

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 55

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing November 24-29, 2008, as Family Doctor Week in Canada.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing Edmonton Police Service Constables Jason Mitchell and Dan Furman, and Sergeant Terry Cassells, recipients of a Canadian Police Association Award of Excellence.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding several areas requiring increased government funding.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement Project.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the effect of the United States' mandatory country of origin labelling on the Alberta agriculture industry.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding incentives for early high school graduation.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 616 Albertans urging the Government to consider a one-time funding package delivered to universities on an equitable basis to allow for maintenance and an annual funding envelope to provide for adequate ongoing preventative maintenance.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Chart entitled "Out-of-Province Healthcare Spending, 2002-03 to 2007-08" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 628/2008

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated Annual Report 2006-2007

Sessional Paper 629/2008

Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, Consolidated Annual Report 2007-2008

Sessional Paper 630/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta, 2007/2008 Annual Report Sessional Paper 631/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2007

Sessional Paper 632/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR18, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

A copy of any and all documents that provide an economic forecast regarding the costs relative to increasing the Ministry's capacity to deal with complex legal issues such as public-private partnerships and the British Columbia-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) as outlined in strategy 5.3 on page 209 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Sessional Paper 633/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR21, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

A copy of any *materials* that illustrate how early, effective, and affordable resolutions of civil disputes, such as an apology, will streamline the Ministry's operations as outlined in strategy 2.3 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Sessional Paper 634/2008

Return to Order of the Assembly MR22, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

A copy of any *materials* that illustrate how Alberta's succession statutes can be reformed or modernized to ensure they are consistent with current social values and will facilitate efficient handling of Albertans' estates as outlined in strategy 2.2 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

Sessional Paper 635/2008

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

What is the percentage, broken down by year, of *clients who graduated from* the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 16, 2008, who have *been convicted* for a possession-related offence?

Sessional Paper 636/2008

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

What is the total amount of funding, broken down by *fiscal year, that has been* or will be provided to Legal Aid Alberta from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2009?

Sessional Paper 637/2008

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Mr. Hehr on October 27, 2008:

What is the total number of *clients*, broken down by year, *who participated in or graduated from* the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 16, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided by *Alberta Justice* to the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court for that same period?

Sessional Paper 638/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Globe and Mail article dated September 26, 2007, entitled "Transferring problem pupils a Band-Aid fix, critics say"

Sessional Paper 639/2008

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays:

Statistics Canada web site summary results article dated 2007/2008 entitled "How many times have you been bullied at school in the last month?"

Sessional Paper 640/2008

Pediatrics article dated May 2004 entitled "Associations Between Overweight and Obesity with Bullying Behaviours in School-Aged Children"

Sessional Paper 641/2008

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 10 Security Services and Investigators Act
- 18 Film and Video Classification Act
- 23 Weed Control Act

- 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act
- 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008
- 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008
- 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008
- 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008
- 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008
- 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008
- 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)
- 42 Health Governance Transition Act
- 43 Emergency Health Services Act
- 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008
- 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008
- 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008
- 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008
- 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008
- 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008
- 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008
- 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented them with a Christmas gift.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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:

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:44 p.m. until Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 2, 2008