



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 23 recipients of the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Calgary on May 10, 2008.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary and rededication of the Finlay Bridge in Medicine Hat to be held on May 14, 2008.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing six Calgary businesses for receiving a Careers in Manufacturing Best Manufacturer Award.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets in Didsbury.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petition that was presented Thursday, May 8, 2008, and can advise the House that the petition complies with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 14 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 24 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 97 Albertans 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 6 Alberta and British Columbia 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, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 6 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 4 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 32 Edmonton and area 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 22 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Program from the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Awards held in Calgary on May 10, 2008

Sessional Paper 159/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated May 6, 2008, unsigned, from Barry V. Fisher of Calgary to "Kevin" expressing support for proportional representation in the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 160/2008

Letter dated May 9, 2008, from Jane Carlson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding inadequate Learner Benefits Program funding

Sessional Paper 161/2008

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

Sessional Paper 162/2008

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

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

Sessional Paper 163/2008

Letter dated April 28, 2008, from John Stroppa of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the difficulties faced when living with diabetes

Sessional Paper 164/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

dw-world.de web site article dated August 12, 2007, entitled "Study Finds More Childhood Cancer Near Nuclear Power Plants"

Sessional Paper 165/2008

timeforchange.org web site article, undated, entitled “Nuclear power station causing cancer”

Sessional Paper 166/2008

4 letters from Albertans to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Ed Kamieniecki, Reeve, Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22, expressing opposition to nuclear power in Alberta

Sessional Paper 167/2008

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnston reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Executive Council, 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 5:26 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Health and Wellness, 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

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

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 13, 2008