



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 11

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, April 30, 2008

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

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the use of technology in education and recognizing April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Education Week.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding financial assistance options available to post-secondary students in Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for a land-use framework in Alberta.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing May 2008 as Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the 2008 Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health which held its annual invitational symposium from April 27-29, 2008, in Edmonton.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement congratulating Dr. Brent Saik and his teammates on breaking their previous Guinness World Record for the world's longest hockey game played from February 8-18, 2008, and for raising over \$500,000 for pediatric cancer research.

## **Presenting Petitions**

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

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 40 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 70 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 40 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 11 Edmonton residents urging the Government to take immediate, meaningful measures to help low-income and fixed-income Albertans, Albertans with disabilities, and those who are hard-to-house maintain their places of residence and cope with the escalating and frequent increases in their monthly rental costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 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. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar  
Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner  
Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans  
Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Errata to the 2008-09 Main Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 87/2008

Mr. Rogers, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 2007-2008, Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 88/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Brochure requesting donations to the Friends for World Development organization

Sessional Paper 89/2008

Letter, undated, unsigned, from S. Michael Marlowe, Seniors Advocate, to Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, requesting the reinstatement of funding for senior universal support programs that was eliminated in 1993

Sessional Paper 90/2008

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 91/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated March 14, 2008, from Jeannette Beaudoin of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding staffing and salary levels at the long-term care facility where Ms Beaudoin's mother resides

Sessional Paper 92/2008

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered) Pension Plans, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 93/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5) and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with the Members of the Legislative Assembly, 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 94/2008

## **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)

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Employment and Immigration and Environment, 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.

## **Government Motions**

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

A. Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Standing Committees:

### **Standing Committee on Community Services (11 Members)**

Rodney (Chair)	Chase	Lukaszuk
Hehr (Deputy Chair)	Doerksen	Notley
Benito	Johnson	Sarich
Bhardwaj	Johnston	

### **Standing Committee on the Economy (11 Members)**

Allred (Chair)	Blakeman	McFarland
Taylor (Deputy Chair)	Campbell	Weadick
Amery	Marz	Xiao
Bhullar	Mason	

### **Standing Committee on Health (11 Members)**

Horne (Chair)	Fawcett	Sherman
Pastoor (Deputy Chair)	Notley	Swann
Dallas	Olson	Vandermeer
Denis	Quest	

### **Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services (11 Members)**

VanderBurg (Chair)	Calahasen	Notley
Kang (Deputy Chair)	Cao	Sandhu
Anderson	Jacobs	Woo-Paw
Brown	MacDonald	

**Standing Committee on Resources and Environment (11 Members)**

Prins (Chair)	Drysdale	McQueen
Swann (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Oberle
Berger	Hehr	Webber
Boutilier	Mason	

- B.** Be it further resolved that Government Motion 8, passed by the Assembly on April 17, 2008, be amended in Part C
- (a) by adding “remuneration for” before “the Policy Field Committees”;
  - (b) by striking out “designated as Category A Committees for the purposes of the Members’ Services Committee Allowances Order, RMSC 1992, c.M-2” and substituting “at rates determined by the Special Standing Committee on Members’ Services”.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

**Second Reading**

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

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 30, 2008