



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 52

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing December 3, 2008, as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the establishment of a North American cap and trade system on CO₂ emissions.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the grand opening of the Alberta Regional Council of Carpenters and Allied Workers' provincial training and administration centre held in Edmonton on September 12-14, 2008.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the official opening of the University of Lethbridge's Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building on November 13, 2008, and congratulating the University of Lethbridge's women's Pronghorns on winning the national rugby championship.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Alberta Student Engagement Initiative launched by the government on November 26, 2008.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Alberta Active Communities Initiative and the involvement of His Honour the Honourable Mr. Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, in a legacy awards program.

Speaker's Statement - Leaders of the Official Opposition

On December 13, 2008, the Alberta Liberal Party will announce a new leader who will become the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, the 29th person in Alberta's history to serve in that capacity and the 30th Leader of the Opposition.

From 1906 until an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act came into effect in 1972, the terms of Leaders of the Official Opposition were based on actual Session dates. In other words, one was the Leader of the Official Opposition when the Legislature sat and was not when the Legislature did not sit.

Between 1906 and 1971 Alberta had 18 Leaders of the Opposition from 17 different individuals. There were times between 1906 and 1972 when the Legislative Assembly had no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition. One Member, James Walker from Warner and nicknamed "Farmer Jim," served as Opposition Leader in the House as an Independent in 1941 and as Leader of the Progressives in 1944, thus we had 30 Leaders from 29 different individuals.

On June 1, 1972, the Legislative Assembly Act addressed the actual tenure of the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Since that time the Leader has been the Leader on a full-time basis, unlike the practice which existed from 1906 to 1971.

Former Premier Harry Strom, Social Credit representing the constituency of Cypress, served in 1972. He is the only Member to have served as Premier and then Leader of the Official Opposition. In 1973 James D. Henderson, Social Credit representing Wetaskiwin-Leduc, served for a brief period before Robert C. Clark, Social Credit representing Olds-Didsbury, was elected Leader. Mr. Clark served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1973 to 1980. In 1980 Raymond A. Speaker, Social Credit representing Little Bow, became the Leader and served to 1982.

Grant Notley of the New Democratic Party and representing the constituency of Spirit River-Fairview, served as the Opposition Leader in 1983 and 1984. Following Mr. Notley's untimely death, Ray Martin, a Member of the New Democratic Party representing the constituency of Edmonton-Norwood, assumed the position and served from 1984 to 1993.

Laurence Decore, a Liberal representing Edmonton-Glengarry, served from 1993 to 1994 when D. Grant Mitchell became the new Liberal Leader from the Edmonton-McClung constituency. Mr. Mitchell served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1994 to 1998. From July 7, 1998 to March 12, 2001, Nancy J. MacBeth, a Liberal representing the constituency of Edmonton-McClung, served as the Leader. In 2001 Dr. Ken Nicol, a Liberal representing Lethbridge-East, became the Leader and served in that capacity to March 27, 2004, when the current Member for Edmonton-Riverview, a Liberal, assumed the position.

Alberta has had 28 different Leaders of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, 16 Lieutenant Governors, 13 Premiers and 11 Speakers.

Only one former Leader of the Official Opposition has been elected as Premier of Alberta - E. Peter Lougheed, who was sworn in as Alberta's 10th Premier on September 10, 1971.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Redford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4, s36(2):

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2006

Sessional Paper 602/2008

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 603/2008

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2007/2008

Sessional Paper 604/2008

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 19, 2007, from Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, acknowledging receipt of Dr. Taft's updated financial information

Sessional Paper 605/2008

6 letters dated November 10, 2008, from Edmonton residents to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait times for gynaecological cancer surgery

Sessional Paper 606/2008

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

Hospital Quarterly, Winter 1997/1998 article entitled "Private Health Services in Canada: The Potential, The Politics and The Propoganda" prepared by Jim Saunders

Sessional Paper 607/2008

Alberta Corporate Registration System, Corporation/Non-Profit Search of HRG Health Resource Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 608/2008

Health Care Protection Act Report to Albertans regarding the renewal of a surgical service agreement under the Health Care Protection Act (HCPA) for the term February 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 609/2008

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

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

Sessional Paper 610/2008

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

Backgrounder dated November 26, 2008, entitled "Syphilis epidemic: What Ron Liepert knew vs. what he's told Albertans" prepared by the Alberta NDP opposition

Sessional Paper 611/2008

Alberta Energy web site article dated November 2008 entitled "Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), Full Project Proposal (FPP) applicants"

Sessional Paper 612/2008

Alberta Energy web site article, undated, entitled "CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage) funding Q&As"

Sessional Paper 613/2008

Report dated September 30, 2008, entitled "Accelerating Carbon Capture and Storage in Alberta" prepared by the Alberta Capture and Storage Development Council

Sessional Paper 614/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. McQueen reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,990,000
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Aboriginal Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$32,000,000
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Advanced Education and Technology

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$29,500,000
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Agriculture and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$332,902,000
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Culture and Community Spirit

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$14,350,000
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Capital Investment	\$1,650,000
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Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$25,500,000
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Employment and Immigration

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,734,000
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Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$157,200,000
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Housing and Urban Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$49,650,000

Infrastructure

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$58,943,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$27,500,000

Service Alberta

Capital Investment \$36,500,000

Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$2,394,000

Lottery Fund Payments \$20,000,000

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$134,373,000

Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$86,000,000

The Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

Aboriginal Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$1,300,000

Advanced Education and Technology

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$5,400,000

Agriculture and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$4,000,000

Finance and Enterprise

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases (\$14,000,000)

Housing and Urban Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$2,300,000

Justice

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases (\$6,441,000)

Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$4,141,000

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$3,000,000

Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$300,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Thursday, November 27, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 26, 2008