



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 44

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement recognizing June 15, 2007, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding surface rights compensation.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Sandra German of Cold Lake, a broadcast captioner and real-time translation provider.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the importance of social workers.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding climate change and the need to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the unfunded liabilities of the Alberta Teachers' Pension Fund and the Canada Pension Plan.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 123 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. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 260 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. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 83 Albertans urging the Government to protect renters by immediately introducing temporary rent increase guidelines.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the disposition of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3.1):

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Mental Health Research Partnership Program information package
Sessional Paper 630/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Bertha Clendenning of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding a rental increase for her apartment
Sessional Paper 631/2007

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

E-mail message dated June 1, 2007, from Robert McLeod of Edmonton to the Alberta New Democrat Caucus expressing concern regarding a rental increase for his apartment and support for a Government imposed limit on rental increases
Sessional Paper 632/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Nicole Braseth of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a rental increase for her apartment
Sessional Paper 633/2007

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Copy of a petition signed by 20 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
Sessional Paper 634/2007

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2005/2006
Sessional Paper 635/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, and Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on May 30 and 31, 2007, Department of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 636/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Mr. Eggen on behalf of Dr. Pannu on May 7, 2007:

How many long-term care facilities and beds were operating in Alberta on *March* 31 for the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive, broken down by regional health authority and whether the facility *and service providers are* owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

Sessional Paper 637/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 638/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins

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

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Ms DeLong on behalf of Mr. Cenaiko

Ms Haley, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 639/2007

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins

Bill 44 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Second Reading

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

Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

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(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Dr. Brown, 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 17 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 640/2007

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 641/2007

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 13, 2007