

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 62

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

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

# **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Education, made a statement recognizing 15-year old Alberta students on ranking second in the world in science achievement, third in reading and reading literacy, and fifth in mathematics on international student assessments conducted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, and Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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# **Members' Statements**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Mr. Cheffins, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the need for a Calgary ring road.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding primary care health networks.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing several Alberta athletes on their recent accomplishments in world cup alpine and downhill skiing, bobsledding, and skeleton.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding tourism in the Wetaskiwin area.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need to reform Alberta labour laws.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, on behalf of Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View (Minister of Sustainable Resource Development) presented a petition from 1,115 Albertans regarding support for the establishment of a network of legislated protected areas in the Rocky Mountain Foothills of Alberta in the Kakwa, Little Smoky, and Bighorn.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Solicitor General and Public Security, Victims Programs Status Report 2006/2007 Sessional Paper 1061/2007 Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document listing Treasury Board discussions and decisions of November 7, 2007, and questions for a November 14, 2007, Treasury Board meeting regarding Alberta schools alternative procurement

Sessional Paper 1062/2007

#### 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 1063/2007

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

Letter, undated, from Richard Merry of Edmonton, unsigned, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1064/2007

Letter, undated, from Michael Troitsky of Rimbey to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding an unlicensed gas well drilled on his property and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1065/2007

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

Sessional Paper 1066/2007

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

Letter dated November 18, 2007, from George Wayboer of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding his difficulty affording rent while receiving AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits

Sessional Paper 1067/2007

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

Sessional Paper 1068/2007

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

ProQuest web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated November 29, 2007, entitled "Young Alberta readers among best in world; grade 4 pupils shine in 2006 study"

Sessional Paper 1069/2007

ProQuest web site reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated November 9, 2007, entitled "Calgary tradesman test skills against best in the world"

Sessional Paper 1070/2007

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

Letter dated November 27, 2007, from John Fawcett of Bluffton to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding a decision to build a power line on his property, forcing him to relocate, and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1071/2007

Letter dated November 26, 2007, from Warren Werner of Hoadley to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding a decision to build a transmission line on his property, forcing the destruction of his home, and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1072/2007

Letter, undated, from Michael Troitsky of Rimbey to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding an unlicensed gas well drilled on his property and expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1073/2007

3 proposed amendments to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act Sessional Paper 1074/2007

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

E-mail message dated December 2, 2007, from Diane Millar of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to certain sections of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1075/2007

Letter dated November 8, 1007, from Brian Staples, Seniors' Action and Liaison Team (SALT) Chair and Spokesperson for the Circle of Chairs of Seniors' Advocacy Groups, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, regarding an independent seniors' advocate proposal with attached document, undated, entitled "A Proposal for a Province of Alberta Independent Seniors' Advocate" prepared by the Circle of Alberta Seniors's Advocacy Group Chairpersons

Sessional Paper 1076/2007

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Sharon Cohen, Executive Assistant, St. Michael's Long Term Care Centre, to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding an excessive rent increase

Sessional Paper 1077/2007

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Dr. Judy K. Ustina of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007

Sessional Paper 1078/2007

Newsletter entitled "Libertas Rights and Democracy" prepared by the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

Sessional Paper 1079/2007

Letter dated October 22, 2007, from Maryclare Hall of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing support for allowing the purchase of raw dairy products, with attached copy of a petition signed by Ms Hall urging the Government to introduce legislation to allow Albertans access to raw or unpasteurized dairy products

Sessional Paper 1080/2007

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

Sessional Paper 1081/2007

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

Letter dated November 27, 2007, from Jim Feeney of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing support for a pause in the development on the Pekisko Rangeland

Sessional Paper 1082/2007

#### Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

E-mail message dated December 3, 2007, from Chips Reid of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 1083/2007

# Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated December 1, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to the Medicine Hat and District Food Bank attaching a cheque donating half of her recent 4.9 percent salary increase

Sessional Paper 1084/2007

Letter dated August 9, 2007, from Linda Egli of Lethbridge to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the lack of maintenance at Park Lake Provincial Park

Sessional Paper 1085/2007

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

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

Sessional Paper 1086/2007

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Unanimous Consent**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells in Committee of the Whole from 10 minutes to one minute, following the first division.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

## **Government Motions**

**38.** Oral notice having been given on Monday, December 3, 2007, 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 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Ms Blakeman 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: 38

Graydon Abbott Hancock Ady Horner Amery Backs Jablonski Boutilier Johnson Brown Johnston Cenaiko Liepert DeLong Lougheed Ducharme Lukaszuk Dunford Lund **Evans** Marz Forsyth Melchin Fritz Mitzel

Oberg Oberle Ouellette Pham Prins Rogers Shariff Stevens Strang Tarchuk VanderBurg Zwozdesky Against the motion: 13

Blakeman MacDonald Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Eggen Martin Pannu
Elsalhy Mason Pastoor
Flaherty Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Taft

Hinman

## **Government Bills and Orders**

# Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 3:10 p.m., and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5) and Government Motion 35 agreed to by the Assembly on November 29, 2007, the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007 — 8:00 P.M.

