



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

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 Members: Mrs. Alice Ann Hanson, Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, 1993 to 1997, who passed away on February 7, 2009, and Mr. Nick Dushenski, Member for Willingdon, 1952 to 1959, who passed away on February 13, 2009.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing February 2009 as Black History Month.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement and to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Alberta Aviation Museum's Spirit of Edmonton Project, in recognition of 100 years of aviation in Alberta, which includes the recreation of the first airmail flight from Winnipeg to Edmonton and the recreation of an open cockpit flight in 1928 from Edmonton to Fort Vermillion to deliver medical supplies.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the recreation of an open cockpit flight in 1928 from Edmonton to Fort Vermillion to deliver medical supplies.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement recognizing February 2009 as Heart Month.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding a recent government announcement to provide \$415,000 in funding for the construction of a skateboard park in west Edmonton.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Southeast Central Community Patrol in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the National Homelessness Conference, hosted by the University of Calgary, to be held from February 18-20, 2009.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 2,130 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that sources of contamination at the Turner Valley Gas Plant site are properly identified and the site is remediated and reclaimed in accordance with Alberta Environment's standards for residential and parkland land use.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care
Sessional Paper 31/2009

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

Service Canada JobFutures.ca web site advertisement for cabinetmakers
Sessional Paper 32/2009

Point of Order

During a point of order raised by Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Liepert tabled the following:

Reprint of a Calgary Herald web site article dated February 16, 2009, entitled "Call for health funds rejected; Calgary told stop 'whining' over Lougheed expansion plan"

Sessional Paper 33/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mrs. McQueen:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevenson behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 1 Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, February 17, 2009