



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 24

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, May 26, 2008

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the renaming of the YMCA Enterprise Centre in Edmonton to the Bill Rees YMCA Centre in honour of Bill Rees, a volunteer for over 50 years, and recognizing the \$2.7 million donation from Bill Butler to the YMCA.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Government's response to recommendations made in the recent report from the High-Intensity Residential Fires Working Group.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Women Building Futures organization.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding several fund-raising events taking place in May and June 2008 in support of the Alberta division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta convocation ceremony recently held in Camrose, and recognizing Bertha Fowler of Camrose on receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Northlands Filly Pace held at Northlands Park on May 24, 2008.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 69 Calgary residents 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 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. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 91 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**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the high price of gasoline and its effects on the cost of living and the transportation needs of Alberta's families.

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

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

Bill 22 Appropriation Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports,:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, and Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, on April 29, 2008, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate  
Sessional Paper 196/2008

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Booklet entitled "Parade of Homes, Lethbridge, May 24 to June 8, 2008" prepared by the Canadian Home Builders' Association, Lethbridge Region  
Sessional Paper 197/2008

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Pamphlet entitled "French Immersion Junior Kindergarten" prepared by Edmonton Catholic Schools  
Sessional Paper 198/2008

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

Calgary Economic Development, 2007 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 199/2008

Report, undated, entitled "Think big. Act bold. Create great. An economic development strategy to make a global city competitive, successful and unique." prepared by the City of Calgary  
Sessional Paper 200/2008

Program from the 15th annual Canadian Energy Pipeline Association Gala Fund-raising Dinner held on May 22, 2008, in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 201/2008

Agenda from the Immigrant Sector Council of Calgary Conference held on May 23, 2008  
Sessional Paper 202/2008

Several Alberta Environment high stream flow advisory, flood watch, and flood warning notices  
Sessional Paper 203/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Canadian Union of Public Employees news release dated May 26, 2008, entitled "TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) a threat to autonomy in Alberta: Legal expert outlines consequences of Bill 1"  
Sessional Paper 204/2008

Series of recent correspondence from Edie Gonzales, Bethany Care Family/Resident Council, and Belle Gowriluk, Director, Supported Living Services, Calgary Health Region, regarding the reduction of positions in the Recreation Therapy Department at the Bethany Calgary care centre  
Sessional Paper 205/2008

Letter dated January 7, 2008, from Penelope Waller, Information and Privacy Consultant, Seniors and Community Supports, to Doug Bailie, Research Officer, Alberta New Democrat Opposition, attaching several documents requested under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act relating to Investigation Report #001 of the Bethany Calgary care centre  
Sessional Paper 206/2008

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the high price of gasoline and its effects on the cost of living and the transportation needs of Alberta's families.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ8.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

How many hours of overtime have been paid to registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

**WQ9.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

What is the current ratio of full-time registered nurses to part-time registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions?

**WQ10.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

How many sick hours have registered nurses logged in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ7.** Moved by Mr. Taylor:

Which hospitals had to shut down (temporarily or indefinitely) wards due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007, and which wards were shut down?

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Written Questions were deemed to stand and retain their places:

WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

**MR4.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A complete list of attendees from government and industry at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.

Hon. Mr. Lindsay on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, moved the motion be amended to read:

A complete list of attendees from government at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

**MR5.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of any studies, reports, or legal opinions prepared by or for the Ministries of Transportation or Justice and Attorney General or sent to the Ministries of Transportation or Justice and Attorney General for the preparation of Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002, from the Second Session of the 25th Legislature.

The Clerk Assistant advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008  
— Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008, be not now read a Second time but that the subject-matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy in accordance with temporary Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 37

Allred	Fawcett	Mitzel
Anderson	Fritz	Oberle
Benito	Griffiths	Ouellette
Berger	Hancock	Quest
Bhardwaj	Horne	Renner
Blackett	Jacobs	Sandhu
Calahasen	Johnson	Sarich
Campbell	Johnston	Sherman
Cao	Klimchuk	Stevens
Danyluk	Lindsay	VanderBurg
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Weadick
Doerksen	Marz	Woo-Paw
Drysdale		

Against the amendment: 5

Chase	Kang	Snelgrove
Hehr	Notley	

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**507.** Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the protection of animals by reviewing *relevant provincial legislation and the processes in place for investigating cases of animal cruelty*.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Bhullar

Hon. Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner

Hon. Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 17 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Hon. Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **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 Bills were reported:

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

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

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

Bill 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

## **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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Drysdale, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 207/2008

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

Mr. Mitzel moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Blakett

Hon. Mr. Blakett moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Griffiths moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Griffiths moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.



## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 26, 2008