# **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on the amendment to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:14 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (A) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 9(3) is struck out and the following is substituted:
  - (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Commission is not required to hold a hearing where
    - (a) no person requests a hearing in response to the notice of application, and

(b) on an application for the construction or operation of a hydro development, power plant or transmission line under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act or a gas utility pipeline under the Gas Utilities Act, the Commission is satisfied that the applicant has met the relevant Commission rules respecting each owner of land that may be directly and adversely affected by the Commission's decision on the application.

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

For the amendment: 31

Abbott Fritz Mitzel Backs Graydon Oberle Brown Groeneveld Ouellette Haley Prins Cao Cardinal Hancock Renner Coutts Horner Rodney Danyluk Knight **Rogers** DeLong Lougheed Stevens Doerksen Magnus Strang Dunford McFarland VanderBurg

Forsyth

Against the amendment: 13

Agnihotri Hinman Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

BlakemanMacDonaldPannuCheffinsMartinPastoorEggenMiller (Edmonton-Glenora)Taylor

Elsalhy

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (B) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

B Section 17 is amended by striking out "gas transmission pipeline" wherever it occurs and substituting "gas utility pipeline".

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

For the amendment: 31

Abbott Fritz Mitzel Backs Graydon Oberle Brown Groeneveld Ouellette Prins Cao Haley Cardinal Hancock Renner Coutts Horner Rodney Danyluk Rogers Knight DeLong Stevens Lougheed Doerksen Magnus Strang Dunford McFarland VanderBurg

Forsyth

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman Hinman Pannu
Chaffins MacDonald Pastoor

Cheffins MacDonald Pastoor Eggen Martin Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:41 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (C) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

# C Section 21 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out "Subject to subsection (2), the" and substituting "The";
- (b) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
  - (2) The Commission may make rules respecting the payment of costs to an intervener other than a local intervener referred to in section 22.

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

For the amendment: 29

Abbott Forsyth McFarland Backs Fritz Mitzel Brown Graydon Oberle Cao Groeneveld Prins Cardinal Haley Renner Coutts Hancock Rodney Danyluk Horner Rogers DeLong Knight Stevens Doerksen Lougheed Strang Dunford Magnus

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

BlakemanHinmanPannuCheffinsMacDonaldPastoorEggenMartinTaylor

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (D) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

D Section 22(1) is amended by striking out "gas transmission pipeline" wherever it occurs and substituting "gas utility pipeline".

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

For the amendment: 32

Abbott Oberle Fritz Backs Gravdon Ouellette Brown Groeneveld Prins Cao Haley Renner Cardinal Hancock Rodney Horner Coutts Rogers Danyluk Knight Stevens DeLong Lougheed Strang Doerksen Magnus VanderBurg Dunford McFarland Zwozdesky Forsyth Mitzel

Against the amendment: 10

Agnihotri Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Blakeman MacDonald Pastoor Cheffins Martin Taylor

Eggen

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Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:09 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (E) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

#### E Part 5 is struck out.

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

For the amendment: 32

Oberle Abbott Fritz Backs Ouellette Gravdon Prins Brown Groeneveld Cao Haley Renner Cardinal Hancock Rodney Horner Rogers Coutts Danyluk Knight Stevens DeLong Lougheed Strang Doerksen Magnus VanderBurg Dunford McFarland Zwozdesky Forsyth Mitzel

Against the amendment: 11

AgnihotriElsalhyPannuBlakemanMacDonaldPastoorCheffinsMartinTaylor

Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

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Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (F) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

F Section 67 is amended by adding the following after subsection (5): (5.1) A specified penalty paid to the Commission under this section shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

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

For the amendment: 32

Abbott Fritz Oberle Ouellette Backs Graydon Brown Groeneveld Prins Cao Haley Renner Cardinal Hancock Rodney Coutts Horner Rogers Stevens Danyluk Knight DeLong Lougheed Strang Doerksen Magnus VanderBurg McFarland Dunford Zwozdesky

Forsyth Mitzel

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri Elsalhy Pannu Blakeman Pastoor MacDonald Cheffins Martin **Taylor** 

Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:40 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (G) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- Section 78 is amended
  - (a) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following: Administrative penalties
  - If the Commission, after a hearing or other proceeding, determines that a person has contravened or failed to comply with any provision of this Act or any other enactment under the jurisdiction of the Commission, any decision or order of the Commission or any Commission rule or ISO rule, the Commission may by order do either or both of the following:
    - impose an administrative penalty on that person;
    - impose any terms or conditions on that person that the Commission considers appropriate.
  - (b) by striking out subsections (3) to (6) and substituting the following:
  - (3) The terms and conditions referred to in subsection (1)(b) may include, but are not limited to, prohibiting the person from engaging in conduct specified in the order or directing the person to take action specified in the order.

- (4) A person who pays an administrative penalty in respect of a contravention may not be charged under this Act or any other enactment with an offence in respect of that contravention.
- (5) An administrative penalty paid to the Commission under this section or pursuant to section 82 shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

For the amendment: 29

Abbott Forsyth Mitzel Backs Fritz Oberle Brown Graydon Prins Groeneveld Renner Cao Cardinal Haley Rodney Hancock Rogers Coutts Danyluk Stevens Knight DeLong Lougheed Strang Doerksen Magnus VanderBurg

Dunford McFarland

Against the amendment: 11

AgnihotriElsalhyPannuBlakemanMacDonaldPastoorCheffinsMartinTaylor

Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:01 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (H) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

# H Section 79 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by adding "made under this Act or any other enactment" after "Commission";
- (b) by striking out subsections (2) to (6) and substituting the following:
- (2) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations or a Commission rule or an ISO rule is guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
  - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations or a Commission order or rule or an ISO rule, or
  - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations or a Commission order or rule or an ISO rule

is guilty of an offence.

