



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 30

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement congratulating Fraser Elementary School in Edmonton on raising over \$11,000 for the Kids With Cancer Society.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Project Porchlight and its promotion of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding AADAC's (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) 2008 Barb Tarbox Awards of Excellence in Tobacco Reduction.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the 17th Emerald Awards ceremony held in Edmonton on June 3, 2008, and constituent Rob Macintosh who received an Emerald Award for individual commitment.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement recognizing the recipients of the 11th annual Minister's Seniors Service Awards which will be presented at a ceremony to be held on June 4, 2008.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Greater Forest Lawn Community Car Sharing Program.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 11 Jasper 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 25 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation to have midwife-attended homebirths funded by Alberta Health Care.

The petition put forth by Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 11 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. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, presented a petition from 98 Albertans urging the Government to revise their policies to eliminate child poverty and its many manifestations in Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 18 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated April 2008 entitled "Wood Buffalo Environmental Association
Human Exposure Monitoring Program, 2006 Monitoring Year"
Sessional Paper 271/2008

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on May 13, 2008, Department of Health and Wellness, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 272/2008

Responses to questions raised by Committee members during the May 14, 2008, meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with attached Health Quality Council of Alberta survey on emergency department patient experiences

Sessional Paper 273/2008

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

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?

Sessional Paper 274/2008

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

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?

Sessional Paper 275/2008

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

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2007 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 276/2008

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

ABSA (Alberta Boilers Safety Association), Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 277/2008

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Letter dated June 4, 2008, from Raymond Swonek, CA, Executive Director, Greater Edmonton Foundation, Housing for Seniors, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, outlining details regarding the list of applicants awaiting seniors' accommodation in the Edmonton area

Sessional Paper 278/2008

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

Information sheet from Fraser Elementary School regarding the school's fund-raising efforts for the Kids With Cancer Society

Sessional Paper 279/2008

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

Letter dated April 18, 2008, unsigned, from Gwen Berdan of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding public education funding

Sessional Paper 280/2008

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

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

Sessional Paper 281/2008

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 85 Albertans urging the Government to implement pre-, peri-, and post-natal midwife service as a core health care coverage under Alberta Health and Wellness for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 282/2008

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

Sessional Paper 283/2008

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Government of Alberta news release dated November 28, 2007, entitled "New residence for Lieutenant Governor on indefinite hold" with several attached related Edmonton Journal and Edmonton Sun newspaper articles dated November 29 and 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 284/2008

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Copy of a petition signed by 6,600 Albertans urging the Government to take measures to halt the Qualico Gravel project which could cause irreparable ecological harm to the North Saskatchewan River valley

Sessional Paper 285/2008

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

Letter dated May 29, 2008, from Anne Price, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Learning Centre, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requesting a donation

Sessional Paper 286/2008

Breakfast for Learning Alberta fact sheet

Sessional Paper 287/2008

Letter dated May 27, 2008, from Terence C. Gannon, Intellog, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, requesting a response to Mr. Gannon's e-mail message dated April 18, 2008, concerning efforts to establish a reference index of energy-related wells for the Western Sedimentary Basin

Sessional Paper 288/2008

Letter dated May 31, 2008, from Martin O. Cowman of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the recently announced pay increases for members of Executive Council

Sessional Paper 289/2008

E-mail message dated June 4, 2008, from Joan Teghtmeyer to Don Orchard and several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the Government's social policies

Sessional Paper 290/2008

Notice of Intention to establish the Longview-Pekisko Heritage Rangeland published in the Calgary Herald on May 29, 2008

Sessional Paper 291/2008

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

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

Sessional Paper 292/2008

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

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

Sessional Paper 293/2008

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

Excerpts from Horse Racing Alberta, Annual Report 2007, concerning the statements of financial position and operations for the year ended December 31, 2007

Sessional Paper 294/2008

Excerpts from Horse Racing Alberta, Annual Report 2006, concerning the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 295/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, on April 29, 2008, Department of Energy, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 296/2008

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on May 14, 2008, Department of Children and Youth Services, 2008-09 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 297/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 27th Legislature it shall stand adjourned until *October 14, 2008, as per temporary Standing Order 3.1(1) or until* a time and date as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

18. Oral notice having been given June 3, 2008, Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock moved 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Renner and Mr. MacDonald commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 35

Ady	Fawcett	Ouellette
Anderson	Fritz	Quest
Berger	Horner	Rogers
Blackett	Jacobs	Sandhu
Brown	Johnston	Sherman
Calahasen	Klimchuk	Snelgrove
Campbell	Leskiw	Stevens
Dallas	Liepert	Tarchuk
Danyluk	Lindsay	Vandermeer
DeLong	McFarland	Woo-Paw
Denis	Mitzel	Zwozdesky
Drysdale	Olson	

Against the motion: 7

Blakeman	Notley	Swann
Kang	Pastoor	Taylor
MacDonald		

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 3:31 p.m., and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 18 agreed to on June 4, 2008, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:32 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Ady	Fritz	Marz
Allred	Goudreau	Mitzel
Amery	Hancock	Oberle
Benito	Hayden	Ouellette
Bhardwaj	Horner	Rodney
Bhullar	Jablonski	Sarich
DeLong	Johnson	VanderBurg
Denis	Klimchuk	Weadick
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Xiao
Drysdale	Lund	

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Chase	Mason	Swann
Kang	Notley	Taft

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Mitzel, Deputy 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 26 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 298/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 299/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 300/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 301/2008

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 302/2008

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved adjournment of the Assembly, which was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

Third Reading

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

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

Point of Privilege - Late-night Sittings

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported point of privilege concerning Members' ability to effectively perform their duties during late-night sittings of the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the point of privilege.

The Deputy Speaker ruled there was no prima facie case of privilege since late-night sittings of the Assembly had occurred many times in the past without a point of privilege being raised.

A debate followed on Bill Pr1, Young Men's Christian Association of Edmonton Statutes Amendment Act, 2008.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

During debate on Bill 26, Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

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

For the motion: 30

Ady	Drysdale	Lund
Allred	Fritz	Marz
Amery	Goudreau	Mitzel
Benito	Hancock	Oberle
Bhardwaj	Hayden	Ouellette
Bhullar	Horner	Rodney
Blackett	Jablonski	Sarich
DeLong	Johnson	VanderBurg
Denis	Klimchuk	Weadick
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Xiao

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	MacDonald	Notley
Chase	Mason	Pastoor

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 agreed to on June 4, 2008, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:14 a.m., Thursday, June 5, 2008.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 4, 2008