



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 28

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, June 2, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement recognizing June 2-8, 2008, as Seniors' Week, with this year's theme being Our Seniors: Building a Stronger Alberta.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing several students from Mount Royal College's Bissett School of Business who recently provided entrepreneurship and business skills training to soldiers at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright who are awaiting deployment to Afghanistan.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 13th Dreamspeakers International Aboriginal Film and Television Festival to be held June 4-7, 2008, in Edmonton.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing June 1-7, 2008, as Environment Week and the launch of the Government's One Simple Act program on June 2, 2008.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the My Wild Alberta web site, established to provide information to Alberta's hunting and fishing communities.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the 2008 Annual Provincial Skills Competition held in Calgary from May 22-23, 2008, the 2008 Canadian Skills Competition held in Calgary from May 25-28, 2008, and the WorldSkills Calgary 2009 competition to be held in September 2009.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 458 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to consider a Bill that will increase spending on lung cancer-related procedures, projects, and research.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 28 Albertans urging the Government to implement pre-, peri-, and post-natal midwife service as a core health care coverage under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for all Albertans.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Taber 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. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 25 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 8 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. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 54 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. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 23 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 175 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 110 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 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 26 Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment for the committee's review with the committee reporting to the Assembly in the fourth week of October 2008:

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Health for the committee's review with the committee reporting to the Assembly in the fourth week of October 2008:

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Final Report: Government Committee Reviewing Labour Relations in the Construction Industry dated August 2004

Sessional Paper 245/2008

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Craig Goueffic to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for infrastructure maintenance, security, and musical instrument upkeep in the Fine Arts and Education departments at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 246/2008

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Lynn Webber of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a proposal by the University of Alberta and the Department of Sustainable Resource Development concerning management of the wolf population in the Clearwater area

Sessional Paper 247/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

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

Sessional Paper 248/2008

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 249/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

City of Edmonton proclamation declaring May 27, 2008, as Ahmadiyya Day

Sessional Paper 250/2008

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

Program from the École Secondaire William Aberhart High School closing ceremonies held on May 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 251/2008

Pamphlet entitled “Myths, The Truth about Affordable Housing in Alberta and Calgary” prepared by the Poverty Reduction Coalition

Sessional Paper 252/2008

Momentum, A Community Economic Development Organization, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 253/2008

Pamphlet entitled “It’s Time to Fix Alberta’s Labour Legislation!” prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 254/2008

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated March 1, 2008, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Amanda DeCecco-Kolebaba, Executive Director, Lethbridge Food Bank, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor’s 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor’s cheque

Sessional Paper 255/2008

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

E-mail message dated May 14, 2008, unaddressed, from Blaine Greenwood of Lethbridge expressing concern regarding the tailings produced at the Syncrude tailings dam

Sessional Paper 256/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 257/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ11. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta’s nursing programs, broken down by institution and program type?

WQ12. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

WQ13. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the total amount, broken down by health region, that the Department of Health and Wellness has collected each year in "accommodation fees" charged to patients waiting in a hospital for a bed in a continuing care facility from April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2008?

WQ14. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

How many beds in each health region are designated specifically for patients with mental illness and how many days between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007, were these beds operating at peak capacity?

WQ17. Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What programs has the Ministry of Children and Youth Services initiated and with what anticipated goals for the amelioration of service delivery to children, youth, and families living on reserves?

WQ18. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?

WQ19. Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total number of students who received Alberta student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the students?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ15. Moved by Dr. Swann:

What are the Department of Sustainable Resource Development's statistics on the actual number of grizzly bears in the province from April 1, 2000, to May 6, 2008?

WQ16. Moved by Dr. Swann:

What evidence does the Department of Sustainable Resource Development have to show that there was no damage caused from seismic testing on 34 bodies of water performed from April 1, 2002, to March 31, 2007?

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:

WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR6. Moved by Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the provincial land-use framework from January 1, 2005, to May 6, 2008.

MR7. Moved by Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the investigation of complaints and violations at confined feeding operations from January 1, 2001, to May 6, 2008.

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:

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 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rodney

Mr. Rodney 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 205 Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Bhardwaj

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Amery (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement innovative methods of crime reduction, such as mass media advertising and educational programs, for use in the province.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:
Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

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 Bills were reported:

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Marz, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr1 (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose)— Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 258/2008

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 259/2008

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 260/2008

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, June 2, 2008