



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 49

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, November 8, 2007

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

The Speaker invited Nicole Stewart, grade 10 student from Catholic Central High in Lethbridge, to recite the poem she wrote in commemoration of Remembrance Day, entitled "Eyes." Miss Stewart's poem placed first in the Alberta 2007 Intermediate Poem Competition, Alberta-Northwest Territories Command and second place in the Dominion 2007 Intermediate Poem Competition, Royal Canadian Legion.

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day, November 11, 2007.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day, November 11, 2007.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the opening of the Edgeworth Centre, a sport development and wellness complex in Camrose.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding lost royalty revenues.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing 12-year old Shelby Chalmers of Slave Lake who raised over \$2,000 for the Slave Lake Municipal Library.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the affordable housing crisis in Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, presented a petition from 7 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 1,232 Albertans urging the Government to stop commercial logging in Kananaskis Country and protect this entire area as a park.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents urging the Legislative Assembly pass Bill 213, Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act, which will eliminate unnecessary regulations and reduce red tape.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 216 Water Protection and Conservation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 —
Dr. Swann

Bill 218 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (Repeal of Ministerial Briefing Exemption) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Agnihotri

Bill 222 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (Tobacco Investment Elimination) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Miller

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2006
Sessional Paper 731/2007

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Petition signed by 9 Calgary residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta

Sessional Paper 732/2007

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

Document dated October 2004, entitled "Confidential Draft Oil Sands Royalty Regime Review"

Sessional Paper 733/2007

Document, undated, entitled "Kill Bill 46"

Sessional Paper 734/2007

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

Central Alberta Refugee Effort Committee (CARE) Fall newsletter dated October-December 2007

Sessional Paper 735/2007

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

Letter dated November 4, 2007, unsigned, from Erin Jamieson of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness in Alberta

Sessional Paper 736/2007

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

FPinfomart.ca reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated September 26, 2007, entitled "A foundation of fairness for infrastructure funding; Liberals would replace Stelmach's rich-get-richer grant system with a per capita funding formula that treats all Albertan's as equals"

Sessional Paper 737/2007

News release dated November 2, 2007, entitled "Seven Years of Tory Mismanagement Have Short Changed Albertans" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 738/2007

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

Veterans Affairs Canada web site article entitled "Native Soldiers - Foreign Battlefields, Sharpshooter: Henry Louis Norwest"

Sessional Paper 739/2007

Document, undated, entitled "TTLog for Transportation Officers"

Sessional Paper 740/2007

2 documents, undated, both entitled “Driver’s Daily Log and Vehicle Inspection Report” prepared by KPS and Associates, Inc.

Sessional Paper 741/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Document dated September 2007 entitled “Review of Section 8 of the Fatal Accidents Act”

Sessional Paper 742/2007

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4), Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 743/2007

Pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2), Alberta Law Foundation, Thirty Fourth Annual Report 2007 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st) with attached Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information of the Alberta Law Foundation, Year Ended March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 744/2007

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 13 to November 15, 2007:

Tuesday, November 13

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 7, 8

Second Reading

Bill 24

Committee of the Whole

Bill 24, 35, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 14

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 37, 45

Second Reading

Bill 11, 23, 41

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, 2, 31, 41

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 15

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 46

Third Reading

Bill 1, 2, 13, 31

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

**Public Bills and Orders Other Than
Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

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

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

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

Bill 213 Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act — Mr. Backs

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 8(1) and 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Eggen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Mr. Chase:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve service for families involved in legal proceedings by implementing a fully effective unified family court, as called for by the Unified Family Court Task Force Report.

Mr. Johnson moved the motion be amended by striking out “as called for by the Unified Family Court Task Force Report” and substituting “process.”

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Mr. Dunford moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

Mr. Rogers moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

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

Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Hon. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 8, 2007