- (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
- (5) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (4), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.

For the amendment: 30

Abbott Forsyth Mitzel Backs Oberle Fritz Ouellette Brown Graydon Groeneveld Prins Cao Cardinal Renner Haley Coutts Hancock Rodnev Danyluk Horner Rogers DeLong Knight Stevens Doerksen Lougheed Strang Dunford McFarland VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 11

AgnihotriElsalhyPannuBlakemanMacDonaldPastoorCheffinsMartinTaylor

Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:14 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (I) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- I Section 80 is struck out and the following is substituted: Limitation period
  - 80 An administrative penalty may not be imposed nor may a prosecution be commenced after

- (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

For the amendment: 31

Abbott Oberle Graydon Backs Groeneveld Ouellette Brown Haley Prins Cao Hancock Renner Cardinal Horner Rodney Coutts Knight Rogers Snelgrove DeLong Lougheed Doerksen Magnus Stevens Dunford McFarland Strang Forsyth Mitzel VanderBurg

Fritz

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Blakeman Elsalhy Pastoor Chase MacDonald Taylor

Cheffins Martin

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:26 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (J) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

J Section 81 is amended by adding "and the hearing or other proceeding" after "costs of the investigation".

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

For the amendment: 31

Abbott Graydon Oberle Backs Groeneveld Ouellette Brown Haley Prins Hancock Cao Renner Cardinal Horner Rodney Coutts Knight Rogers Snelgrove DeLong Lougheed Doerksen Stevens Magnus McFarland Strang Dunford Forsyth Mitzel VanderBurg

Fritz

Against the amendment: 10

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Blakeman Elsalhy Pastoor Chase MacDonald Taylor

Cheffins

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:39 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (K) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

K Section 91(1)(g) is amended by striking out "section 9(3)(c)" and substituting "section 9(3)(b)".

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

For the amendment: 32

Abbott Fritz Oberle Backs Ouellette Graydon Brown Groeneveld Prins Cao Haley Renner Cardinal Hancock Rodney Coutts Horner Rogers Danyluk Knight Snelgrove DeLong Lougheed Stevens Doerksen Magnus Strang Dunford McFarland VanderBurg

Forsyth Mitzel

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Blakeman Elsalhy Pastoor Chase MacDonald Taylor

Cheffins Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:51 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (L) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

L Section 93(2) is amended by striking out "gas transmission pipeline" wherever it occurs and substituting "gas utility pipeline".

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

For the amendment: 30

Abbott Fritz Mitzel Backs Graydon Oberle Brown Groeneveld Prins Cao Haley Renner Cardinal Hancock Rodney Coutts Horner Rogers Danyluk Knight Snelgrove Stevens DeLong Lougheed Doerksen Magnus Strang Dunford McFarland VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Blakeman Elsalhy Pastoor Chase MacDonald Taylor

Cheffins Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:04 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (M) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

## M Section 95 is amended

- (a) in subsection (3) by striking out "commenced but not completed" and substituting "for which a notice of hearing has been issued and which has not been completed";
- (b) in subsections (10) and (12) by adding "(a), (g) or (h)" after "subsection (7)" wherever it occurs.

For the amendment: 31

Oberle Abbott Graydon Pham Backs Groeneveld Brown Haley Prins Renner Cao Hancock Cardinal Horner Rodney Knight Rogers Coutts Danyluk Lougheed Snelgrove DeLong Magnus Stevens Doerksen McFarland Strang Dunford Mitzel VanderBurg

Fritz

Against the amendment: 11

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Blakeman Elsalhy Pastoor Chase MacDonald Taylor

Cheffins Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:16 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (N) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

N The following is added after section 95:

Consequential amendments to regulations

- 95.1(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for the purpose of
- (a) amending references in regulations to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, the Energy Resources Conservation Board and the Public Utilities Board, or
- (b) adding references to the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board

in consequence of the enactment of this Act.

(2) An amendment under subsection (1) may be made even if the regulation being amended was made by a member of the Executive Council or some other body or person.

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

For the amendment: 36

Abbott Dunford McFarland Fritz Mitzel Ady Amery Graydon Oberg Backs Groeneveld Oberle Brown Haley Pham Cao Hancock Prins Cardinal Horner Renner Cenaiko Johnston Rodney Coutts Knight **Rogers** Liepert Danyluk Snelgrove DeLong Lougheed Strang Doerksen VanderBurg Magnus

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase Flaherty Pastoor Cheffins MacDonald Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:29 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (O) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- O Section 96(4) is amended
  - (a) by striking out clause (a)(i) and substituting the following:
    - (i) by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following:
      - (a) "affiliated electricity retailer" has the meaning given to it in regulations made by the Minister under section 108;
      - (a.1) "affiliated gas retailer" has the meaning given to it in regulations made by the Minister under section 108;
      - (a.2) "affiliated retailer" means an affiliated electricity retailer or an affiliated gas retailer;
    - (i.1) by repealing clause (e) and substituting the following:
      - (e) "Commission" means the Alberta Utilities Commission established by the Alberta Utilities Commission Act;
  - (b) by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:
    - (d) in section 17
      - (i) in clause (i) by striking out "market participants" and substituting "Alberta";
      - (ii) by repealing clause (l) and substituting the following:
        - (l) to administer load settlement;
        - (l.1) to monitor the compliance of market participants with rules made under sections 19, 20 and 24.1;
  - (c) in clause (i) by striking out "after section 24" and substituting "before the heading for Division 3 of Part 2";

