



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the 45th annual Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts held from April 21-26, 2008, at the Red Deer College Arts Centre and the Crossroads Church.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing Sherwood Park resident Trevor Gladue on receiving the Men of Honour Award presented by the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton on April 18, 2008.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement recognizing April 22, 2008, as Earth Day.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing the 90th birthday of Edmonton-Ellerslie constituent Jack Maguire.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing April 22, 2008, as Earth Day.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the closure of the Braman Furniture plant in Lethbridge and the assistance provided by Economic Development Lethbridge and Alberta Employment and Immigration in finding new jobs for 95 percent of the plant's 140 employees.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 17 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 111 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 2 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate steps to prevent the 43-hectare Qualico gravel pit operation proposed for southwest Edmonton from going ahead as it will have significant adverse effects, such as lower property values and a decline in quality of life due to noise, pollution, and heavy trucks.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board:

The 20-Year Strategic Capital Plan dated January 29, 2008, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 54/2008

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

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws

Sessional Paper 55/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona :

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

Sessional Paper 56/2008

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

Calgary Board of Education, Annual Education Results Report, 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 57/2008

Calgary Board of Education, Report to the Community 2008

Sessional Paper 58/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:45 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Budget Address

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 9, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2008-09 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 59/2008

2008-09 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 60/2008

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13:

Budget 2008, Ministry Business Plans
Sessional Paper 61/2008

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2008-09 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2008-09 Government Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, then tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s7, s9:

Budget 2008, Government Strategic Business Plan
Sessional Paper 62/2008

Prior to moving Government Motion 10, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4, s7.1(1):

Budget 2008, Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 63/2008

10. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Dr. Taft moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:26 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 3)

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Ms Woo-Paw moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:24 p.m. until Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 22, 2008