



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding a recent grass fire north of Castor that threatened farms and homes in the area and the volunteer firefighters from surrounding areas who successfully fought the fire.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary of the CKUA Radio Network.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing November 18-24, 2007, as Bullying Awareness Week.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Medicine Hat.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing November 22, 2007, as National Housing Day.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 45 Edmonton residents urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system, and instead, commit to strengthening the single-payer, public system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 182 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. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 262 Calgary residents urging the Government to introduce legislation that will place a temporary limit of 10% per year on the amount that rent may be increased; and prevent landlords from avoiding the one year notice requirement for condominium conversions by forcing tenants to leave due to unreasonable rent increases.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Program from the Edmonton-Manning Constituency Awards ceremony held on November 20, 2007

Sessional Paper 881/2007

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

Letter dated June 26, 2007, from Kathy Hogman, Chair, Edmonton Presbytery, United Church of Canada, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the recent eviction of several homeless people from a vacant lot adjacent to the Bissell Centre in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 882/2007

E-mail message dated November 5, 2007, from Christopher Legere to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the length of time Mr. Legere has been awaiting surgery

Sessional Paper 883/2007

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

Memorandum dated September 29, 2007, from Tim Losey and Cheryl Kerpan to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, attaching 2 letters from Dr. Losey and Ms Kerpan, the first dated September 28, 2007, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and the second dated August 28, 2007, to Earle Shirley, Executive Manager, Facilities Applications Branch, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, expressing concern regarding a proposal by West Energy Limited and Highpine Energy Limited to drill several sour gas wells in the Nisku reef near Tomahawk

Sessional Paper 884/2007

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

6 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 885/2007

2 e-mail messages dated November 18, 2007, the first from Randie Anderson to Whom it May Concern and the second from Rebekah Movold of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, both expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 886/2007

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

News release dated November 21, 2007, entitled "Province grows success in bone and joint care for Albertans, Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute receives \$18 million increase" with attached backgrounder dated November 21, 2007, entitled "Bone and Joint care in Alberta," both prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 887/2007

Mr. Johnston, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s15(2) and 16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2007-2008, Second Quarter Update for the six months ended September 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 888/2007

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

Document dated September 24, 2007, entitled "Bill 4: A Stupid Proposal" prepared by Nicole Scharmann of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 889/2007

Letter dated July 3, 2007, unsigned, from Carol Hanson of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding changes to standards and regulations relating to child care

Sessional Paper 890/2007

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report 2006-07

Sessional Paper 891/2007

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 892/2007

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

6 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 893/2007

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

Program entitled "A Special Thank You for Your Support, Supporting the Heroes Behind the Heroes" from an event held on November 16, 2007, sponsored by the Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre

Sessional Paper 894/2007

Mr. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on behalf of Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

E-mail message dated November 18, 2007, from Jennifer Dong of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 895/2007

Letter dated July 6, 2007, unsigned, unaddressed, from Carlie Smith, RN, GU Tumour Group Coordinator, Outpatient Department, Cross Cancer Institute, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed Child Care Licensing Regulations

Sessional Paper 896/2007

Letter dated September 13, 2007, unsigned, unaddressed, from Jules Munteer expressing concern regarding proposed changes to child care standards

Sessional Paper 897/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 898/2007

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

Letter dated November 11, 2007, unsigned, from Derek Wynnyk of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding homelessness

Sessional Paper 899/2007

E-mail message dated November 9, 2007, from Bruce Horsman to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) payment levels

Sessional Paper 900/2007

Letter dated October 9, 2007, unsigned, unaddressed, from Neil Evans of Edmonton commenting on the quality of Alberta provincial parks and user fees for leisure facilities

Sessional Paper 901/2007

Letter dated July 29, 2007, unsigned, from Joyce Peeke to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the bargaining process for Government of Alberta correctional officers

Sessional Paper 902/2007

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

Letter, undated, from Malcolm Ball of Edmonton to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 903/2007

Letter dated September 6, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding Alberta Energy's Regulated Rate Option and the cost of electricity

Sessional Paper 904/2007

2 letters, undated, from Olga Sandberg and Justin Fex, both of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 905/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Deputy Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document:

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

Sessional Paper 906/2007

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, then tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 907/2007

Government Motions

32. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

33. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Ms Haley, 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 40 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 908/2007

Amendment (Part G) to Bill 1 (Introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 909/2007

Amendment (Part H) to Bill 1 (Introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 910/2007

Amendment (Part I) to Bill 1 (Introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 911/2007

Amendment (Part J) to Bill 1 (Introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 912/2007

Amendment (Part K) to Bill 1 (Introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-
Buffalo on November 14, 2007) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 913/2007

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, November 22, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 21, 2007