- (d) by striking out clauses (l) and (m) and substituting the following:
  - (l) in section 33 by striking out "market participants" and substituting "Alberta";
  - (m) in section 34
    - (i) in subsection (1) by striking out "required to meet the needs of market participants" and substituting "or may be required to meet the needs of Alberta and is in the public interest";
    - (ii) in subsection (3) by adding ", subject to the regulations," after "may";
  - (m.1) in section 35(1) by striking out the portion preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:

Transmission facilities directions and proposals

- 35(1) The Independent System Operator may, at the time of preparing a needs identification document, after submitting a needs identification document to the Commission or after receiving Commission approval of a needs identification document,
- (e) by adding the following after clause (p):
  - (p.1) in section 95(1) by adding "and the regulations" after "section";
  - (p.2) in section 99 by adding the following after clause (b):
    - (b.1) respecting micro generation generating units, including, without limitation, regulations
      - (i) defining "micro generation generating unit",
      - (ii) respecting the development, connection and operation of micro generation generating units, and
      - (iii) specifying which provisions of this Act and the regulations do not apply to micro generation generating units;
    - (b.2) setting out circumstances, in addition to those set out in section 95, in which a municipality may hold an interest in a generating unit;
    - (b.3) respecting any matter relating to a municipality holding an interest in a generating unit, including providing for approvals or other requirements necessary for a municipality to hold such an interest;
- (f) by adding the following after clause (s):
  - (s.1) in section 108(o) by striking out " "affiliated retailer" " and substituting " "affiliated electricity retailer", "affiliated gas retailer" ";
- (g) by adding the following after clause (v):
  - (y.1) by repealing section 142(1)(1) and (m) and substituting the following:
    - (l) respecting any aspect of the interconnected electric system, including, without limitation, regulations
      - respecting the use of the interconnected electric system for the import and export of electricity,
      - (ii) respecting the implementation of principles and requirements related to the import and export of electricity,
      - (iii) setting out the principles and criteria that the Commission must or may have regard for when considering approval of

- (A) a needs identification document described in section 34.
- (B) an expansion or enhancement of the transmission system, or
- (C) a tariff of the ISO, an owner of a transmission facility or an owner of an electric distribution system,
- (iv) respecting costs and any other matters relating to the planning, development and operation of a safe, reliable and economic interconnected electric system,
- (v) respecting directions that the ISO may give to market participants relating to
  - (A) the planning, development and operation of a safe, reliable and economic interconnected electric system, or
  - (B) ensuring an adequate supply of electricity on a short term basis or during abnormal conditions,

and

- (vi) respecting the combining of an application for an approval under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act with an application for approval of a needs identification document described in section 34.
- (h) by adding the following after clause (bb):
  - (bb.1) by repealing section 150 and substituting the following: Offences
  - 150(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
    - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations, or
    - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations

is guilty of an offence.

- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
- (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.
- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
  - (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

For the amendment: 32

Abbott Melchin Haley Adv Hancock Mitzel Amery Jablonski Oberg Johnson Oberle **Backs** Boutilier Johnston Pham Prins Cao Knight Cenaiko Liepert Renner Coutts Lindsay Rodney Goudreau Lukaszuk Snelgrove Griffiths Magnus Strang

Groeneveld McFarland

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase Flaherty Pastoor Cheffins MacDonald Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (P) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- P Section 96(5) is amended by adding the following after clause (j):
  - (j.1) by adding the following after section 27:

Board's funds and expenditures

- 27.1(1) All expenditures incurred by the Board must be charged against money provided in accordance with this section.
- (2) In each fiscal year, funds equivalent to the estimated net expenditures to be incurred in the year by the Board, if not provided under section 27.2, shall be provided from money voted by the Legislature for that purpose.
- (3) The Minister responsible for this Act shall pay the funds provided by vote and referred to in subsection (2) as soon after April 1 as convenient and in an amount that the Minister in consultation with the Board decides. Funding
- 27.2(1) In this section,
  - (a) "administration fee" means an amount imposed as an administration fee under this section;
  - (b) "facility" means any scheme or operation that is under the jurisdiction of the Board or is subject to any enactment that is administered by the Board;
  - (c) "oil sands project" means a scheme or operation that is the subject of an approval under the Oil Sands Conservation Act;

- (d) "operator" means, in relation to any facility, oil sands project or well,
  - (i) the person who is the actual operator of the facility, oil sands project or well, or
  - (ii) the person who holds an approval, licence or permit issued by the Board or to whom or in respect of whom an order is granted by the Board;
- (e) "prescribed date" means, in relation to any year, the date or dates prescribed by the regulations under subsection (3) as the prescribed date or dates for that year for the purposes of this section;
- (f) "well" has the meaning given to it in the Oil and Gas Conservation

