



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 42

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, June 11, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding a \$12 million Government contribution to the Rick Hansen Foundation to support initiatives to assist people with spinal cord injuries, announced on June 11, 2007.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 60th anniversary of the discovery of oil in Alberta at the Leduc No. 1 discovery well on February 3, 1947.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the launch of a children's book written by Shane Gauthier entitled "Patches the Beaver: Welcome to Harmony Woods" held at Norwood School on May 29, 2007.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the successes of Alberta participants at the 2007 Canadian Skills Competition recently held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and the 2008 Alberta and Canadian Skills Competitions and the 2009 World Skills Competition, all to be held in Calgary.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the clean-up of sites contaminated by oil, gas, and industrial development.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the needs of seniors.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 105 Albertans urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that the traffic noise from the Edmonton Ring Road near our neighbourhood of The Woods is evaluated immediately and again in six months, and that if the noise levels measured are found to exceed acceptable provincial or municipal thresholds, that noise attenuation and reduction measures be implemented as soon as possible.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 38 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where the Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

The petition put forth by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, was not in order to be presented.

Notices of Motions

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer the matter of the unethical donation from the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission to the Premier's campaign for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party to the Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures, constituted under Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), for a full and independent inquiry.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Notice having been given:

Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Climate Change Central, Progress Report 2006

Sessional Paper 597/2007

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Response to questions asked by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on June 4, 2007, during debate on Bill 29, Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 598/2007

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

Calgary Herald article dated June 9, 2007, entitled "Residents of rural riding wear concerns on sleeves" written by Tony Seskus

Sessional Paper 599/2007

Letter dated June 6, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated May 24, 2007, expressing concern regarding MEG Energy Corporation's recent pipeline rupture

Sessional Paper 600/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

News release dated March 19, 2007, entitled "Radio Ads Highlight Need for Strong Environmental Laws" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 601/2007

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

5 photographs from the AAA feedlot operation near Didsbury

Sessional Paper 602/2007

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

Letter dated April 26, 2007, unaddressed, from Barbara Hollman expressing concern regarding the noise from large trucks braking at an intersection on Anthony Henday Drive near her home

Sessional Paper 603/2007

13 photographs from a segment of Anthony Henday Drive

Sessional Paper 604/2007

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

E-mail message dated June 9, 2007, from Chris Goss of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting information concerning the effect of seismic activity on fish in Utikuma Lake and other northern Alberta lakes

Sessional Paper 605/2007

E-mail message dated June 9, 2007, from Glenda Murphy of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting information concerning the effect of seismic activity on fish in Utikuma Lake and other northern Alberta lakes

Sessional Paper 606/2007

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

37 recently completed forms signed by Albertans entitled "Affordable Housing" containing information concerning apartment address, rental increases in 2006 and 2007, and type of income

Sessional Paper 607/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of a petition signed by 512 Edmonton and area residents regarding civil rights as outlined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms concerning the ability to gain a livelihood

Sessional Paper 608/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "Gone Skiing" prepared by the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing

Sessional Paper 609/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:

Workers' Compensation Board-Alberta, 2006 Accountability Framework Report

Sessional Paper 610/2007

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

Memorandum dated June 7, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, regarding grade inflation in Alberta's kindergarten to grade 12 education system

Sessional Paper 611/2007

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 28 and 29, 2007, Department of Advanced Education and Technology, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 612/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, on May 30, 2007, Department of Energy, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 613/2007

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer the matter of the unethical donation from the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission to the Premier's campaign for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party to the Standing Committee on Managing Growth Pressures, constituted under Standing Order 52.01(1)(c), for a full and independent inquiry.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ15. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total departmental cost for staff time, legal fees, and consultative services to prepare the MLA from Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo for his presentation to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board 2006 hearings on Suncor Energy Incorporated's Voyageur project?

WQ16. Moved by Mrs. Mather:

What is the rate of recidivism for sexually-exploited children apprehended under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act since its implementation?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental impact assessments, relating to the effects on water levels and water quality of withdrawing water from the Red Deer River to service a project in the Municipal District of Rockyview that includes a major retail mall, a horse racing track, a casino, an industrial park, and an equine centre from fiscal year 2003-2004 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to April 10, 2007.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental impact assessments, relating to the water levels and water quality *in* the Red Deer River from fiscal year 2003-2004 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to April 10, 2007.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR7. Moved by Mr. Chase:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all documents, including briefings, letters, memos, policy proposals, Cabinet minutes, talking points, faxes, correspondence, and discussion papers relating to the Minister of Infrastructure's meeting with Fort McMurray Mayor Doug Faulkner on July 27, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 211 Planning for the Future of Communities Act — Mr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 9

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| Chase | Martin | Pastoor |
| Elsalhy | Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) | Taft |
| Flaherty | Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford) | Tougas |

Against the motion: 36

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| Amery | Groeneveld | Oberle |
| Backs | Herard | Ouellette |
| Calahasen | Horner | Pham |
| Cao | Johnson | Prins |
| Cardinal | Johnston | Rodney |
| Coutts | Knight | Rogers |
| DeLong | Liepert | Shariff |
| Doerksen | Lougheed | Snelgrove |
| Dunford | Lukaszuk | Strang |
| Evans | Marz | Tarchuk |
| Fritz | Melchin | VanderBurg |
| Griffiths | Mitzel | Zwozdesky |

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

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Chase:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to lower the minimum age of electors in provincial elections from 18 years to 16 years.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, June 11, 2007