



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 58

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Italian Government's proposed closure of the Consulate of Italy in Edmonton.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing Jan Hudec of Calgary on winning an Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) World Cup downhill ski race held in Lake Louise on November 24, 2007.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding a memorial tribute held in Calgary on November 25, 2007, recognizing the famine imposed on the Ukrainian people from 1932-1933.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Vocational and Rehabilitation Research Institute.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Goodwill Industries of Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 27 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 26 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.

Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 454 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.

The petition put forth by Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, was not in order to be presented.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 56 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Proposed Government amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act
Sessional Paper 943/2007

Background document dated November 26, 2007, entitled "House Amendments to Bill 46"

Sessional Paper 944/2007

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

Program from the North Edmonton Seniors Association open house held on September 6, 2007

Sessional Paper 945/2007

Pamphlet entitled "Circle of Safety Family Violence Program" prepared by
Aboriginal Consulting Services Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 946/2007

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

E-mail message dated November 22, 2007, from Dave Denholm to Mr. Tougas,
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding the cancellation of the
"Keep Fitt" and "Get Set" programs offered at the Edmonton General Hospital

Sessional Paper 947/2007

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

Letter dated July 6, 2007, from Janine Halbesma, Senior Policy Analyst,
Canadian Federation of Independent Business, to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of
Children's Services, responding to the "Building Quality Child Care Together"
discussion guide on proposed child care licensing regulations

Sessional Paper 948/2007

Letter, dated July 4, 2007, unsigned, from William Parker of Sherwood Park to
Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding proposed child care
licensing regulations

Sessional Paper 949/2007

Letter, dated July 3, 2007, unsigned, from Cathy Pasula-Jones of Sherwood Park
to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, expressing concern regarding
proposed child care licensing regulations

Sessional Paper 950/2007

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 7, 2007, from Stan Nykiel, Board Member, Coalition of
Seniors' Advocates Association, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting the
Government exempt all senior citizens from paying the education portion of
property taxes

Sessional Paper 951/2007

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

5 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 952/2007

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

Sessional Paper 953/2007

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne:

Report dated Summer 2007 entitled "Seniors' Centres Funding Recommendations" presented by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta and the Alberta Council on Aging to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports
Sessional Paper 954/2007

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

7 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws
Sessional Paper 955/2007

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

E-mail message dated October 10, 2007, from Wendy Nelson to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding a proposal to create turning lanes rather than twin Highway 3 between Medicine Hat and Taber, with attached photo of her daughter Ashley Nelson, who was involved in a fatal traffic collision on Highway 3
Sessional Paper 956/2007

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 957/2007

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations:

Letter dated November 26, 2007, from Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations, to His Excellency Gabriele Sardo, Italian Ambassador to Canada, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of the Consulate of Italy in Edmonton
Sessional Paper 958/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Report dated Summer 2007 entitled "Seniors' Centres Funding Recommendations" presented by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta and the Alberta Council on Aging to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports
Sessional Paper 959/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills/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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Mr. Cenaiko

Mr. Hayden, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 960/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 961/2007

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 962/2007

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Adjourned
debate
Sessional Paper 963/2007

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner on
behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

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Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown

Mr. Hayden, 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 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of
Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 964/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of
Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 965/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of
Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 966/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of
Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 967/2007

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 27, 2007