  Act
- (2) The Board may in respect of any fiscal year impose and collect an administration fee with respect to any facility, oil sands project or well on a basis that will produce a sum sufficient to defray a portion or all of the estimated net expenditures of the Board in that fiscal year.
- (3) The Board may make regulations
  - (a) prescribing the rates of the administration fees applicable to facilities, oil sands projects or wells or any classes of facilities, oil sands projects or wells;
  - (b) prescribing a date or dates in the calendar year during which a regulation is made under clause (a) as the prescribed date or dates for that year for the purposes of this section;
  - (c) respecting the imposition and payment of administration fees;
  - (d) prescribing, in any manner the Board considers appropriate, classes of facilities, oil sands projects or wells;
  - (e) respecting the exemption of any facility, oil sands project or well or any class of facility, oil sands project or well from the imposition of an administration fee;
  - (f) respecting the imposition and payment of penalties for the late payment of administration fees;
  - (g) respecting appeals with respect to the determination or imposition of administration fees and penalties.
- (4) An administration fee prescribed in a fiscal year with respect to a facility, oil sands project or well is payable to the Board by the person who was the operator of the facility, oil sands project or well on the prescribed date or dates.

For the amendment: 26

Abbott Hancock Oberg Jablonski Oberle Ady Amery Johnson Pham Backs Johnston Prins Boutilier Knight Renner Liepert Rodney Cao Cenaiko Lindsay Snelgrove Goudreau Magnus Strang Haley Melchin

Against the amendment: 12

Agnihotri Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase Flaherty Pastoor Cheffins MacDonald Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:54 p.m. the question was immediately put on Part (Q) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- Q Section 96(6) is struck out and the following is substituted:
  - (6) The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act is amended
    - (a) in section 7(1) by adding the following after clause (b): (b.1) the Chair of the Alberta Utilities Commission;
    - (b) in section 53(a) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission, as the case may be," after "Energy Resources Conservation Board" wherever it occurs:
    - (c) in section 68(4)(a) and (b) by adding "the Alberta Utilities Commission," after "Energy Resources Conservation Board,";
    - (d) in section 95
      - (i) in subsection (2)(a) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission" after "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
      - (ii) in subsection (5)(b)(i) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission" after "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
    - (e) in section 134
      - (i) in clause (b)(iii) by adding "or the Alberta Utilities Commission" after "Energy Resources Conservation Board";
      - (ii) in clause (b)(iv)(E) by striking out "Alberta Energy and Utilities Board" and substituting "Energy Resources Conservation Board":
      - (iii) in clause (e) by striking out "Public Utilities Board" and substituting "Alberta Utilities Commission".

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

For the amendment: 27

Abbott Haley Melchin Hancock Oberg Ady Amery Jablonski Oberle Pham Backs Johnson Boutilier Johnston Prins Knight Renner Cao Cenaiko Liepert Rodnev Goudreau Lindsay Snelgrove Griffiths Lukaszuk Strang

Against the amendment: 12

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

Chase Flaherty Pastoor Cheffins MacDonald Taylor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:08 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (R) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- R Section 96(12) is amended
  - (a) in clause (a)
    - (i) by adding the following after subclause (i):
    - (i.1) by adding the following after clause (a):
      - (a.1) "affiliate" for the purposes of clause (g.1) has the meaning given to it in the Business Corporations Act;
    - (ii) by striking out subclauses (iv) to (vi) and substituting the following:
      - (iv) in clause (g)(iv) by striking out "Energy Resources Conservation Board" and substituting "Commission";
      - (v) by adding the following after clause (g):
        - (g.1) "gas utility pipeline" means a gas pipeline of a gas utility designated by regulation or of its affiliates;
      - (vi) by adding the following after subsection (1):
        - (2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation designate a gas utility for the purposes of subsection (1)(g.1).
  - (b) by striking out clause (b) and substituting the following:
    - (b) by adding the following after section 4:

Jurisdiction of Commission

4.1(1) In addition to the jurisdiction of the Commission with respect to gas utility pipelines under this Act, the Commission has jurisdiction with respect to gas utility pipelines and exercises all the powers, functions and duties of the Energy Resources Conservation Board set out in the Pipeline Act with respect to gas utility pipelines.

- (2) The Commission may, in respect of gas utility pipelines, delegate to the Energy Resources Conservation Board its powers, duties and functions respecting operational and compliance matters.
- (c) by adding the following after clause (c):
  - (c.1) by repealing section 28(a) and substituting the following:
    - (a) "affiliated electricity retailer" has the meaning given to it in the regulations;
    - (a.1) "affiliated gas retailer" has the meaning given to it in the regulations;
    - (a.2) "affiliated retailer" means an affiliated electricity retailer or an affiliated gas retailer;
- (d) by adding the following after clause (e):
  - (e.1) in section 28 by adding the following after clause (i):
    - (i.1) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the Government Organization Act as the Minister responsible for this Act;
- (e) in clause (g) by adding the following after subclause (ii):
  - (iii) by striking out "Lieutenant Governor in Council" wherever it occurs and substituting "Minister";
- (f) by adding the following after clause (l):
  - (l.1) by repealing sections 52 to 57 and substituting the following: Offences and penalties
  - 52(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
    - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations, or
    - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations

is guilty of an offence.

- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
- (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.
- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
  - (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
  - (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence.

whichever occurs first.

