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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, October 16, 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 Project Porchlight, which will deliver 300,000 free compact fluorescent bulbs to homes in Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Ron Macdonald who recently retired.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Alberta Livestock and Meat Strategy announced by the Government on June 5, 2008.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing October 16, 2008, as Conflict Resolution Day.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing October 17, 2008, as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing October 17, 2008, as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and December 10, 2008, as the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Speaker's Statement - Alberta - Hokkaido Twinning

Honourable Members, I'm going to provide you with a brief historical vignette today. The subject is Alberta - Hokkaido. Historically this province – this Government of Alberta – has had a relationship with other government jurisdictions throughout the world. On October 8, 2008, Canada and Japan recognized their 80-year diplomatic relationship. The Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the Legislative Assembly of Hokkaido recognized their 28 years of cooperation. It was on October 17, 1980, that Alberta and Hokkaido were officially twinned. To date Alberta remains the only Canadian province that is twinned with a Japanese prefecture. Hokkaido is the largest of the 47 prefectures in Japan.

The volunteer exchange agreement that was signed between Alberta and Hokkaido on March 18, 1992, was the first of its kind globally and became the model for such protocols, recognized by the world volunteer movement in the United Nations. Business, education, sports, human resources, social services, and other sectors have benefited from this relationship. Seventeen Alberta municipalities are twinned with Japanese counterparts, as are 15 schools throughout this province.

Just as an asterisk, the twin city, sister city movement concept was initiated by a former President of the United States, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On October 8, 2008, a Japanese garden was unveiled on the Alberta Legislature Grounds to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Japan-Canada relations. As all Members know, gardens in the Japanese tradition are designed as places of tranquillity, recreation, and celebration. Attending the commemorative event were the Honourable Isao Tsurube, Speaker of the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Minister Masataka Tarahara, Embassy of Japan, Yasuo Minemura, Consul General of Japan in the Canadian West, and the President of the Treasury Board of the Government of Alberta.

In the month of October 2008, Alberta is home to some 12,000 Canadians of Japanese descent, and in two years from now, in 2010, Alberta and Hokkaido will commemorate their 30-year special relationship. It will afford an opportunity, I believe, for increased relationships between Members of this Legislative Assembly and the governments of both Alberta and Hokkaido.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 3,263 Albertans urging the Government to introduce amendments to the Health Professions Act that would recognize marriage and family therapists as a regulated profession under that Act.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 36 Calgary 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 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.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ20

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR9, MR10, MR11

To be dealt with: MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

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

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Notice having been given:

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, Ch. F-7, sec. 42(2):

Farmers' Advocate Office, 2007/2008 Annual Report and Farm Implement Board Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 339/2008

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

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

Sessional Paper 340/2008

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

Letter dated August 11, 2008, from Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, to Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting information regarding the implementation of Motion Other Than Government Motion 511 agreed to in the Assembly on November 8, 2007, with attached response from Hon. Ms Redford to Mr. Chase dated August 28, 2008

Sessional Paper 341/2008

Document dated September 23, 2008, entitled "North Central Corridor Pipeline Lubicon Nation Dispute Background"

Sessional Paper 342/2008

News release dated October 16, 2008, entitled "Human rights and church organizations send message to Alberta government: suspend pipeline until Lubicon rights are respected" prepared by Amnesty International

Sessional Paper 343/2008

Pamphlet dated October 2008 entitled "Land and Way of Life Under Threat, the Lubicon Cree of Canada" prepared by Amnesty International

Sessional Paper 344/2008

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

Excerpt of a document dated April 26, 2008, entitled "Lubicon chief underscores the nature of the problem with TCPL"

Sessional Paper 345/2008

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Letter dated August 15, 2008, from Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to His Excellency Mr. Marius Grinius, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations at Geneva, regarding an unresolved dispute between the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation and the federal and provincial governments concerning the North Central Corridor Pipeline (TransCanada Corporation)

Sessional Paper 346/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, 2008 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 347/2008

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 2007-2008
Sessional Paper 348/2008

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

ATB Financial, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 349/2008

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of October 20 to October 23, 2008:

Monday, October 20	8:30 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 8, 11

			<p>Third Reading Bill 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 25 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, October 21	Aft.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39</p> <p>Third Reading Bill 14, 15, 16, 21 And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39</p> <p>Committee of the Whole Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31</p> <p>Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, October 22	Aft.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 36, 38, 39</p> <p>Committee of the Whole Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35</p> <p>Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading Bill 36, 38, 39</p>

Committee of the Whole

Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,
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Third Reading

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, October 23

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 36, 38, 39

Committee of the Whole

Bill 29, 30, 31

Third Reading

Bill 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Drysdale, 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 11 (Part A) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 350/2008

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part B(a)) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 351/2008

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part B(b)) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 352/2008

Amendment to Bill 11 (Part B(c)) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 353/2008

Second Reading

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

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

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

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

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon.
Ms Redford

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

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

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

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans on
behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Hon Ms Evans moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden

Hon. Ms Evans 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, October 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, October 16, 2008