



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 57

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, November 26, 2007

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Dallas Wilbur Schmidt, Member for Wetaskiwin-Leduc, 1975 to 1982, who passed away on November 22, 2007.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Alberta Symposium on Human Trafficking, hosted by Changing Together, a centre for immigrant women, held on October 13, 2007, in Red Deer.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the week of November 26, 2007, as Health Care Aide Awareness Week.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding financial difficulties experienced by Albertans with health issues.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding corporate donations to political parties.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club on winning the Canadian Football League Grey Cup Championship held on November 25, 2007, in Toronto, Ontario.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding ratification of the agreement in principle reached with the Alberta Teachers' Association to address the teachers' unfunded pension liability.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 21 Edmonton and area residents 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.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 76 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 928/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated November 15, 2007, from Pauline Alakija, MD, FRCPC, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 929/2007

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

Sessional Paper 930/2007

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

3 letters, undated, from Bernie Douglas, Orest Yakimishyn, and Geroge Jurak, all of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 931/2007

Document advertising a rally to express opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, to be held November 27, 2007, at the Alberta Legislature
Sessional Paper 932/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated August 9, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Coaldale Food Bank attaching a copy of Ms Pastoor's receipt for a donation she made of half of her 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 933/2007

Letter dated November 11, 2007, from Doreen Brazier of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 934/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Marion Ellerman to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding health care issues experienced by Mrs. Ellerman's husband

Sessional Paper 935/2007

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

Document dated November 7, 2007, entitled "Northeast Edmonton Study Area" with several related attachments, written by R. Hunt

Sessional Paper 936/2007

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 955 program entitled "Local 955 Long Service Award Recipients, 2007" held on August 11, 2007

Sessional Paper 937/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 938/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 939/2007

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

Letter dated October 16, 2007, from Joyce L. Tona, Concerned Parents and Friends of Michener Centre, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing support for Michener Centre, a residential facility for developmentally disabled people, and concern regarding its possible closure

Sessional Paper 940/2007

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

Letter dated June 26, 2007, from Jenny Hoops, Parents for Quality Child Care, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, commenting on proposed changes to Alberta's child care standards

Sessional Paper 941/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ17, WQ18.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with an amendment:

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 212 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays on November 19, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 942/2007

Second Reading

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

Bill 214 Healthy Futures Act — Ms Blakeman

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Coutts speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Tougas:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will set minimum drink prices in licensed establishments, as recommended in the 2006 Report of the Alberta Roundtable on Violence In and Around Licensed Premises, which will help curb the over-consumption of alcohol that may lead to violence.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Blakeman	Elsalhy	Taft
Chase	Flaherty	Taylor
Cheffins	McFarland	Tougas
Doerksen	Pannu	
Dunford	Pastoor	

Against the motion: 25

Brown	Haley	Oberle
Cardinal	Hayden	Ouellette
Coutts	Hinman	Renner
Danyluk	Horner	Rodney
Evans	Johnston	Rogers
Fritz	Knight	Stevens
Graydon	Melchin	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Mitzel	
Groeneveld	Morton	

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:11 p.m. until Tuesday, November 27, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 26, 2007