



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 52

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Thursday, November 15, 2007

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, made a statement regarding the proposed federal Bill to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (Democratic Representation), which will give Alberta five new seats in the House of Commons.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Hayden, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding an Amber Alert issued yesterday that was successful in safely returning an abducted child to his family.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the need to increase Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing November 11-17, 2007, as Métis Week, and the 122nd anniversary of Louis Riel's death.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing November 15, 2007, as National Philanthropy Day.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing Laurie Lang for his contributions to communities and organizations in Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the lack of fairness in Alberta's labour laws.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Ducharme, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, Recommendations Upon Review of Key Issues Pertaining to the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation, dated November 2007

Sessional Paper 772/2007

Mr. Rodney, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices dated November 2007 recommending that Mr. Frank Work be reappointed as Information and Privacy Commissioner for a term of four years

Sessional Paper 773/2007

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Mitzel

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Program from the second annual Sage Awards presented by Servus Credit Union, held on November 14, 2007

Sessional Paper 774/2007

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

Letter dated November 8, 2007, from Beverley Smith of Calgary to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the state of disrepair of many schools in Alberta and a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 775/2007

Letter dated November 7, 2007, from several representatives of Citizens Against Nuclear Development to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to a proposed nuclear power plant near Lac Cardinal in the Peace River area

Sessional Paper 776/2007

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

Program from a celebration in recognition of the 90th birthday and 60th anniversary of the ordination of Father Michael Troy held at the Shaw Conference Centre on October 6, 2007

Sessional Paper 777/2007

Report dated November 14, 2007, entitled "Canola Industry Policy Issues, Alberta Government Reception" prepared by the Canola Council

Sessional Paper 778/2007

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

E-mail message dated June 29, 2007, from Jaysey Carlson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding the need for additional education funding

Sessional Paper 779/2007

E-mail message dated October 3, 2007, from Holly Doll of Ponoka to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to Bill 4, Child Care Licensing Act

Sessional Paper 780/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Christine Pittet to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 781/2007

E-mail message dated November 6, 2007, from Richard MacKay requesting financial support for individuals who care for people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 782/2007

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

CBC News web site article dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Stelmach says he was never told about past reports calling for higher royalties"

Sessional Paper 783/2007

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Book entitled "Nineteen Eighty-Four" written by George Orwell

Sessional Paper 784/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated June 14, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Lethbridge Food Bank attaching Ms Pastoor's cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 785/2007

Letter dated June 27, 2007, from Evelyn Laqua of Stirling to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing several concerns regarding Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 786/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "FAVA 25th Anniversary Fall/Winter Calendar 2007" prepared by the Film and Video Arts Society - Alberta

Sessional Paper 787/2007

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

6 documents dated April 2007 to September 2007 entitled "Traffic Collisions and Top 10 Collision Locations and Cause of Events"

Sessional Paper 788/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Alberta Liberal Caucus web site article entitled "Shadow Energy Minister Hugh MacDonald's Presentation to the Royalty Review Panel"

Sessional Paper 789/2007

Alberta Royalty Review web site article entitled "Public Meeting Transcripts and Submission to the Panel"

Sessional Paper 790/2007

Alberta Liberal Caucus news release, undated, entitled "Taft says 20 Per Cent Increase in Royalties is Bottom-Line"

Sessional Paper 791/2007

Alberta Liberal Caucus video transcript dated October 23, 2007  
Sessional Paper 792/2007

Text of a speech, undated, given by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official  
Opposition, to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce  
Sessional Paper 793/2007

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the  
Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14, on behalf of:

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:  
Advanced Education and Technology, Annual Report 2006-07  
Sessional Paper 794/2007

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food:  
Agriculture and Food, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 795/2007

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services:  
Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2006-07  
Sessional Paper 796/2007

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education:  
Education, Annual Report 2006-07  
Sessional Paper 797/2007

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry:  
Employment, Immigration and Industry, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 798/2007

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:  
Energy, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 799/2007

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:  
Environment, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 800/2007

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:  
Executive Council, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 801/2007

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:  
Finance, Annual Report 2006-2007  
Sessional Paper 802/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:  
 Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2006-2007, Section I  
 Sessional Paper 803/2007

Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2006-2007, Section II  
 Sessional Paper 804/2007

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:  
 Infrastructure and Transportation, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 805/2007

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:  
 International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 806/2007

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:  
 Justice, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 807/2007

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:  
 Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 808/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta:  
 Service Alberta, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 809/2007

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:  
 Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 810/2007

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:  
 Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 811/2007

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture:  
 Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 812/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:  
 Treasury Board, Annual Report 2006-2007  
 Sessional Paper 813/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Measuring Up, Progress Report on the Government of Alberta Business Plan,  
Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 814/2007

Consolidated Financial Statements of the Government of Alberta, Annual Report  
2006-2007

Sessional Paper 815/2007

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, c20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2007  
Annual Report

Sessional Paper 816/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act, cA-14.2, s3(5), Alberta  
Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 817/2007

Pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30, Alberta  
Capital Finance Authority, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 818/2007

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 2007, First  
Quarter Fiscal Update 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 819/2007

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund, Financial  
Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 820/2007

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 821/2007

Alberta Heritage Science and Engineering Research Endowment Fund, Financial  
Statements dated March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 822/2007

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 823/2007

ATB Financial, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 824/2007

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

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering  
Research Act, cA-22, s22, Ingenuity Inside, 06/07 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 825/2007

Alberta Ingenuity, Triennial Report 2003-2006

Sessional Paper 826/2007

Alberta Prion Research Institute, 2006-2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 827/2007

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

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2006, Section 1

Sessional Paper 828/2007

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2006, Section 2

Sessional Paper 829/2007

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2006, Section 3

Sessional Paper 830/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Johnston, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 831/2007

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Update for the three months ended June 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 832/2007

## **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 19 to November 22, 2007:

Tuesday, November 20

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 46

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 31

And as per the Order Paper



Wednesday, November 21

**Message - Supplementary Supply**

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 31, 40

**Second Reading**

Bill 46

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 22

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**

Day 1 of 1

And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

**30.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved: that Mr. Marz replace Hon. Mrs. Ady as Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**31.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved: that Mr. Lougheed replace Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky as Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

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

## Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on November 14, 2007.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be further amended in Part B, clause (6), by striking out clause (c).

A debate followed on the subamendment.

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

For the subamendment: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Taft
Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas
Elsalhy	Pannu	

Against the subamendment: 28

Abbott	Griffiths	Oberle
Ady	Groeneveld	Pham
Amery	Hancock	Prins
Boutilier	Jablonski	Renner
Calahasen	Johnston	Rodney
Cao	Lougheed	Rogers
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lund	Tarchuk
Fritz	Melchin	VanderBurg
Goudreau		

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Mr. Shariff, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Subamendment to Amendment (Part A) to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 833/2007

Amendment (Part A) to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 834/2007

Subamendment to Amendment (Part B) to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 835/2007

Amendment (Part B) to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 836/2007

Subamendment to Amendment (Part C) to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 837/2007

Amendment (Part C) to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 838/2007

Amendment (Part D) to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 839/2007

Amendment (Part E) to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 840/2007

Amendment (Part F) to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 841/2007

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Monday, November 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 15, 2007