



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, April 28, 2008

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of people killed or injured in the workplace.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2008, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or injured on the job.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2008.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Education Week and the successful test results obtained by Alberta students in the 2007 Pan-Canadian Assessment Program.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the education portion of property tax.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the APPLE (Alberta Project Promoting Active Learning and Healthy Eating) Project, an initiative involving five Alberta school districts, the University of Alberta School of Public Health, and an anonymous donor.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement congratulating the Lethbridge Hurricanes hockey team on recently winning the Western Hockey League Meyers Norris Penny Eastern Conference Championship.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, presented a petition from 406 Albertans urging the government to take measures to ensure that annual PSA (prostate-specific antigen) screening tests for men over 40 years of age are covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 20 Calgary 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.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 20 Ft. Saskatchewan 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.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated April 22, 2008, from Kenn Hample with the addressees' names struck out, with several related attachments, regarding proposed changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Code

Sessional Paper 75/2008

Canada.com web site reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 25, 2008, entitled "We export wheat, beef and oil - why not electricity?" prepared by Gordon Jaremko

Sessional Paper 76/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated November 9, 2007, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Mable Both, Director, Claresholm Food Bank, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, and copy of a receipt for the donation

Sessional Paper 77/2008

Document, undated, entitled "All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Injuries in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness, the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, and the University of Alberta School of Public Health

Sessional Paper 78/2008

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

2 posters commemorating the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 79/2008

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

Sessional Paper 80/2008

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

Letter dated March 27, 2008, unsigned, from Kelly Juhaszi of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding a lack of supervision on school buses transporting public school students with severe special needs and requesting assistance to rectify this situation

Sessional Paper 81/2008

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Report dated September 2000 entitled “Working Alone Safely, A Guide for Employers and Employees” prepared by the Minister’s Committee to Promote Health and Safety - Working Alone Best Practices

Sessional Paper 82/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6.

Motions for Returns

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Alberta Volunteer Service Medal Act — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 202, Alberta Volunteer Service Medal Act, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 203 Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Allred

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to lower personal and corporate taxes by one percent.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. McQueen reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, for the Department of Aboriginal Relations, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:48 p.m. until Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 28, 2008