



**Legislative Assembly
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement recognizing brothers Barrie and Richard Vickery, who farm in Kneehill County, on being named Agri-Trade Farm Family of the Year.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 20, 2007, as National Child Day.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing the Famous Five, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney, Emily Murphy, and Irene Parlby, and suggesting a maquette of the Famous Five be installed in the rotunda of the Alberta Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Dr. Scott Parazynski, MD, former Olympic coach and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronaut, on recently completing his fifth walk in space, and the contributions of several Albertans associated with the space program.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the 18th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing November 18-24, 2007, as National Addictions Awareness Week.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, on behalf of Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace (Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture) presented a petition from 74 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. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, presented a petition from 67 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.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition from 217 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 47 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that will require schools to eliminate any fees that are charged to parents or guardians for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents 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.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 58 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. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 66 Albertans urging the Government to immediately establish, in consultation with community leaders and interested citizens, the Keystone Wildlife Preserve in a designated area west of Edmonton, north of Highway 16 and east of Highway 751, to ensure that wildlife habitat and the surrounding environment are protected for generations to come.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 141 Albertans urging the government to discard the Royalty Review Report and eliminate restructuring of the oil and gas royalties.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 52 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-focused level-of-care standards.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 76 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. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, presented a petition from 348 Calgary residents urging the Government to enter into an agreement with the Tsuu T'ina First Nation to build a section of the southwest Calgary ring road and crossing of the Elbow River on the Tsuu T'ina Reserve.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

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

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report
2006-2007

Sessional Paper 863/2007

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Copy of a petition signed by 15 Albertans requesting 25 extended care beds for
Slave Lake residents

Sessional Paper 864/2007

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

Letter dated August 15, 2007, from Eva Makowichuk to Edith Baranicki,
Director, Protection for Persons in Care, Alberta Seniors and Community
Supports, expressing concern regarding an investigation concerning Nick
Washylk, with attached response from Ms Baranicki dated August 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 865/2007

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

Booklet entitled "Elder Abuse What is it? What can be done about it?" and
pamphlet entitled "Elder Abuse Intervention Team," both prepared by the
Edmonton Community Action Committee on Elder Abuse

Sessional Paper 866/2007

Program from the Northeast Zone Sports Council 38th annual awards banquet
held on November 17, 2007

Sessional Paper 867/2007

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

Petition signed by 99 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to
re-evaluate proposed changes to day care regulations

Sessional Paper 868/2007

E-mail message dated October 4, 2007, from Shauna Grabinsky of Sherwood Park
to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, and Mrs. Forsyth, Hon.
Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing concern regarding Bill 4, Child Care
Licensing Act

Sessional Paper 869/2007

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

Sessional Paper 870/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated October 25, 2007, from Herta Ogertschnig of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding Alberta Seniors Benefits, with attached letter dated August 22, 2007, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, requesting information concerning a review of the cost of living for seniors

Sessional Paper 871/2007

E-mail message dated November 2, 2007, from Alyssa Fraser-Hopkins to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting that midwifery services be covered by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 872/2007

2 letters, undated, from Michael L. Smith and Eva Rose G. Angcoy, both of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 873/2007

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

3 letters, undated, from Dave Wilson, Deano Mitchelmore, and Theresa O'Connor, all of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 874/2007

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

5 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 875/2007

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 2/07, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 20)

Sessional Paper 876/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 3/07, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 21)

Sessional Paper 877/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 4/07, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 14)

Sessional Paper 878/2007

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 5/07, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 15)

Sessional Paper 879/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

- 34.** Oral notice having been given Monday, November 19, 2007, Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the November 15, 2007, Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Franklin J. Work be reappointed Information and Privacy Commissioner for a 4-year term.

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. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Mather speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 20, 2007