

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 59

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating the students, teachers, and parents of Bishop Routhier School in Peavine for the excellent results achieved on their 2007 provincial achievement tests.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the need to provide more support services for seniors.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating the Government of Alberta and Stoney Trail General Partnership on receiving a national award of merit for P3 implementation from the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the ongoing issue of violence against women.

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing November 24 to December 1, 2007, as National AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) Awareness Week and December 1, 2007, as World AIDS Day.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the effect of the new royalty framework on the oil and gas industry.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, on behalf of Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member Lac-La-Biche-St. Paul (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing) was not in order to be presented.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4, the Legislative Assembly convene, if called, for evening sittings beginning at 8:00 p.m. on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, for consideration of Government Business.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 35 regarding evening sittings on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, is resumed, not more that one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration to the motion at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Report dated November 2007 entitled "Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publicly Funded Advanced Education System" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 968/2007

Letter dated November 22, 2007, from Dave J. Hayes, Chair, Alberta Graduate Council, to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, with attached quotes from Jonathan Hill, Chair, Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council, and Mike Selnes, Chair, Council of Alberta University Students, expressing support for the Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publicly Funded Advanced Education System report

Sessional Paper 969/2007

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Report on the June 12, 2007 By-Elections, Calgary-Elbow & Drumheller-Stettler, prepared by the Chief Electoral Office, Elections Alberta

Sessional Paper 970/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

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

Sessional Paper 971/2007

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

Letter dated November 23, 2007, from Geoffrey Pounder to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding a lack of available physicians in Rocky Mountain House

Sessional Paper 972/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated September 6, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Kainai Food Bank attaching copies of Ms Pastoor's cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase and a receipt for the donation

Sessional Paper 973/2007

E-mail message dated August 22, 2007, from Marg Triskle of Medicine Hat to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding a staff shortage at the Good Samaritan Residence in Medicine Hat

Sessional Paper 974/2007

Letter, undated, from Edward and Geraldine Buchanan of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 975/2007

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

2007 Souvenir Program from the Canadian Women's Open held August 13-19, 2007, at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 976/2007

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) information pamphlet entitled "Advancing Affordable Housing Solutions, CMHC Affordable Housing Centre"

Sessional Paper 977/2007

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

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, Statistical Supplement 2006/2007 Sessional Paper 978/2007

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

Progressive Conservative Association advertisement thanking supporters of the Cardston Taber Warner Progressive Conservative Association Premier's Golf Tournament held on August 29, 2007, at the Taber Golf Club

Sessional Paper 979/2007

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

Letter dated June 7, 2007, unsigned, from Mr. Cake's Day Care in Sherwood Park to parents and staff expressing concern regarding proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 980/2007

Letter dated August 27, 2007, from Kathleen Vestby, CMA, of Calgary to Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children's Services, providing feedback regarding proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 981/2007

Letter dated October 11, 2007, unsigned, from Fred and Leah Sacha of Sherwood Park to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, providing feedback regarding proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 982/2007

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

Sessional Paper 983/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 984/2007

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

Presentation entitled "National Centre for Upgrading Technology, An Integrated Energy Solution" by Soheil Asgarpour, PhD, PEng, Alberta Department of Energy Oil Sands Business Unit, on September 25, 2006

Sessional Paper 985/2007

Presentation entitled "Merchant Transmission and Wind Powered Generation: A Natural Fit?" by Robert van Beers, Chief Operating Officer, Tonbridge Power Incorporated at the Environmental Finance Workshop: Infrastructure - Sustainability and Building the Public Realm, on March 7, 2007

Sessional Paper 986/2007

3 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act Sessional Paper 987/2007

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

Letter, undated, from William Eady of Edmonton to Honourable Members of Parliament requesting the Department of Education introduce training for junior high students who may be seeking employment in the retail sector

Sessional Paper 988/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 22, in the proposed section 32.1(1), by striking out "6 months" and substituting "12 months";
- (b) in section 30, in the proposed section 23.1(2) of the Public Service Act, by striking out "6 months" and substituting "12 months".

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 7

Chase MacDonald **Pastoor** Elsalhy Mason Swann

Flaherty

Against the amendment: 31

Abbott Fritz Morton Ady Goudreau Oberg Amery Graydon Pham Hancock Prins Backs **Boutilier** Jablonski Shariff Calahasen Johnson Stevens Cao Liepert Strang VanderBurg Cenaiko Lougheed Coutts Lund Webber DeLong McFarland Zwozdesky

Ducharme

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford
- Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Rev. Abbott, 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 9 (Hon. Minister of Finance) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 989/2007

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 990/2007

Second Reading

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

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Cenaiko on behalf of Mr. Johnston

Mr. Cenaiko moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 28, 2007