



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 16

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, May 8, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Alberta's public health care system

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Cassie Campbell Street Hockey Festival held in Calgary from April 25-26, 2008, in support of the Ronald McDonald House of Southern Alberta.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Ronald McDonald House of Northern Alberta.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Alberta Environment Support and Emergency Response Team.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing May 8, 2008, as Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding tar sands tailing ponds and the need to promote "green" energy.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 5 Edmonton residents urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focused level-of-care standards.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 17 Edmonton residents urging the Government to introduce legislation that will require schools to eliminate any fees that are charged to parents or guardians for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

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

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 19 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.

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

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 60 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of 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.

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petition for Private Bills:

of the Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton for the Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6

To be dealt with: WQ1

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR2

To be dealt with: MR1, MR3, MR4

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Marz on behalf of Mr. Rodney

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

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to a question raised by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2008, concerning reclamation securities held by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 138/2008

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Brenda Stayko of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding staff shortages at continuing care centres

Sessional Paper 139/2008

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2007 Activities dated February 2008

Sessional Paper 140/2008

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

Sessional Paper 141/2008

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

News release dated February 28, 2008, entitled "Alberta doctors assign a "B," a "C+," a "C" and a "D" to political parties for their health care policies" prepared by the Alberta Medical Association, with attached list of 10 questions posed by the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 142/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Family Choices, Manitoba's Five-Year Agenda for Early Learning and Child Care" prepared by the Manitoba Child Care Program

Sessional Paper 143/2008

Copies of 5 cards, undated, signed by Edmonton residents regarding the Government's long-term commitment to funding affordable, quality child care programs for children 12 years of age and younger

Sessional Paper 144/2008

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Mr. Taylor, Official Opposition Deputy House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 12 to May 15, 2008:

Monday, May 12	8:30 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates International and Intergovernmental Relations Second Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 13	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Executive Council Second Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Health and Wellness Second Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, May 14	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Transportation Second Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates
Children and Youth Services
Second Reading
Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12
And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 15 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates
Sustainable Resource
Development
Second Reading
Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 12
And as per the Order Paper

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. Lund reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Advanced Education and Technology, 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, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until Monday, May 12, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 8, 2008