For the amendment: 25

Abbott Jablonski Melchin Ady Johnson Oberg Oberle Amery Johnston Pham Boutilier Knight Cenaiko Liepert Prins Goudreau Lindsay Renner Griffiths Lukaszuk Rodney Haley Lund Strang

Hancock

Against the amendment: 12

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

Chase Flaherty Pastoor Cheffins MacDonald Taylor

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:21 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (S) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- S Section 96(13) is struck out and the following is substituted:
  - (13) The Government Organization Act is amended
    - (a) in section 9(b) of Schedule 5 by striking out "Public Utilities Board" and substituting "Alberta Utilities Commission";
    - (b) by adding the following after Schedule 13:

Schedule 13.1 Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate

Office of Utilities Consumer Advocate established

- 1 The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate is established as part of the department of the responsible Minister, consisting of the Utilities Consumer Advocate and such staff as the responsible Minister determines. Responsibilities
- 2 The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate has the following responsibilities:

- to represent the interests of Alberta residential, farm and small business consumers of electricity and natural gas before proceedings of the Alberta Utilities Commission and other bodies whose decisions may affect the interests of those consumers;
- to disseminate independent and impartial information about the regulatory process relating to electricity and natural gas, including an analysis of the impact of decisions of the Alberta Utilities Commission, other bodies and the courts relating to electricity and natural gas;
- to inform and educate consumers about electricity and natural gas issues;
- (d) to carry out such other responsibilities relating to electricity and natural gas as the responsible Minister determines.

# Regulations

- The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations
  - adding to, clarifying, limiting or restricting any of the responsibilities of the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate or regulating how they are to be carried out;
  - respecting any other matter necessary to carry out the intent of (b) this Schedule.

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

For the amendment: 26

Abbott Jablonski Oberg Johnson Oberle Ady Johnston Pham Amery Boutilier Knight Prins Cenaiko Liepert Renner Goudreau Lindsay Rodney Griffiths Lukaszuk Snelgrove Haley Lund Strang Hancock Melchin

Against the amendment: 13

Blakeman Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Bonko Flaherty Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford) Chase MacDonald Pastoor Mason **Taylor** 

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Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:33 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (T) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- T Section 96(14) is amended
  - (a) in clause (d)
    - (i) by striking out the proposed section 15.2(1)(a) and substituting the following:
      - (a) shall make its decision in a timely manner and, if possible, within 180 days after receipt of a complete application, and
    - (ii) by striking out the proposed section 15.2(2) and substituting the following:
      - (2) If the Commission cannot make a decision within the 180 day period referred to in subsection (1)(a), the Commission shall
        - (a) before the 180 day period expires
          - (i) notify the applicant of the reasons why it has not made or will not be able to make a decision,
          - (ii) state its best estimate as to when it reasonably expects to make a decision, and
          - (iii) make the reasons and estimate public,

and

- (b) make its decision within 90 days after the expiry of the 180 day period.
- (3) The Minister may, by order, extend the 90 day period specified in subsection (2)(b) whether the period has or has not expired.
- (b) by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:
  - (e) by adding the following heading after section 17:

General Matters

- (e.1) by repealing sections 21 and 22 and substituting the following: Approval required to discontinue operations
- 21(1) No holder of an approval, permit or licence under this Part, and no person who operated a hydro development, power plant or transmission line on June 1, 1971, shall discontinue the operation of, or dismantle or remove any works or installations forming part of, the holder's or person's hydro development, power plant or transmission line unless the holder or person has obtained the authority in writing of the Commission to do so.
- (2) This section applies in respect of a power plant only if the power plant contains an isolated generating unit within the meaning of the Electric Utilities Act.

Notice of discontinuance of operations required

22(1) This section applies only to a power plant that contains a generating unit that is not an isolated generating unit within the meaning of the Electric Utilities Act.

- (2) A person who holds an approval for a power plant under this Part, and a person who operated a power plant on June 1, 1971, shall provide written notice to the Commission and the Independent System Operator established under the Electric Utilities Act before permanently discontinuing the operation of, or permanently dismantling or removing any works or installations forming part of, the power plant.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2) must be given
  - (a) at least 60 days before the action described in that section is taken, if reasonably practicable, or
  - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable in any other case.
- (c) by adding the following after clause (g):
  - (g.1) by repealing section 44(1) and (2);
  - (g.2) by repealing sections 45 and 46 and substituting the following: Offences and penalties
  - 45(1) A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or licence made or issued pursuant to this Act is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
    - (a) to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or licence made or issued pursuant to this Act, or
    - (b) to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or licence made or issued pursuant to this Act

is guilty of an offence.

- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
- (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.
- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
  - (a) 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- (b) 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

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

For the amendment: 25

Abbott Johnson Oberg Ady Johnston Oberle Amery Knight Pham Boutilier Prins Liepert Cenaiko Lindsay Renner Goudreau Lund Rodney Snelgrove Haley Marz Hancock Melchin Strang

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Against the amendment: 13

Blakeman Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko Flaherty Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase MacDonald Pastoor Cheffins Mason Taylor

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Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:45 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (U) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- U Section 96(20) is amended by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:
  - (d) in sections 5 and 6 by striking out "Part 10" and substituting "section 27.2 of the Energy Resources Conservation Act";
  - (e) in Part 10 by repealing the heading preceding section 57 and substituting the following:

Borrowing, Guarantees and Advances

(f) by repealing sections 57 to 64 and 67.

