



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 10

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 105th anniversary of the Frank Slide and new technologies used to monitor Turtle Mountain.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Education Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the rising cost of living for seniors.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling that police cannot conduct random searches with sniffer dogs to locate illegal drugs in schools and public places.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Calgary being selected to host the Canadian Football League 2009 Grey Cup Championship.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the Lions Pride in the Community Awards presented by the Lions Clubs of Calgary on April 26, 2008.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, 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 34 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 Fort. 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.

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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 41 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.

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

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 412 Albertans urging the Government to appoint a Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform to assess all possible models for electing the Members of the Legislative Assembly, including preferential ballots, proportional representation, and our current electoral system and further urging the Government to give the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform a mandate to hold public hearings throughout Alberta, and if it recommends changes to the electoral system, that option to be put to a province-wide referendum.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 43 residents of a seniors' complex in central Edmonton regarding their rising cost of living

Sessional Paper 83/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 letters from Albertans to 4 members of Executive Council and one Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the proposed Lac Cardinal nuclear power plant and to any nuclear power plant in Alberta or Western Canada

Sessional Paper 84/2008

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 85/2008

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Memorandum from Marcia Blesi, Fleet Coordinator, Vehicle Services, Service Alberta, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding executive vehicle assignment with attached pamphlet dated February 2008 entitled "Executive Vehicle Information, Deputy Ministers and Senior Officials"

Sessional Paper 86/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 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. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:30 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Energy, 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.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 7)

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:07 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 29, 2008