



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 56

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Thursday, November 22, 2007

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the third anniversary of several Members being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 22, 2004.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, then made a brief statement in recognition of the 28th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 21, 1979, and on being Canada's longest-serving Speaker.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the new Wetaskiwin City Hall that now resides in the building that formerly housed the Wetaskiwin courthouse.

Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 2007 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Royal Society of Canada Fellowships.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta School Boards Association.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing November 17, 2007, as the 90th anniversary of 4-H in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding Muriel Stanley Venne, founder and President of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition from over 1,100 Albertans urging the Government to initiate consultations with Albertans to determine their wishes regarding the production of power through nuclear means.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 50 Albertans urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 251 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, was not in order to be presented.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Bill 54 County of Westlock Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden

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

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

7 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 915/2007

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

200 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 916/2007

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

Letter dated August 30, 2007, from Doug Wiebe, Executive Director, L'Arche Association of Lethbridge, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, regarding persons with developmental disabilities  
Sessional Paper 917/2007

E-mail message dated May 9, 2007, from Ray Ambler, Security Team Leader, Alberta Energy Utilities Board, to Roger B. Maslen and Iain McClean regarding security measures at the Rimbey courthouse and community hall  
Sessional Paper 918/2007

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 919/2007

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

Letter, undated, from Alfreda Strzelec of Edmonton to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 920/2007

Document entitled "Transcription of Tapes From Austin Annual Meeting General Session, October 16, 2006, Minister-Counsellor Murray Smith, Alberta"  
Sessional Paper 921/2007

2 letters, undated, from Donald George Milford and John McClellan, both of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 922/2007

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

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 923/2007

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

Pamphlet entitled "Victims' Assistance Program" prepared by the Edmonton John Howard Society

Sessional Paper 924/2007

Booklet entitled "Prevent Abuse, Wife Abuse, 'I want the violence to stop!'" prepared by Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 925/2007

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

E-mail message dated September 28, 2007, from Tina Copp of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding a 25 percent rent increase notice

Sessional Paper 926/2007

E-mail message dated September 28, 2007, from Diane Currah to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding rent costs

Sessional Paper 927/2007

## **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 26 to November 29, 2007:

Tuesday, November 27

### **Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders**

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

Bill Pr1

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 46, 56

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

Bill 1, 2, 9, 11, 23, 24, 31, 38, 41

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 28

### **Government Bills and Orders**

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

As per the Order Paper

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 56

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 29

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 46

As per the Order Paper

**Third Reading**

Bill 13, 35, 36, 40, 56

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions 2007-08 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Advanced Education and Technology**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$145,100,000
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**Children's Services**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,000,000
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<b>Education</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$110,400,000
<b>Employment, Immigration and Industry</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,600,000
<b>Energy</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,250,000
<b>Environment</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,500,000
<b>Executive Council</b>	
Expense	\$575,000
<b>Finance</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$825,000,000
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$54,650,000
<b>Justice</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$9,585,000
<b>Municipal Affairs and Housing</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$148,700,000
<b>Seniors and Community Supports</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$15,000,000
<b>Service Alberta</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,000,000
<b>Solicitor General and Public Security</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$9,454,000
<b>Sustainable Resource Development</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$152,600,000
<b>Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,500,000
Capital Investment	\$31,724,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until Monday, November 26, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 22, 2007