



**Legislative Assembly  
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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, December 3, 2007

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the Hockey Alberta Centennial Gala held on November 29, 2007, at Rexall Place in Edmonton.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the need for accessible quality child care in Alberta.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing the 5th anniversary of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Awards of Excellence, which were announced in conjunction with the International Day of Disabled Persons, on December 3, 2007.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Royal Alberta Museum on December 6, 2007.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2007, as the International Day of Disabled Persons.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the 2007 AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Convention held November 28-30, 2007, in Calgary.

## **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 three hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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 Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 225 Mines and Minerals (Alberta Value Added) Amendment Act, 2007 —  
Mr. Martin

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 230 Protection for Persons in Care (Clients' Bill of Rights) Amendment Act,  
2007 — Dr. Pannu

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmor:

Copy of a petition signed by 185 Albertans requesting Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, act immediately on a motion passed at a public meeting held in Thorsby on April 24, 2007, concerning the overstocking of walleye in Pigeon Lake

Sessional Paper 1034/2007

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

Letter dated November 26, 2007, from Nigel Douglas, AWA (Alberta Wilderness Association) Conservation Specialist, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to certain aspects of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act  
Sessional Paper 1035/2007

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 1036/2007

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Leaflet entitled "We need more CANADA at the movies. And you can make it happen!" prepared by ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists)

Sessional Paper 1037/2007

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 1038/2007

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

E-mail message dated December 3, 2007, from Leon Comer to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to child care regulations

Sessional Paper 1039/2007

7 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws  
Sessional Paper 1040/2007

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

The Economist magazine article dated November 24, 2007, entitled "Canada's guest workers, Not such a warm welcome"

Sessional Paper 1041/2007

Program from the International Day of Disabled Persons celebration held on December 3, 2007, at Edmonton City Hall

Sessional Paper 1042/2007

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

Letter dated November 28, 2007, from Noel Somerville, Vice Chair, SALT (Seniors Action Liaison Team), to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1043/2007

Research summary dated December 6, 2006, summarizing the status of research being conducted on Métis historical issues, prepared by Neil Reddekopp  
Sessional Paper 1044/2007

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

E-mail message dated October 16, 2007, from Matthew Russell to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding equal access to post-secondary education by disabled students  
Sessional Paper 1045/2007

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 1046/2007

E-mail message dated November 15, 2007, from Trevor Hansen to Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, and letter, undated, from Thomas J. Keenan of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, both expressing concern regarding the reclassification of sheriff positions and its effect on the classification of correctional officer positions  
Sessional Paper 1047/2007

E-mail message dated October 22, 2007, from Donna Cardinal of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing support for allowing the purchase of unpasteurized dairy products  
Sessional Paper 1048/2007

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

Petition signed by 7 Calgary residents urging the Government to assist those in need with increasing rent costs  
Sessional Paper 1049/2007

Article, undated, entitled "Good news for PDD (persons with developmental disabilities) care-givers at long last" written by Dave Hughes  
Sessional Paper 1050/2007

Letter dated September 9, 2007, from L. Lyster to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding a lack of affordable housing for families and children  
Sessional Paper 1051/2007

Program entitled "Balancing Acts" from the 7th annual Disability Arts Festival held November 27 to December 1, 2007, in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 1052/2007

E-mail message dated November 19, 2007, from Danny Hogg to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to Bill 215, School (Canadian History Content) Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 1053/2007

Copy of a Government of Alberta advertisement entitled "What Alberta landowners need to know about Bill 46 the Alberta Utilities Commission Act"

Sessional Paper 1054/2007

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated October 16, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Crowsnest Pass Food Bank donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase and response, undated, from the food bank thanking Ms Pastoor for her donation

Sessional Paper 1055/2007

Letter dated November 30, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Vulcan County Food Bank donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 1056/2007

E-mail message dated November 4, 2007, from Marg Triskle of Medicine Hat to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requesting a new section be added to the Good Samaritan Residence in Medicine Hat to house together younger residents suffering from multiple sclerosis in order to provide mutual support

Sessional Paper 1057/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 1058/2007

## **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

### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston

### 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.

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

For the motion: 15

Ady	Cao	Horner
Agnihotri	Chase	Johnston
Amery	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Fritz	Pastoor

Against the motion: 26

Boutilier	Johnson	Ouellette
Brown	Liepert	Pham
Cenaiko	Lindsay	Renner
Danyluk	Lougheed	Rogers
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Lund	Strang
Griffiths	Melchin	Tarchuk
Hayden	Mitzel	Webber
Jablonski	Oberg	

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

Bill 215 School (Canadian History Content) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned, Mrs. Jablonski speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**515.** Moved by Mr. Mitzel:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the tradition of hunting and fishing for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, moved the motion be amended by adding “, trapping” after “hunting”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 35 agreed to by the Assembly on November 29, 2007, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Motions**

**37.** Oral notice having been given on Thursday, November 29, 2007, Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock moved 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy 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.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

Debate resumed on Second Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, at 8:08 p.m.

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

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on November 20, 2007, that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 37 agreed to on December 3, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:08 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment, which was defeated. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Cheffins  
Elsalhy  
Hinman

MacDonald  
Martin  
Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)  
Pastoor  
Tougas



Against the amendment: 33

Ady	Johnston	Oberg
Amery	Knight	Pham
Backs	Liepert	Prins
Cao	Lindsay	Renner
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Rodney
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Shariff
DeLong	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stevens
Goudreau	McFarland	Tarchuk
Jablonski	Melchin	VanderBurg
Johnson	Mitzel	Webber

Pursuant to Government Motion 37 agreed to on December 3, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:20 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, be read a Second time, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Ady	Knight	Pham
Amery	Liepert	Prins
Boutilier	Lindsay	Renner
Cao	Lougheed	Rodney
Cenaiko	Lukaszuk	Shariff
DeLong	Magnus	Snelgrove
Forsyth	McFarland	Stevens
Goudreau	Melchin	Tarchuk
Jablonski	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Johnson	Oberg	Webber
Johnston	Ouellette	

Against the motion: 9

Cheffins	MacDonald	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Elsalhy	Martin	Pastoor
Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas

### **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)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Mr. Shariff, Deputy 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 46 (Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne) —  
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 1059/2007

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Minister of Finance) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1060/2007

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007  
— Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:54 p.m. until Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

