



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 23

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, May 22, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Nagar Kirtan, a celebration of the 309th anniversary of the creation day of Khalsa, held on May 18, 2008, in Edmonton and recognizing April 13, 2008, as Vaisakhi, the celebration of the creation of the Order of the Khalsa.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the recent announcement that the Provincial and Federal Governments will conduct a review of cancer risks in Fort Chipewyan.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the inaugural Alberta Telus Tour for the Cure, a travelling educational exhibit led by the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and sponsored by Telus, Canada Safeway, and the Alberta Government.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the DUMB (distractions undermining motorist behaviour) Car, a computerized interactive driving simulator introduced by the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Brittany Miller of Calmar who was chosen to serve as a 4-H Ambassador.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's plans for the public health care system.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, 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.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 30 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 21 Albertans urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system, and instead, commit to strengthening the single-payer, public system.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 19 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 Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, 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: WQ8, WQ9, WQ10

To be dealt with: WQ7

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR4, MR5

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 1, 2008, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 189/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 7, 2008, from David Smith of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the level of care provided to him by Paramed Home Health Care at the Kiwanis Place seniors' residence

Sessional Paper 190/2008

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

Sessional Paper 191/2008

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 192/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 193/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, during Oral Question Period on May 1, 2008, concerning the reporting of wildlife incidents in tailing ponds

Sessional Paper 194/2008

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 30, 2008, Department of Environment, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 195/2008

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 26 to May 29, 2008:

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| Monday, May 26 | 8:30 p.m. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 1, 3, 12, 13 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 17 |
| | | Third Reading |
| | | Bill 4 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |
| Tuesday, May 27 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders |
| | | Committee of the Whole |
| | | Bill 1, 3, 12, 13 |
| | | Second Reading |
| | | Bill 17, 22 |
| | | Third Reading |
| | | Bill 4 |
| | | And as per the Order Paper |

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| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 3, 12, 13 Second Reading Bill 17, 22 Third Reading Bill 4 And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, May 28 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 17, 22 Third Reading Bill 3, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 17, 22 Third Reading Bill 3, 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, May 29 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 1, 3, 12, 13, 17, 22 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. VanderBurg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Offices of the Legislative Assembly

Support to the Legislative Assembly

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$55,841,000 |
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Office of the Auditor General

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$21,795,000 |
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Office of the Ombudsman

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$2,826,000 |
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$5,736,000 |
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$962,000 |
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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$5,574,000 |
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Government

Aboriginal Relations

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$117,028,000 |
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Advanced Education and Technology

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$3,342,055,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$127,400,000 |

Agriculture and Rural Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$55,531,000 |
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Children and Youth Services

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$1,094,209,000 |
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Culture and Community Spirit

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$539,297,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$6,200,000 |

Education

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$4,224,927,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$1,000,000 |

Employment and Immigration

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$923,492,000 |
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Energy

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$261,318,000 |
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Environment

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$248,240,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$1,100,000 |

Executive Council

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| Expense | \$30,080,000 |
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Finance and Enterprise

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$377,138,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$52,020,000 |

Health and Wellness

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$13,217,448,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$10,800,000 |

Housing and Urban Affairs

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| Expense | \$550,990,000 |
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Infrastructure

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$976,770,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$459,943,000 |

International and Intergovernmental Relations

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$29,196,000 |
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Justice

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$499,310,000 |
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Municipal Affairs

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$692,328,000 |
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Seniors and Community Supports

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$1,915,632,000 |
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Service Alberta

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$373,509,000 |
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Solicitor General and Public Security

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$557,845,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$23,790,000 |
| Lottery Fund Payments | \$1,522,418,000 |

Sustainable Resource Development

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$366,632,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$27,450,000 |

Tourism, Parks and Recreation

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$246,282,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$34,136,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$500,000 |

Transportation

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$2,252,311,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,895,506,000 |
| Non-budgetary Disbursements | \$5,216,000 |

Treasury Board

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| Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | \$67,264,000 |
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Financial Institutions Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes
Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned
at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, May 26, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 22, 2008