



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 37

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, October 23, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the success of waste reduction programs in Alberta.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the need for Alberta to continue expanding access for agriculture and agrifood products in international markets.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, recited a poem by Ina J. Hughs entitled "A Prayer for the Children."

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing October 24, 2008, as United Nations Day.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the dedication of memorial stones at the Alberta Aviation Museum held in Edmonton on October 19, 2008.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the government to restructure services provided for children in care.

Speaker's Statement - One-day Passage of Bills in the Alberta Legislature

Honourable Members, the subject of my vignette today deals with a special day in our past. On Thursday, November 16, 2000, the Alberta Legislative Assembly undertook a very unique procedure for a very special event. Under Introduction of Bills, the then Honourable Member for Calgary-Glenmore, now Deputy Premier and Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, was recognized and he introduced Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act. The Government House Leader then moved that the Bill be placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders.

The Government House Leader then requested unanimous consent to allow Second Reading debate on the same day the Bill received First Reading. It was granted. At the conclusion of the debate the motion for Second Reading was carried unanimously.

The House then proceeded to Committee of the Whole and the Committee approved the Bill. Unanimous consent to proceed to Third Reading was given, and at 4:03 p.m. the Assembly rose after unanimous approval was given for Third Reading.

All stages of the Bill were concluded within two and a half hours. Such success was the result of good will and positive communications among the caucus leaders.

The Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act includes a moving preamble and proclaims Holocaust Memorial Day-Yom ha-Shoah as a day to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to honour those who fought to defeat tyranny and genocide.

The Canadian House of Commons and all Canadian provinces have enacted similar legislation. Holocaust Memorial Day-Yom ha-Shoah was commemorated on May 1, 2008, and will be commemorated on April 21, 2009.

Concluding all stages of a Bill on the same day is a very rare occurrence. Aside from miscellaneous statutes Bills, such a procedure has occurred on only two previous occasions in this Assembly since 1905. The first time was March 10, 1982, with the introduction and passage of the Health Services Continuation Act; the second was on September 21, 1992, with the introduction and passage of the Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1992.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Reappointment of Ombudsman October 2008

Sessional Paper 413/2008

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 34 Calgary residents requesting the Legislative Assembly pass legislation that will prohibit emotional bullying and psychological harassment in the workplace.

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 dealt with: WQ21, W22, W23, W24

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR18

To be dealt with: MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Poem by Ina J. Hughs entitled "A Prayer for Children"
Sessional Paper 414/2008

Pamphlet entitled "What's missing?" prepared by Results Canada
Sessional Paper 415/2008

Result: Ed Educational Fund, Annual Report 2007
Sessional Paper 416/2008

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

Harlingen Medical Centre web site article, undated, entitled "Patient-Focused Care"
Sessional Paper 417/2008

Harlingen Medical Centre web site article, undated, entitled "Patient Services Guide"
Sessional Paper 418/2008

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 27 to October 30, 2008:

Monday, October 27	8:30 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39 Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 31, 32, 35 Third Reading Bill 28, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, October 28	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 27, 33 Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 31, 34, 36, 38, 39 Third Reading Bill 32, 35 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 18, 23, 24, 27, 33 Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 31, 34, 36, 38, 39 Third Reading Bill 32, 35 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, October 29	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 23, 24, 33, 40, 41, 42 Committee of the Whole Bill 10, 18, 27, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 29, 31, 34, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 23, 24, 33, 40, 41, 42

Committee of the Whole

Bill 10, 18, 27, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 29, 31, 34, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, October 30 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 37, 40, 41, 42

Committee of the Whole

Bill 23, 24, 33, 38, 39

Third Reading

Bill 10, 18, 27

And as per the Order Paper

Point of Privilege - Confidentiality Agreement

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a purported point of privilege regarding a confidentiality agreement referred to by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Premier, in response to a question asked by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during Oral Question Period on October 23, 2008.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Mason and Hon. Mr. Hancock.

The Speaker indicated he would hear further comments from Mr. Mason on October 27, 2008.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee and recommend that Neil Wilkinson be appointed as Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

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

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

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.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, October 23, 2008