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No. 19

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, May 14, 2008

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing May 14, 2008, as the first annual Cancer Day of Action.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement congratulating Athabasca-Redwater constituent Bertha Clark on recently receiving the National Aboriginal Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Crime Reduction Secretariat and the need to continue developing strategies to reduce crime.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the need to improve accessibility to the Legislature Building for people with physical disabilities.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2008, as Emergency Preparedness Week.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Urban Development Institute of Alberta.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 61 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. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 26 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 216 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 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 27 Albertans urging the Government to take measures that will require school boards and schools to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and materials and general school services, including textbooks, musical instruments, physical education programs, locker rentals, lunch hour supervision, and required field trips and to ensure that schools are not deprived of the resources necessary to offer these programs and services without additional charges to parents or guardians.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 95 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.

## **Notice of Amendment to Committee of Supply Schedule**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice that pursuant to Standing Orders 59.02(2) and 59.03(1)(b) and (3), the schedule for consideration of the 2008-09 Main Estimates in Committee of Supply has been amended to allow for consideration of the remainder of the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (23 minutes) to take place on May 22, 2008.

## **Notice of Committee of Supply Votes**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice that pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(3), the votes in Committee of Supply on the 2008-09 Estimates of the Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the 2008-09 Main Estimates will take place on May 22, 2008.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act,  
2008 — Mr. Lukaszuk

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated May 6, 2008, from J. Lawrence Tymko, Chair of the Board, Greater Edmonton Foundation: Housing for Seniors, to Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding inadequate funding levels for the Lodge Assistance Program and requesting the funding levels be increased

Sessional Paper 168/2008

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

E-mail message, undated, from Terence Gannon, Intellog, to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching the text of an e-mail message dated April 18, 2008, from Mr. Gannon to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, outlining Mr. Gannon's efforts to establish a reference index of energy-related wells for the Western Sedimentary Basin and requesting Hon. Mr. Knight's assistance in obtaining support for this endeavour from the Energy Resources Conservation Board

Sessional Paper 169/2008

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 170/2008

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of 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 8, 2008, concerning a contained tailings release at the Suncor facilities in Fort McMurray in July 2007

Sessional Paper 171/2008

## **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**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at 5:27 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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 Mrs. McQueen reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Departments of Transportation and Children and Youth Services, 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**

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Prins (Chair)	Campbell	MacDonald
McFarland (Deputy Chair)	Horne	Marz
Blakeman	Lund	Notley

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ethics Commissioner and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

1. The Chair and members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category “A” Committees provided in the most current Members’ Services Committee Allowances Order.
2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was 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)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

### **Second Reading**

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

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

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:48 p.m. until Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 14, 2008