

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 29

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Alberta Environment's Minister for a Day Program.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing June 15, 2008, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the Calgary Regional Partnership.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to take action on crime reduction.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Reverend David Holmes.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Komagata Maru incident that occurred in Vancouver in 1914.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 106 Calgary and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 262 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. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 14 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.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, is resumed, not more than seven hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on April 30, 2008, Department of Employment and Immigration, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 261/2008

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

Program from Briar Hill's First Rich Man-Poor Man Dinner held on May 24, 2008

Sessional Paper 262/2008

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Excerpt from a document entitled "Tackling Investment Challenges in Power Generation in IEA Countries"

Sessional Paper 263/2008

7 letters, undated, from Edmonton residents to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented Sessional Paper 264/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 letters, undated, from Albertans to a Member of the Legislative Assembly suggesting five changes to Alberta labour laws be implemented

Sessional Paper 265/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6):

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2007 Annual Report Sessional Paper 266/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30:

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 267/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2007-2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 268/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Mr. Chase on June 2, 2008:

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?

Sessional Paper 269/2008

During a point of order raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure, tabled the following:

News release dated June 3, 2008, entitled "Mansion madness: \$10M residence should be scrapped" prepared by the Alberta NDP

Sessional Paper 270/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kang speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will limit the constitutionally protected right of association by labour unions without sufficient consultation or consideration of the deleterious effects of the proposed amendments.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Blakeman Mason Pastoor Hehr Notley Against the amendment: 26

Anderson Groeneveld Prins Berger Hancock Redford Blackett Jacobs Rogers Boutilier Klimchuk Sandhu Brown Knight Snelgrove Calahasen Lindsay Stevens VanderBurg Campbell McQueen Woo-Paw Denis Mitzel

Drysdale Morton

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 49.

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put on the motion for the previous question, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 49(3), the question being put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

Morton Anderson Drysdale Berger Groeneveld Prins Blackett Hancock Redford Boutilier Jacobs Rogers Brown Klimchuk Sandhu Knight Calahasen Snelgrove Campbell Lindsay Stevens Denis McQueen VanderBurg

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman Mason Taft

Hehr Notley

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:41 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2008, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, June 3, 2008