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Wednesday, October 15, 2008

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

**Speaker's Statement - Members of the Legislative Assembly Elected to the House of Commons**

Honourable Members, before I call on the first of six to participate in Members' Statements today, a historical vignette. In the history of Alberta, the 103-year history, 791 different individuals have been elected to serve in this Assembly. Of that 791, 21 – number 21, Mr. Brent Rathgeber – have been elected to the Canadian House of Commons.

The first of these was Richard Bedford Bennett, who I talked about yesterday, who served in the first Legislature of Alberta from 1909 to 1911 as a Conservative, then served in the federal House of Commons from 1911 to 1917 representing Calgary as a Conservative, then from 1925 to 1926 for Calgary-West as a Conservative, and then from 1926 to 1938 for the constituency of Calgary-West as a Conservative.

William Ashbury Buchanan served in that same first Legislature as Mr. Bennett from 1909 to 1911 representing Lethbridge City as a Liberal, and then he went to Ottawa and served from 1911 to 1921, first as a Liberal Member for Medicine Hat, and then as a Government Member for Lethbridge.

Charles Wilson Cross served from 1905 to 1925 in this Assembly representing Edmonton and Edson as a Liberal, and then he went to Ottawa in 1925-1926 as the Liberal Member for Athabasca.

Frederick Davis served in this Assembly from 1917 to 1921 representing the constituency of Gleichen as an Independent, then in Ottawa from 1925 to 1926 as a Conservative representing Calgary-East.

Joseph Miville Dechene represented Beaver River as a Liberal in this Assembly from 1921 to 1926, and then the St. Paul constituency in Alberta as a Liberal from 1930 to 1935, and then he represented the Athabasca federal constituency from 1940 to 1958 as a Liberal.

Donald MacBeth Kennedy served in this Assembly as a UFA (United Farmers of Alberta) Member in 1921 representing the constituency of Peace River. Then he went to Ottawa and served from 1921 to 1935 representing the constituency of Edmonton-West as a Progressive, then Peace River as a Progressive, then Peace River as a member of the UFA.

John Kushner represented Calgary-Mountain View as a Progressive Conservative from 1975-79 in this Assembly, then went to Ottawa representing Calgary-East as a Progressive Conservative from 1979 to 1984.

Solon Earl Low represented the constituency of Warner from 1935 to 1940 as a Social Credit Member. Then he moved to Vegreville and served from 1940 to 1944 as a Member of this Assembly. Then he returned to Warner in 1944 and 1945 as a Member, and then he moved to Peace River, where he became a Member of Parliament from 1945 to 1958 as the Social Credit Member of Parliament from Alberta.

Arthur Lewis Watkin Sifton, one of the most spectacular names in Canadian history, served in this Assembly from 1909 to 1917 representing the constituency of Vermilion as a Liberal, and then went to Ottawa as a government Member from 1917 to 1921 for the federal constituency of Medicine Hat.

Arthur R. Smith, who I mentioned yesterday, served in this Assembly as a Conservative from 1955 to 1957, and then went to Ottawa from 1957 to 1963 for the constituency of Calgary-South as a Progressive Conservative.

Raymond Albert Speaker served in this Assembly from 1963 to 1992 as a Social Credit Member first for Little Bow, then as an Independent Representative Member for Little Bow, then as a Representative Member for Little Bow, then as a Progressive Conservative Member for Little Bow. Then he went to Ottawa from 1993 to 1997 as a Reform Member of Parliament representing Lethbridge constituency.

George Douglas Stanley served in 1913 to 1921 representing High River as a Conservative in this Assembly, and then he went to Ottawa from 1930 to 1935 as a Conservative representing the constituency of Calgary-East.

John Smith Stewart served in this Assembly from 1911 to 1926 as a Conservative representing Lethbridge City, and then he represented Lethbridge as a Conservative in the federal House of Commons from 1930 to 1935.

Gordon Edward Taylor came to this Assembly in 1940 and left in 1979 representing Drumheller, then Drumheller-Gleichen, then Drumheller, then Drumheller as a Social Credit Member, and then in 1979 he went to Ottawa and stayed there until 1988 representing the Bow River federal constituency as a Progressive Conservative. He served from 1940 to 1988: 48 years.

Stanley Gilbert Tobin represented Leduc as a Liberal from 1913 to 1925 in this Assembly and then represented Wetaskiwin federally in 1925-26 as a Liberal.

Thomas Mitchell Tweedie represented the city of Calgary and then the city of Calgary-Centre as the Progressive Conservative MLA from 1911 to 1917, then went to Ottawa as a government Member for Calgary-West from 1917 to 1921.

David E. Warnock represented Pincher Creek in this Assembly from 1909 to 1911 as a Liberal and then represented the federal constituency of Macleod from 1911 to 1917 as a Liberal.

William John Yurko came to this Assembly in 1969, left in 1979, first representing Strathcona-East and then Edmonton-Gold Bar, as a Progressive Conservative, and then he went to Ottawa from 1979 to 1984 as a Progressive Conservative, then Independent representing the constituency of Edmonton-East.

Two other Members from our Assembly left Alberta and went elsewhere to become federal Members of Parliament. Stockwell Day served in this Assembly from 1986 to 2000, representing Red Deer-North as a Progressive Conservative and then moved to the federal constituency of Okanagan-Coquihalla, first as an Alliance Member, then as a Reform Member, then as a Conservative Member and has served since the year 2000 and was re-elected yesterday.

One other Member did something really rather unique. Charles Allan Stewart represented Sedgewick in Alberta as a Liberal in this Assembly from 1909 to 1921. Then he moved to Quebec where he got elected as a Liberal Member for the constituency of Argenteuil and served from 1922 to 1926 in the federal House of Commons. Then he returned to Alberta, and from 1926 to 1935 served as a Liberal federal Member representing the constituency of Edmonton-West here in the city of Edmonton.

We've also had a unique situation where federal Members of Parliament have come back to Alberta to have been elected to this Assembly. The last one was Ian McClelland.

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing the heroic efforts of Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, in averting a child abduction and recognizing the work of Alberta's Amber Alert system.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the centennial anniversary of the University of Alberta.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement congratulating Krista Girvan and Lindsay Bracken for receiving Lifesaving Honours awards from the Lifesaving Society.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2008 Premier's Awards of Excellence.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the official opening of the Bell e-Learning Centre at the Olds College Community Learning Campus held on October 9, 2008.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the launch of Edmonton North Primary Care Network held on October 1, 2008.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton residents urging the Government to introduce legislation that will require schools to eliminate any fees that are charged to parents or guardians for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 46 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 35 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

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

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated July 22, 2008, from Jeff and Shirley Challoner of Red Deer, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the disbanding of the nine regional health authority boards

Sessional Paper 333/2008

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

News release dated June 26, 2008, entitled “Student-led team unveils new solar home design, more sponsors and new school partner” prepared by the Alberta College of Art and Design, Mount Royal College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 334/2008

Fact sheet, undated, entitled “Alberta Solar Decathlon Project” prepared by the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, the University of Calgary, and Mount Royal College

Sessional Paper 335/2008

Program from the North American Solar Challenge 2008 held from July 13-22, 2008

Sessional Paper 336/2008

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

Memorandum dated October 14, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, regarding Hon. Ms Evans' offer to tabling a detailed response to his questions on the Local Authorities Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 337/2008

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

#### **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)

#### **Adjournment**

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —  
Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Mr. Johnston, 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 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 338/2008

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:04 p.m. until Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, October 15, 2008