

## Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 43

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Reynolds-Alberta Museum.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding difficulties faced by volunteer organizations.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding health issues faced by Wyatt Broughton of Red Deer.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding farm safety.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding school board funding shortfalls.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Shamsher Singh Sandhu, recipient of a 2007 Outstanding Calgary Seniors Award presented on June 9, 2007.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 34 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to ban resident trapping within five miles of the Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park and in areas where species at risk are known to be present.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, resented a petition from 40 Edmonton and area residents 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.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 178 Albertans urging the Government to immediately conduct a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and initiate full public consultations regarding the proposed seismic testing on Marie Lake, and to deny permission for testing or further development if possible adverse effects are identified or the majority of affected members of the public are opposed.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 269 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.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, presented a petition from 523 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will ensure that where a person who holds a graduated driver's licence is operating a motor vehicle that is involved in a collision resulting in serious injury or death, that person's licence shall be suspended immediately and notification shall be provided to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board, and the Board shall immediately conduct a review of the incident to determine whether the person's licence should be reinstated, and if so, under what conditions.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 60 Edmonton residents 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.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 84 Edmonton residents urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

- Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 42 Insurance Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Rodney
- Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Hancock

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services for the committee's consideration, review, and comment, and requests the committee to report to the Assembly on or before the first week of the Fall 2007 sitting:

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 42 Insurance Amendment Act, 2007 - Mr. Rodney

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Petition signed by over 500 Calgary residents regarding the Calgary Board of Education's recommended capital plans for new school construction in Calgary Sessional Paper 614/2007

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Letter, undated, from Shamsher Singh Sandhu of Calgary to Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, regarding his translation of Canada's national anthem and Alberta's official song into Punjabi

Sessional Paper 615/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 e-mail messages dated March 13, 2007, between Leigh Anne McCrowe, Manager, Administration, Alberta Liberal Caucus, and Scott Ellis, Director and Senior Financial Officer, Legislative Assembly Office, regarding the approval of text for a series of radio ads

Sessional Paper 616/2007

E-mail message dated April 18, 2007, from Rod E. McConnell to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the security of electronic personal health records

Sessional Paper 617/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Letter dated October 3, 2006, from Dan Carroll, President, Alberta Liberal Party, to Forrest Wright, Beaver Regional Waste Management Commission, requesting a financial donation to the Alberta Liberals, with attached letter dated March 31, 2006, from Sandeep Dhir, Co-chair, Alberta Liberal Party, to Mr. Wright providing information regarding the purchase of tickets to hear Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, speak at the Alberta Liberal Party's 2006 Edmonton Leader's Dinner

Sessional Paper 618/207

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

Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7, regular board meeting agenda for June 11, 2007, with attached minutes from June 4 and 7, 2007, and 3 related inter-office memos

Sessional Paper 619/2007

News release dated June 11, 2007, entitled "Balanced Budget Approved for 2007/08" prepared by Edmonton Catholic Schools

Sessional Paper 620/2007

Report dated May 31, 2007, entitled "The impact of the 2007/08 Budget on students, staff and parents" prepared by Edmonton Catholic Schools, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 621/2007

Edmonton Catholic Schools, Three Year Strategic Education Plan, 2007-2010 Sessional Paper 622/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Report dated June 2007 entitled "Building the Community Spirit Program" prepared by Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Sessional Paper 623/2007

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

E-mail message dated June 11, 2007, from Kathy of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the traffic noise from Anthony Henday Drive

Sessional Paper 624/2007

Letter, undated, from Alex Bernier of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the costs associated with the Alberta Graduated Driver Licensing Program

Sessional Paper 625/2007

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

Report dated May 2007 entitled "Taming the Tempest: An Alternate Development Strategy for Alberta" prepared by Diana Gibson, Parkland Institute, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 626/2007

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

Letter dated June 8, 2007, from Eric Musekamp, President, Farmworkers Union of Alberta, unaddressed, regarding Farm Worker Day, August 20, 2007 Sessional Paper 627/2007

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

Copy of an information pamphlet from City Farm

Sessional Paper 628/2007

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on May 28, 2007, Department of Solicitor General and Public Security, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 629/2007

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Third Session of the 26th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until November 5, 2007, as per Standing Order 3.1(2) or until a time and date as determined by the Speaker, after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**29.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that on Thursday, June 14, 2007, the Assembly suspend its Daily Routine under Standing Order 7 for His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to attend upon the House for the purpose of Royal Assent with the Daily Routine to continue after His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor retires from the Chamber.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills**

#### Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 43 Appropriation Act, 2007 (\$) Hon. Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill Pr1 CyberPol The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act Ms DeLong on behalf of Mr. Cenaiko

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 Rev. Abbott
- Bill 32 Animal Health Act Hon. Mr. Melchin on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld
- Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act Mr. Prins
- Bill 39 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Dunford

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnson on behalf of Mr. Prins

# Adjournment

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On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, June 12, 2007