



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 7

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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

### **Members' Statements**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding Dr. Martha Kostuch who passed away on April 23, 2008.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding public education funding.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing Calgary-Montrose constituent Shinia Van who was recently selected as a grade six finalist in the Alberta Branch of the 2008 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association essay contest.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the St. Albert Rotary Music Festival 2008 held from April 7-17, 2008, with the grand concert and awards presentation being held on April 23, 2008.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement recognizing the efforts of the Calgary Board of Education.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing April 23, 2008, as St. George's Day.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 18 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

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Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Calgary residents urging the Government to commission an independent and public inquiry into the Alberta Government's administration of or involvement with the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 46 Edmonton and areas residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focussed level-of-care standards.

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

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.02(3):  
2008 Committee of Supply Main Estimates Schedule  
Sessional Paper 64/2008

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:  
Temporary Foreign Worker Guide for Employees (provided in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, and German)  
Sessional Paper 65/2008

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:  
Canada.com web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 23, 2008, entitled "Environmentalism Martha Kostuch dies"  
Sessional Paper 66/2008

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):  
Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2006-2007 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 67/2008

### **Speaker's Statement - Officials on the floor of the Assembly**

Honourable Members, as Projected Government Business shows that the Committee of Supply might be called tomorrow, Thursday, April 24, 2008, to consider Main Estimates, the Chair wants to outline the rules concerning officials and staff on the floor of the Assembly.

Members who were here last spring for the Main Estimates may recall the practice of government officials on the floor of the Assembly to assist their respective Ministers. While the practice this year is similar, there are some differences of which Members and Ministers should take note.

First, the practice of allowing officials on the floor of the Assembly is permitted under the temporary Standing Orders approved by the Assembly last Thursday, April 17. Temporary Standing Order 59.01(3) states:

- (3) During Committee of Supply consideration of the main estimates
    - (a) officials of the Government may be admitted to the floor of the Assembly to advise the Minister whose estimates are under consideration, and
    - (b) staff of the opposition may also be admitted to assist Members who are participating in estimates consideration,
- provided that at least 24 hours' written notice of the names of the officials or staff is given to the Clerk.

There is no restriction on the number of officials or staff who may attend but Members should be aware that, unlike last year, there is no relaxation of the quorum rule so there will likely be fewer seats for officials to occupy than was the case last year. Accordingly, any official seated in the chair of a Member who wishes to occupy his or her chair must yield the seat immediately. The Chair reminds Members that even in Committee, they must speak and vote from their own seats. This requirement may mean that additional chairs will have to be brought in to accommodate the officials and staff so that they can sit in close proximity to the Minister or Member they are assisting.

Of course, officials or staff may not speak on the Minister's or Member's behalf or otherwise participate in the debate. Officials and staff must meet the accepted dress standard for access to the Chamber. The use of cellular telephones or the telephone mode of any PDA is prohibited for officials and staff as it is for Members. They may use laptop computers or other PDA functions in support of their respective Minister or Member. Access to the Internet or departmental Intranet will not, however, be provided.

The names and titles of officials or staff who will be attending the Chamber must be provided in writing 24 hours in advance. This notice should be directed to the Clerk and be sent to Room 315 of the Legislature Building with a copy to the Sergeant-at-Arms in Room 411.

If estimates are considered tomorrow the Chair will relax the 24-hour rule but the names should be provided as soon as possible and prior to the officials or staff requesting access to the Chamber.

The Chair would ask that Ministers make their officials aware of this statement.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

A debate followed.

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

### **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 4)

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 Notley moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

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A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Fritz moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes  
Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:19 p.m. until Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 23, 2008