

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 14

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the Yellow Ribbon Gala Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction held on May 3, 2008, at the Edmonton Garrison in support of the Military Family Resource Centre and recognizing Darcia Arndt and Anna Thede for establishing the western Canada Silver Memorial Cross support group.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the opening of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Federal Government raising the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 years of age on May 1, 2008.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding long-range growth planning in the Capital Region.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement congratulating the Canadian women's and men's curling teams on winning gold medals at the World Seniors Curling Championships held in Vierumäki, Finland, on March 16, 2008, Shirley McPherson, Shirley Kohuch, and Chris Wilson of Lethbridge who were designated as Lethbridge's Female Athletes of the Year for 2008, and Larry Taylor and Ed Granger of Lethbridge on winning the bronze medal at the recent Canadian Masters Curling Championships.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing Myranda Stewart of Strathmore for receiving the 2008 4-H Premier's Award.

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 25 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation to have midwife-attended homebirths funded by Alberta Health Care.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 20 St. Albert 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 Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, 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 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton 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 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 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to a question raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on May 5, 2008, concerning Alberta Environment staffing arrangements in the Fort McMurray region

Sessional Paper 123/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, undated, entitled "Political Party Annual Financial Statement, January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta" prepared by Elections Alberta

Sessional Paper 124/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canmore Leader web site article dated April 30, 2008, entitled "Jonker donates dollars to community day care"

Sessional Paper 125/2008

News release dated May 1, 2007, entitled "New initiatives target more staff and the creation of child care spaces" prepared by Alberta Children's Services, with attached backgrounder

Sessional Paper 126/2008

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

Sessional Paper 127/2008

## **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 Mr. Rogers reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Culture and Community Spirit, 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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:29 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, MAY 6, 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 Mr. Rodney reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Infrastructure, 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**

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved: that Ms Notley replace Mr. McFarland.

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 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of 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

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Horner 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

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 11:10 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 6, 2008