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

For the amendment: 26

Abbott Jablonski Oberg Oberle Johnson Ady Amery Johnston Pham Boutilier Knight Prins Cao Liepert Renner Cenaiko Lindsay Rodney Goudreau Lund Snelgrove Haley Melchin Strang Hancock Mitzel

Against the amendment: 12

Blakeman Eggen Mason

Bonko Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase Flaherty Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Cheffins MacDonald Pastoor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:57 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (V) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- V Section 96(22) is struck out and the following is substituted:
  - (22) The Pipeline Act is amended
    - (a) in section 1(1)
      - (i) by adding the following after clause (i):
        - (i.1) "gas utility pipeline" means a gas utility pipeline as defined in the Gas Utilities Act;
      - (ii) by repealing clauses (m) and (n) and substituting the following:
        - (m) "licence" means a licence to construct and operate a pipeline under this Act or a gas utility pipeline;
        - (n) "licensee" means the holder of a licence for a pipeline according to the records of the Board or the holder of a licence for purposes of a gas utility pipeline according to the records of the Alberta Utilities Commission and includes a trustee or receiver manager of the property of a licensee;
    - (b) by adding the following before section 4:

Jurisdiction of Board

- 3.1(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Board has jurisdiction with respect to pipelines.
- (2) The Alberta Utilities Commission has jurisdiction with respect to gas utility pipelines and exercises all the powers, functions and duties of the Board with respect to gas utility pipelines.

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

For the amendment: 25

Abbott Jablonski Ady Johnson Amery Johnston Boutilier Knight Cao Liepert Lindsay Cenaiko Goudreau Lund Haley Melchin Hancock

Oberle Pham Prins Renner Rodney Snelgrove Strang

Oberg

#### Against the amendment: 9

Bonko Eggen Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Chase Flaherty Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Cheffins Mason Pastoor

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:10 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (W) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

#### Section 96(25) is amended

- (a) by adding the following after clause (h):
  - (h.1) in section 117(1) by striking out "set out in section 52" and substituting "determined by the Commission";
  - (h.2) by repealing section 118;
- (b) by adding the following after clause (i):
  - (i) by repealing sections 124 to 128 and substituting the following: Offences and penalties
  - A person who fails to comply with this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) A person who advises, solicits, persuades, instructs, directs or orders a person
    - to do an act or thing prohibited by this Act or the regulations, or
    - to omit to do an act or thing required to be done by this Act or the regulations

is guilty of an offence.

- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this Act is liable to a fine not exceeding \$3 000 000 for each day or part of a day on which the offence occurs or continues.
- (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this Act and the court is satisfied that as a result of the commission of the offence the person derived an economic benefit directly or indirectly, the court may order the person to pay, in addition to a fine under subsection (3), a fine in an amount equal to the court's estimate of the amount of the economic benefit.
- (5) A prosecution may not be commenced after
  - 3 years from the date that the facts that constitute the alleged offence become known to the Commission, or
- 6 years from the date of the occurrence of the alleged offence, whichever occurs first.

For the amendment: 25

Abbott Jablonski Oberg Adv Johnson Oberle Pham Amery Johnston Prins Boutilier Knight Cao Liepert Renner Cenaiko Lindsay Rodney Goudreau Lund Snelgrove Haley Melchin Strang

Hancock

Against the amendment: 10

Bonko MacDonald Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase Mason Pastoor Cheffins Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Taft

Flaherty

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:22 a.m. the question was immediately put on Part (X) of the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- X Section 96 is amended by adding the following after subsection (28):
  - (28.1) The Surface Rights Act is amended in section 15
    - (a) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:
      - (3) Where the Board receives an application and the operations in respect of which the application is made require a licence, permit or other approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board, the Surface Rights Board may request the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board to provide it with a copy of the licence, permit or other approval together with any other information in the possession of the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board that is relevant to the right of entry, and the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board, as the case may be, shall forthwith comply with the request.
    - (b) by repealing subsection (6) and substituting the following:
      - (6) Where the Board makes a right of entry order under this section, it
      - (a) shall describe the portion of the surface of the land that is necessary for the performance of the operator's operations, and
      - (b) may make the order subject to any conditions it considers appropriate,

but where the activity the operator proposes to engage in is the subject of a licence, permit or other approval granted by the Alberta Utilities Commission or the Energy Resources Conservation Board, and a copy of the licence, permit or other approval has been provided to the Surface Rights Board pursuant to subsection (3), the Surface Rights Board shall ensure that the right of entry order is not inconsistent with the licence, permit or other approval.

- (28.2) The Turner Valley Unit Operations Act is amended
  - (a) in section 17 by striking out "except Part 10";
  - (b) by repealing section 18.

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

For the amendment: 25

Abbott Jablonski Oberg Johnson Oberle Ady Johnston Pham Amery Boutilier Knight Prins Cao Liepert Renner Cenaiko Lindsay Rodney Goudreau Lund Snelgrove Haley Melchin Strang Hancock

Against the amendment: 11

Bonko Hinman Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase MacDonald Pastoor Cheffins Mason Taft

Flaherty Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Pursuant to Government Motion 38 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:34 a.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Abbott Jablonski Oberg Oberle Adv Johnson Amery Johnston Pham Boutilier Knight Prins Cao Liepert Renner Cenaiko Lindsay Rodney Snelgrove Goudreau Lund Haley Melchin Strang

Hancock

Against the motion: 10

Bonko Hinman Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Chase MacDonald Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford) Taft

