



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, November 29, 2007

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta, made a statement regarding the 13th annual Premier's Awards of Excellence.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Statement - Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay

The Speaker made a statement recognizing Mr. Mar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, on his last day serving as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing Dr. Austin Mardon, CM, MSc, on being appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the Alberta Research Council.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing December 1, 2007, as World AIDS Day.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Fort Macleod Santa Claus Parade.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Buffalo Hotel Housing First Project in Red Deer.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding nuclear power.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, presented a petition from 2,385 Albertans urging the Government to continue to accommodate the Métis harvesting for food throughout the province through a negotiated harvesting agreement with the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 43 Edmonton residents urging the Government to complete, as soon as possible, the overpasses and interchanges at the locations where the Anthony Henday Drive (Edmonton ring road) intersects Lessard Road, Callingwood Road (62nd Avenue), and Cameron Heights Drive.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 29 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that the traffic noise from the Edmonton Ring Road near our neighbourhood of The Woods is evaluated immediately and again in six months, and that if the noise levels measured are found to exceed acceptable provincial or municipal thresholds, that noise attenuation and reduction measures be implemented as soon as possible.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Second Reading at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Leaflet entitled "Christmas for Darfur"

Sessional Paper 991/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 992/2007

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

E-mail message dated November 20, 2007, from Melissa Wilk, a student at Laurier Heights Elementary-Junior High School in Edmonton, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, inquiring about fines for littering and seat belts on school buses

Sessional Paper 993/2007

Letter dated November 25, 2007, unsigned, from Teagan Wensel, a student at Laurier Heights Elementary-Junior High School in Edmonton, suggesting legislation be introduced to ban cell phone use while driving

Sessional Paper 994/2007

List of 298 names and addresses of Edmonton residents

Sessional Paper 995/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 29, 2007, from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, expressing concern regarding the amount of time allotted for Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 996/2007

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

Sessional Paper 997/2007

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

Letter dated November 29, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, demanding the immediate release of all draft regulations for Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 998/2007

5 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 999/2007

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws
Sessional Paper 1000/2007

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

Letter dated November 20, 2007, from Mark Hopkins of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding formulae used to calculate rent subsidies and AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 1001/2007

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 1002/2007

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

Letter dated November 28, 2007, unsigned, from Sandy Guilbert, President, Central Area Council of Community Leagues, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding certain sections of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1003/2007

Letter dated November 24, 2007, from Linda Cheu, CGA, of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1004/2007

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

mostlywater.org web site article dated March 29, 2007, entitled "Tar Sands to Need 20 Candu Nuclear Plants in Northern Alberta"

Sessional Paper 1005/2007

House of Commons Report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources dated March 2007, 39th Parliament, 1st Session, entitled "The Oil Sands: Toward Sustainable Development"

Sessional Paper 1006/2007

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

Letter dated November 26, 2007, with the sender's name struck out, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding several rent increases received and suggesting that rent controls be implemented on older properties

Sessional Paper 1007/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 1008/2007

Letter, undated, from Kim-Mia Rudiger-Prybylski of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, discussing the health issues she faces due to Crohn's disease and urging the Government to allow the purchase of unpasteurized dairy products, with attached photos documenting her medical condition before and after consuming unpasteurized dairy products

Sessional Paper 1009/1007

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

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

Sessional Paper 1010/2007

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2006/2007

Sessional Paper 1011/2007

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2006/2007, with attached Financial Statements of Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors dated June 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 1012/2007

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 1013/2007

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2006/2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1014/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), (AR 286/94, s6(3)(b)), Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2006/07

Sessional Paper 1015/2007

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2006

Sessional Paper 1016/2007

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Aspen Regional Health, 2006-2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1017/2007

Calgary Health Region, 2006-2007 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1018/2007

Capital Health, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 1019/2007

Chinook Health, Annual Report 2006/07
Sessional Paper 1020/2007

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report, April 2006 - March 2007
Sessional Paper 1021/2007

East Central Health, Annual Report, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007
Sessional Paper 1022/2007

Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 1023/2007

Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 1024/2007

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2006
Sessional Paper 1025/2007

College of Alberta Denturists, 2006 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1026/2007

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 1027/2007

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2006-07
Sessional Paper 1028/2007

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2006-2007
Sessional Paper 1029/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education
and Technology:

Advanced Education and Technology, Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited
Financial Statements
Sessional Paper 1030/2007

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Finance:

Document entitled "Speaking Notes, The Canadian Institute's 6th Annual Oil Sands Conference, Metropolitan Conference Centre Calgary, November 26, 2007, Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Finance, MLA, Strathmore Brooks Constituency"

Sessional Paper 1031/2007

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 December 3 to December 6, 2007:

Monday, December 3	eve.	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 56 Second Reading Bill 46 Committee of the Whole Bill 31, 41, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, December 4	aft.	Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 31, 41, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52 And as per the Order Paper
	eve.	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 46 Committee of the Whole Bill 31, 38, 41, 50, 53, 54, 55 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, December 5 aft. **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per the Order Paper
Third Reading
As per the Order Paper
And as per the Order Paper
eve. **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per the Order Paper
Third Reading

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

35. Oral notice having been given, Wednesday, November 28, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved 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.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Government Motions

36. Oral notice having been given, Wednesday, November 28, 2007, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved 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 than 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Ady	Goudreau	Lund
Amery	Haley	Marz
Boutilier	Hancock	Oberg
Calahasen	Hayden	Oberle
Cao	Horner	Pham
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Shariff
Danyluk	Liepert	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lindsay	Strang
Doerksen	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Dunford		

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Pastoor
Eggen	Mather	Tougas
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

35. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

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.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36 agreed to on November 29, 2007, the question was immediately put, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

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)

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 5:45 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

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

For the motion: 27

Ady	Ducharme	Lindsay
Amery	Dunford	Lougheed
Backs	Goudreau	Lukaszuk
Boutilier	Haley	Marz
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberg
Cao	Hayden	Oberle
Cenaiko	Horner	Pham
DeLong	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Liepert	Tarchuk

Against the motion: 6

Bonko	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Eggen	Mather	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott

Mr. Marz, 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 31 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1032/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 1033/2007

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to resolve into Committee of the Whole to allow Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to complete her remarks.

Government Bills and Orders

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Mr. Marz, 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 31 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1032/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 1033/2007

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 6:04 p.m. until Monday, December 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 29, 2007