



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, October 20, 2008

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Robert R. (Roy) Brassard, Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on October 17, 2008.

Members' Statements

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2008, as Waste Reduction Week.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing October 19-25, 2008, as Small Business Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Government's announcement on October 16, 2008, to fund midwifery services, and recognizing several individuals who worked on this initiative.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing October 20, 2008, as National Students Against Impaired and Distracted Driving Day.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Medicine Hat Police Chief Gordon Earl, who passed away on October 11, 2008.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing October 20-24, 2008, as National Infection Control Week.

Speaker's Statement - Members of Parliament Elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Now, we do have time for a little historical vignette. Last week I talked about individuals who had served in this House, 791 in the history of Alberta, and their source or their origin of where they had been prior to being a Member of this Assembly. In our history of 103 years there have been 10 Members of Parliament, that is, of the Canadian House of Commons, who subsequently became Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In chronological order: the first was Joseph Tweed Shaw. He was a Member for Calgary West, a Labour Member who served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1921 to 1926, then in 1926 returned to Alberta and served in this Assembly as a Liberal for the constituency of Bow Valley.

The second was Alfred Speakman. He served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1921 to 1935, his first term from 1921 to 1926 representing Red Deer as a Progressive, then from 1926 to 1935, second and third terms, as a Member for Red Deer but as a Member of the United Farmers of Alberta. Then he came back to Alberta and served in this Assembly from 1940 to 1943, Red Deer again, as an Independent.

John Charles Landeryou served in the 18th Parliament of Canada from 1935 to 1940 representing Calgary East as a Social Credit, then came to Alberta and served from 1944 to 1971 as a Social Credit Member representing the constituency of Lethbridge.

Ernest George Hansell served in the 18th Parliament of Canada, 1935 to 1940. Then from 1940 to 1957 he served in the constituency of MacLeod, but in the first one, from 1935 to 1940, he served as a Social Credit Member. Then from 1940 to 1945 the designation that he used was New Democrat. Then from 1945 to 1957, Social Credit. Then he came to this Legislature and served from 1959 to 1963 for the constituency of Okotoks-High River as a Social Credit Member.

Charles Edward Johnston served from 1935 to 1958 representing Bow River as a member of the federal Social Credit Party. Then he served from 1959 to 1967 representing the constituency of Calgary-Bowness as a Social Credit Member.

Ambrose Holowach served the constituency of Edmonton East as a Social Credit Member from 1953 to 1958. Then he returned to this Assembly and served from 1959 to 1971 representing Edmonton-Centre as a member of the Social Credit Party.

Hugh Macarthur Horner, the father of one of our distinguished Members, served as a Member of Parliament for the constituency of Jasper-Edson from 1958 to 1967 as a Progressive Conservative. Then he served in this Assembly representing the constituency of Lac Ste. Anne from 1967 to 1971 as a Progressive Conservative and, then, from 1971 to 1979 served the constituency of Barrhead as a member of that same party.

Peter Elzinga served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1974 to 1986 representing Pembina as a Progressive Conservative. Then he came back to Alberta and served in this Assembly from 1986 to 1993 representing Sherwood Park as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Stanley Schumacher served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1968 to 1979 representing the constituency of Palliser as a Progressive Conservative, then came back to Alberta and served in this Assembly from 1986 to 1997 representing Drumheller as a Progressive Conservative, including one term as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

The last individual, the 10th individual to have done this in our history, was Ian McClelland, who served in the Canadian House of Commons from 1993 to 1997 for the constituency of Edmonton-Southwest as a Reform Member. Then he served in the 36th federal Parliament from 1997 to 2000 in the same constituency of Edmonton-Southwest, but with three different party names. He served during that time as a Reform Member, then a Canadian Reform Member, then a Conservative Alliance Member. Then in 2001 he was elected to this Assembly and served until 2004 representing the constituency of Edmonton-Rutherford as a Progressive Conservative Member.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

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

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on behalf of Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain (Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security):

Copy of a petition signed by 70 Canadians regarding restrictions on Multi-Employer Pension Plans (MEPPs)

Sessional Paper 354/2008

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

Program from a breakfast and special presentation entitled “Research in Action: Biomedical Engineering” held in Calgary on September 10, 2008, and attached report dated Fall 2008 entitled “Research in Action: Disciplines merge to improve health and quality of life” prepared by the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 355/2008

News release dated September 3, 2008, entitled “University of Calgary launches Canada’s fifth veterinary program” prepared by the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 356/2008

Report, undated, entitled “Making It Happen, 2008 report to the community” prepared by Bow Valley College

Sessional Paper 357/2008

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

Letter dated October 17, 2008, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, requesting a complete breakdown of write-offs by the Alberta Treasury Branches from 1998 to 2008

Sessional Paper 358/2008

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

19 recent letters from students of Ralph McCall School in Airdrie urging the Government of Alberta to mandate that bicycle helmets be worn by individuals of all ages

Sessional Paper 359/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ20. Asked for by Dr. Taft:

How many new applicants were registered in the Farm Fuel Benefit Program each year from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008?

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:

WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR9. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:

A copy of all documents regarding the degree-granting status of post-secondary institutions in the province, excluding the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, from January 1, 2003, to May 6, 2008.

MR10. Moved by Mr. Chase:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:

A copy of all documents detailing the spending of federal monies transferred to Alberta's Ministry of Children and Youth Services for the purposes of creating child care spaces across the province.

MR11. Moved by Mr. Chase:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:

A copy of the report to the Ministry of Children's Services reviewing conditions surrounding cases of fatalities of children under provincial care between January 1, 2007, and January 1, 2008.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR16. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all documents from January 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008, including, but not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the administration of applications and renewals to the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Program.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

A copy of all progress and follow-up reports on the status of the recommendations presented in the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Allowance 1998 Renewal Audit Report, dated June 3, 1999, produced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, including backgrounder documents produced since June 3, 1999, relating to the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Program.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents regarding Alberta student loan statistics from September 1, 2003, to May 1, 2008.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Chase:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents related to the Government's considerations surrounding proposed increases of funding to private schools.

MR13. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all reports or other related documents regarding the progression and expansion of the Ministry of Employment and Immigration's Provincial Nominee Program.

MR14. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents detailing the Ministry of Employment and Immigration's findings surrounding work conditions faced by temporary foreign workers which led to the establishment of special advisory offices in the province.

MR15. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, memos, letters, faxes, e-mails, and notes relating to the appointment of the expert panel on nuclear energy referred to by the Minister of Energy in the Assembly on Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

MR17. Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents regarding zoo standards and their implementation and enforcement from January 1, 2003, to May 8, 2008.

The Clerk of the Assembly advised that pursuant to temporary Standing Order 34(3.1), the following Motions for Returns were deemed to stand and retain their places:

MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Fawcett:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of establishing an urban infrastructure planning organization for the Calgary region to assist local municipalities, boards, and authorities in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound urban planning of transportation and social infrastructure.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Olson, 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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 360/2008

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase 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. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase 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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

Dr. Brown moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

Dr. Brown moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:49 p.m. until Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, October 20, 2008