



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 46

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, November 5, 2007

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

Introduction of New Members

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Drumheller-Stettler containing the results of the by-election conducted on June 12, 2007, in the constituency and the said report further showed that Jack Hayden was duly elected as the Member for Drumheller-Stettler.

Mr. Hayden joined Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Stelmach presented Mr. Hayden to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker then announced that he had also received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-Elbow containing the results of the by-election conducted on June 12, 2007, in the constituency and the said report further showed that Craig Cheffins was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Elbow.

Mr. Cheffins joined Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Dr. Taft presented Mr. Cheffins to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow took his seat in the Assembly.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing November as Family Violence Prevention month and outlining recent Government initiatives for the prevention of family violence.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the University of Lethbridge.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a \$3 million grant to be provided to the Canadian Centre for Unmanned Vehicle Systems by the Rural Alberta Development Fund.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Alberta foster care system.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the responsible stewardship of Alberta's natural resources.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Government's commitment to complete the northwest section of Anthony Henday Drive by 2011.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 230 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.

The petition put forth by Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, was not in order to be presented.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the failure of the Government to promptly introduce and pass royalty legislation to prevent the loss of billions of dollars to the public treasury as oil prices rise dramatically.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Canadian Federation of Independent Business news release dated November 5, 2007, entitled "Alberta Legislature resumes today, Small business community supports Bill 213"

Sessional Paper 672/2007

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

E-mail message dated October 20, 2007, from Elaine Hyshka of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 673/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated October 2, 2007, from Tina Danecke of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a rental increase notice she received that will increase her rent by \$305 per month

Sessional Paper 674/2007

E-mail message dated July 3, 2007, from Sarah Jackson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for the enactment of legally binding air quality laws in Alberta

Sessional Paper 675/2007

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

Letter dated October 18, 2007, unsigned, from Neil Evans of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing support for the recommendations made by the Royalty Review Panel

Sessional Paper 676/2007

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

RKS Research and Consulting news release dated September 20, 2007, entitled "Changing Course: Latest RKS Survey of State Utility Regulators Documents Retreat From Deregulation"

Sessional Paper 677/2007

Alberta Liberal Caucus press release dated June 20, 2007, entitled "Bill 46 will restrict Albertans' democratic rights!"

Sessional Paper 678/2007

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

Program from the seventh annual Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) 2007 Scholarship Celebrations held in Edmonton on November 2, 2007

Sessional Paper 679/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 1/07 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 19)

Sessional Paper 680/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 40th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 681/2007

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 682/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on June 7, 2007, Department of Environment, 2007-08 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 683/2007

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on June 11, 2007:

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?

Sessional Paper 684/2007

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Swann on June 11, 2007:

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.

Sessional Paper 685/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Ministry of Environment, Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 686/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s7(4):

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 687/2007

Point of Privilege

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding deliberately misleading statements delivered to the Assembly during Oral Question Period on April 30, 2007, by Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy.

The Speaker indicated he would allow additional comments on the next sitting day.

Motion for Adjournment of the Ordinary Business of the Assembly for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the failure of the Government to promptly introduce and pass royalty legislation to prevent the loss of billions of dollars to the public treasury as oil prices rise dramatically.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When 8 Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 49

Abbott	Goudreau	Ouellette
Agnihotri	Griffiths	Pannu
Amery	Hancock	Pastoor
Blakeman	Hayden	Pham
Boutilier	Hinman	Renner
Brown	Horner	Rodney
Cao	Jablonski	Rogers
Cenaiko	Johnson	Shariff
Chase	Johnston	Stevens
Cheffins	Lindsay	Strang
DeLong	Lund	Taft
Dunford	Martin	Tarchuk
Eggen	Marz	Taylor
Elsalhy	Mason	Tougas
Evans	Melchin	Webber
Forsyth	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	
Fritz	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 11

Ducharme	Liepert	Morton
Graydon	Lukaszuk	Oberle
Groeneveld	Magnus	Prins
Knight	McFarland	

The motion was agreed to. A debate followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

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

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 5, 2007