Cheffins Mason

Flaherty

After sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Mr. Johnson, 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 (Part A) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1087/2007

Amendment (Part B) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1088/2007

Amendment (Part C) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1089/2007

Amendment (Part D) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1090/2007

Amendment (Part E) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1091/2007

Amendment (Part F) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1092/2007

Amendment (Part G) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1093/2007

Amendment (Part H) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1094/2007

Amendment (Part I) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1095/2007

- Amendment (Part J) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1096/2007
- Amendment (Part K) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1097/2007
- Amendment (Part L) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1098/2007
- Amendment (Part M) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1099/2007
- Amendment (Part N) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1100/2007
- Amendment (Part O) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1101/2007
- Amendment (Part P) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1102/2007
- Amendment (Part Q) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1103/2007
- Amendment (Part R) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1104/2007
- Amendment (Part S) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1105/2007
- Amendment (Part T) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1106/2007
- Amendment (Part U) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1107/2007
- Amendment (Part V) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) Agreed to on division

  Sessional Paper 1108/2007

Amendment (Part W) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 1109/2007

Amendment (Part X) to Bill 46 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne on December 3, 2007) — Agreed to on division Sessional Paper 1110/2007

# **Third Reading**

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

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

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

# **Second Reading**

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

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

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

#### **Government Motions**

**39.** Oral notice having been given on Monday, December 3, 2007, 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 Third 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. Hancock and Mr. Miller 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: 29

Abbott Jablonski Oberg Johnson Oberle Ady Amery Johnston Pham Boutilier Knight Prins Cao Liepert Renner Cenaiko Lindsay Rodney Goudreau Lukaszuk Shariff Griffiths Lund Snelgrove Haley Marz Strang

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Against the motion: 9

Bonko Hinman Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Chase MacDonald Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Cheffins Mason Taft

# **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Third Reading**

Debate resumed on Third Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, at 2:11 a.m.

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

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

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that 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 Third time, but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering sections 3 to 24.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:11 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Blakeman Hinman Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Bonko MacDonald Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase Mason Taft

Cheffins

Against the amendment: 29

Abbott Johnson Oberg Johnston Pham Ady Amery Knight Prins Boutilier Liepert Renner Cenaiko Lindsay Rodney Goudreau Lukaszuk Rogers Shariff Griffiths Lund Halev Marz Snelgrove Hancock Melchin Strang

Jablonski Mitzel

Pursuant to Government Motion 39 agreed to on December 4, 2007, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:24 a.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Abbott Johnson Oberg Oberle Ady Johnston Amery Knight Pham Boutilier Liepert Prins Cenaiko Lindsay Renner Goudreau Lukaszuk Rogers Griffiths Lund Shariff Haley Marz Snelgrove Hancock Melchin Strang

Jablonski Mitzel

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman Hinman Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Bonko MacDonald Pastoor Chase Mason Taft

Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Cheffins

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells in Committee of the Whole from 10 minutes to one minute.

## 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 Bills were reported:

- Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007
   Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Johnston
- Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Johnston

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 Rev. Abbott
- Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Hancock

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong

Dr. Brown, 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 49 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1111/2007

Amendment to Bill 52 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1112/2007

Amendment to Bill 52 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1113/2007

Amendment to Bill 52 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1114/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Parts A, G to K) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 1115/2007

Subamendment to Bill 31 (Part C) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1116/2007

Amendment to Bill 31 (Parts A, B, D to K) (introduced by Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 1117/2007

Amendment to Bill 31 (Part C) (introduced by Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1118/2007

Amendment to Bill 31 (Part L) (introduced by Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on November 29, 2007) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1119/2007

Amendment to Bill 41 (Parts A, D, F, G) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1120/2007

Amendment to Bill 41 (Parts B, E) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1121/2007

Amendment to Bill 41 (Part C) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1122/2007

Amendment to Bill 48 (Parts A to H, K to M) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1123/2007

Amendment to Bill 48 (Parts I, J) (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1124/2007

#### **Second Reading**

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

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

# **Third Reading**

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

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 1, Lobbyists Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering amendments to section 6.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

During debate on Bill 41, Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells in Committee of the Whole from 10 minutes to one minute.

Debate continued on the motion.

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

For the motion: 29

Abbott Groeneveld Oberle Ady Haley Ouellette Amery Hancock Prins **Backs** Jablonski Renner Boutilier Johnston Rodney Cao Snelgrove Knight Cenaiko Liepert Stevens Evans Lindsay Strang Goudreau Melchin Zwozdesky Griffiths Mitzel

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman Martin Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Chase Mather Pastoor Elsalhy Miller (Edmonton-Glenora) Taylor

Flaherty

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 1 Lobbyists Act Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 Dr. Brown
- Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act Mr. Dunford

- Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Mr. Rodney
- Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Rogers
- Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 Rev. Abbott
- Bill 35 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Rogers
- Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Rogers
- Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady
- Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 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 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) —Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 Mr. Johnston
- 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 Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Hayden
- Bill 56 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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 Ms DeLong
- Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Stevens

#### **Unanimous Consent**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77 in order to allow consideration of Bill 57, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2), at more than one stage in one day.

## **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 Ms DeLong
- Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

During consideration of Bill 38, Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007, Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, tabled the following documents:

Letter, undated, from Dereck Abboud of Edmonton, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 1125/2007

List of 197 names and addresses of Edmonton residents

Sessional Paper 1126/2007

# Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented them a gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3.1(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 4, 2007