



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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

Speaker's Statement - Swearing-in Sequence

With the election of 2008, the number of Members elected since 1905 has grown to 791. Following each election each Member takes the Oath of Allegiance and signs the Oath of Allegiance book on the date he or she was sworn in, and their signature is attested to by another individual.

We have now concluded a rather lengthy research project by Val Footz of the Legislature Library and have determined the order in which each of the 791 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) was, or would have been, sworn in for the first time.

The first signature by an MLA is that of Alexander Cameron Rutherford from the constituency of Strathcona, and he was sworn in and signed the Oath of Allegiance book on March 15, 1906. His signature was attested to by G. H. Babbitt, the Official Secretary. Rutherford became MLA one.

The 100th MLA to have been sworn in was James Weir from the constituency of Nanton. He was elected for the first time on June 7, 1917, and was sworn in on February 7, 1918. He is thus MLA 100. Weir's signature was attested to by B.R. Stafford, Official Secretary.

The 500th MLA to have been sworn in was Henry Kroeger from the constituency of Sedgewick-Coronation. He was elected for the first time on March 26, 1975, and was sworn in on May 1, 1975. His signature was attested to by Lieutenant Governor Ralph Steinhauer. Kroeger is MLA 500.

If you are fascinated by numbers and believe that numbers have meanings, consider the following: the Premier is MLA 649, the Member for Red Deer-North is MLA 707, the Member for Calgary-Varsity is MLA 747, the Member for Edmonton-Rutherford is MLA 777, and the last Member to have been sworn in is MLA 791, the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

A number of individuals were elected as MLAs but were never sworn in and thus never took the Oath of Allegiance. In the November 9, 1905, election, Leverett G. DeVeber was elected in the constituency of Lethbridge. He was never sworn in as he was appointed to the Senate prior to being sworn in. DeVeber is MLA 25 in our sequence system. On June 17, 1963, L. Petrie Meston was elected as the MLA for Three Hills. He passed away before being sworn in. He was MLA 406. Other elected MLAs resigned prior to being sworn in so as to bring about by-elections.

Prior to the 1967 election, Lieutenant Governors did not attest to the signatures of Members. From 1906 to February 15, 1968, it was usually the Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor who attested. On occasion the Clerk of Executive Council also attested. Grant MacEwan was the first Lieutenant Governor to attest to a signature and he did so on February 15, 1968, when he attested to the signature of Ernest C. Manning. The exception since 1968 occurred on December 13, 2004, when Chief Justice Catherine A. Fraser attested.

In the spring of 2009, each Member will receive a certificate with an MLA sequence number attesting to the date on which they were first sworn in.

Members' Statements

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the efforts of the Edmonton Sikh community in raising funds for the Mazankowski Heart Institute and food donations for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Alberta Craft Council and inviting Members of the Legislative Assembly to an open house in the Legislature Annex on November 20, 2008.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement congratulating students of two Onoway schools on winning the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation's Community Champion Program award.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the government's renewed Water for Life Strategy.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of the St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School in Slave Lake.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 16-22, 2008, as Bullying Awareness Week.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated November 12, 2008, from Heather Bowie, CA, Myers Norris Penny, to Stanley Poloway, Candidate's Chief Financial Officer, Electoral Division of Edmonton-Gold Bar, acknowledging receipt of financial information for the 2008 Alberta provincial election campaign

Sessional Paper 569/2008

Document entitled "Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Health and Wellness of the Province of Alberta, Canada, June 14, 2006" prepared by santésuisse, regarding the role of the private sector in delivering health care

Sessional Paper 570/2008

Document, undated, entitled "Final Report: Study Tour of Sweden, June 16 - 21, 2006" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 571/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the year ended June 30, 2007

Sessional Paper 572/2008

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the year ended March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 573/2008

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22, Alberta Ingenuity (Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research), Annual Report 07/08

Sessional Paper 574/2008

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and program type?

Sessional Paper 575/2008

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

Sessional Paper 576/2008

Response to Written Question WQ18, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 577/2008

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Mr. Taylor on June 2, 2008:

For each of the academic years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007, what was the total number of students who received Alberta student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the students?

Sessional Paper 578/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Dallas

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Webber

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Hon. Ms Redford 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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 42, Health Governance Transition Act, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the changes in governance to, and

the restructuring of, the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and the Alberta Cancer Board will adversely affect the health services available to Albertans.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

Second Reading

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

Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber

Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

Committee of the Whole

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(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau

Bill 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Redford, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:33 p.m. until Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 19, 2008