royalty rate.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding provincial taxes and the need for a revenue-sharing formula for municipalities.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing May 13-20, 2007, as Police Week.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 262 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

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 28, 2007:

Written Questions

To stand and retain their places: WQ15, WQ16.

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR4.

To stand and retain their places: MR7, MR8.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Summary document, undated, listing the top three infrastructure priorities for several municipalities in Alberta, with attached background information regarding Edmonton and Calgary

Sessional Paper 458/2007

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

Letter dated May 8, 2007, from Tina Voss of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, requesting funding for the Sign Language Interpreters Program at Lakeland College

Sessional Paper 459/2007

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Letter dated May 15, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the appearance of Deputy Ministers before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Sessional Paper 460/2007

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

E-mail message dated March 15, 2007, from Susan Said to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding wages for day care staff who care for children over the age of six

Sessional Paper 461/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Lori Mekechuk of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting assistance in obtaining government subsidized housing

Sessional Paper 462/2007

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

Letter dated April 13, 2007, from Nicole Fedorak, Literacy Intervention Teacher, St. Philip Catholic Elementary School, to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, regarding the success of the Reading Recovery Program for grade one students

Sessional Paper 463/2007

Construction Owners Association of Alberta Workplace Respect Hand Book dated May 2005

Sessional Paper 464/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Miller on May 14, 2007:

As of April 11, 2007, what is the total cost of efforts to recover cheques that were sent to people who did not qualify for the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

Sessional Paper 465/2007

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Miller on May 14, 2007:

What was the total cost associated with administering the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

Sessional Paper 466/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

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

Committee of Supply (Hours 22 to 24 — 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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. VanderBurg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Children's Services, Seniors and Community Supports, and Education, 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.

Government Bills and Orders

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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, Dr. Pannu speaking

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(6), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Hours 25 to 27 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Prins reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Energy, Environment, and Health and Wellness, 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 16, 2007