

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 39

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

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

# **Members' Statements**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing June 5, 2007, as the inaugural National Hunger Awareness Day.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing June 4-10, 2007, as Seniors' Week.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Nate Garke, a 13-year-old, grade eight student from Spruce Grove who placed second in the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee held on May 30 and 31, 2007, in Washingtion, D.C.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Family and Community Support Services Association.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing June 5, 2007, as Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Alberta Royalty Review.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has had a certain Bill under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

the Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr1, Cyberpol - the Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act

Ms DeLong, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr1, Cyberpol - the Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act

Sessional Paper 558/2007

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 231 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.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 162 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.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2005-2006 Sessional Paper 559/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Brandi Roach to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Alberta's uncontrolled economic growth

Sessional Paper 560/2007

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

Letter dated May 28, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Dr. David Marshall, President, Mount Royal College, requesting confirmation of attendance at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to be held on October 16, 2007

Sessional Paper 561/2007

Letter dated May 28, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Dr. Harvey P. Weingarten, President and Vice-chancellor, University of Calgary, requesting confirmation of attendance at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to be held on October 17, 2007

Sessional Paper 562/2007

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

E-mail message dated May 30, 2007, from Herman Ansink to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing support for anti-smoking legislation in Alberta

Sessional Paper 563/2007

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

Program from the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society (NABIS) 16th annual NABIS Brain Injury Awareness Week Kick-off Breakfast held on June 1, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 564/2007

Program from a 75th birthday celebration for Father Bernie Gilliece held on June 2, 2007, at the Northgate Lions Senior Citizens Centre

Sessional Paper 565/2007

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

9 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 566/2007

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

Signature magazine dated May-June 2007 prepared by the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra

Sessional Paper 567/2007

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

7 letters from Alberta municipalities responding to requests from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to provide information concerning infrastructure and transportation priorities

Sessional Paper 568/2007

E-mail message dated February 3, 2007, from Fred Jack of Swan Hills to several Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary constituencies expressing concern regarding affordable housing

Sessional Paper 569/2007

Letter dated May 3, 2007, from Kathy L. Belton, M.Ed., Co-director, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching a position paper dated October 2005 entitled "The Introduction of Demerit Points to Increase Compliance With Seat Belt and Child Safety Legislation in Alberta: An Alberta Occupant Restraint Program Discussion Paper"

Sessional Paper 570/2007

5 student essays regarding lowering the voting age to 16 years of age Sessional Paper 571/2007

Letter dated May 22, 2007, from Margaret Fitch of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing support for Motions Other Than Government Motions 510 and 511, to be proposed by Mr. Chase

Sessional Paper 572/2007

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report Sessional Paper 573/2007

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2006 Annual Report Sessional Paper 574/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s7(6) Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Annual Report 2003-2004 Sessional Paper 575/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s24(1) Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Triennial Report 2000-2003 Sessional Paper 576/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on May 15, 2007, Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 577/2007

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on May 16, 2007, Department of Education, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 578/2007

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on May 29, 2007, Department of Education, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 579/2007

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Committee of Supply** (Hours 49 to 51 — 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 Mr. Johnston reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Infrastructure and Transportation, Employment, Immigration, and Industry, and Seniors and Community Supports, 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. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:31 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007 — 7:00 P.M.

# **Committee of Supply** (Hours 52 to 54 — Main Estimates)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Pastoor reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Departments of Education, Employment, Immigration, and Industry, Seniors and Community Supports, 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.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:31 p.m. until Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, June 5, 2007