

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 21

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Lethbridge College.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the recent earthquake in Sichuan Province, China.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the fifth annual RISE (Recognizing Immigrant Success and Excellence) Awards presented by the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers on May 15, 2008.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the recent wildfires in Newbrook and Thorhild County.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the first annual Blanket of Remembrance Aboriginal Children's Memorial Round Dance hosted by the Creating Hope Society on May 16, 2008, in Edmonton.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding a radiothon held on May 10, 2008, to raise funds for the Canadian Red Cross Myanmar cyclone fund, organized by Radio Sursangam in Calgary and the Calgary Sikh community.

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Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 27 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 51 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 152 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 32 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, on behalf of Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 62 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 10 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.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 153 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.

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Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Remarks of the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, PC, Chief Justice of Canada, to the Council of the Canadian Bar Association at the Canadian Legal Conference, held on August 11, 2007, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 180/2008

Blackwell Synergy web site article dated March 26, 2007, entitled "Abstract, Explaining the Recent Decline in Domestic Violence"

Sessional Paper 181/2008

Prairie State Legal Services web site article, undated, entitled "Access to legal aid lowers domestic abuse"

Sessional Paper 182/2008

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Program from the Alberta College of Art and Design 2008 Convocation Ceremony held on May 16, 2008, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 183/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on May 6, 2008, Department of Infrastructure, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 184/2008

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. Dallas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs, 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 5:28 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 20, 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. Lund reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, 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 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

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

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

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of Mr. Fawcett

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 Hon. Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act Hon. Mr. Horner

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 20, 2008