



**Legislative Assembly
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, May 5, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the Guru Nanak Shrine Fellowship, a part of Edmonton's Sikh community, which raised over \$2.3 million to purchase the naming rights for the Guru Nanak Dev Healing Garden which is located in the recently opened Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement commemorating Holodomor, the man-made famine in Ukraine that took place in 1932 and 1933.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2008, as the International Day of the Midwife.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding atrocities that have occurred throughout the world and the importance of human rights.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing May 5, 2008, as the 63rd anniversary of National Liberation Day in Holland.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2008, as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 21 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system, and instead, commit to strengthening the single-payer, public system.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report
2006/2007

Sessional Paper 113/2008

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 19, 2008, from Barbara Bird of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the findings contained in a report released on November 7, 2007, by Zoocheck Canada and the World Society for the Protection of Animals relating to conditions at the Guzoo Animal Farm in Three Hills and the Discovery Wildlife Park in Innisfail, and requesting the government address this issue

Sessional Paper 114/2008

Document entitled "Promoting Revenue Transparency, 2008 Report on Revenue Transparency of Oil and Gas Companies" prepared by Transparency International

Sessional Paper 115/2008

Alberta Government web site reprint of a blog written on April 28 and 29, 2008, by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, during a trip to Washington, D.C. to discuss energy issues with U.S. government officials

Sessional Paper 116/2008

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

Open letter, undated, from Everett Tanis of Picture Butte expressing concern regarding the long-term effects of the 2003 BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) crisis on beef producers

Sessional Paper 117/2008

5 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes be implemented to Alberta labour laws
Sessional Paper 118/2008

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

Program from the Gala Fundraiser entitled “Light up Papua New Guinea, The Captain Nichola Goddard Project” organized by the Light Up the World Foundation on May 2, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 119/2008

Volunteers Quick Reference Guide for the 41st annual Pathway and River Cleanup held on May 4, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 120/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated July 16, 2007, from André B. Lalonde, MD, FRCSC, FSOGC, FACS, MSc, Executive Vice-President, The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for Alberta to fully fund and integrate midwifery into the health care system

Sessional Paper 121/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 2005-06

Sessional Paper 122/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 201 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act — Mr. Mitzel

Second Reading

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

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

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

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion:

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Allred	Griffiths	Oberle
Amery	Hayden	Ouellette
Berger	Horner	Prins
Bhullar	Jacobs	Quest
Campbell	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Knight	Rogers
Dallas	Leskiw	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lund	Stevens
Doerksen	Marz	VanderBurg
Drysdale	McQueen	Weadick
Elniski	Mitzel	Webber
Evans	Morton	Xiao
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 4

Chase	Notley	Pastoor
MacDonald		

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion 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.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Dr. Brown on behalf of Mr. Johnston:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to allow a vehicle to be seized if a driver is charged with racing on a highway.

A debate followed.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, moved the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by adding “section 172 of” before “the Traffic Safety Act”;
- (b) by adding “for a period longer than 24 hours” after “vehicle to be seized”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended 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 Mr. Berger reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Service Alberta, 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 Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m., the Deputy 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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

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

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

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

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 5, 2008