



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 7

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, March 2, 2009

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Summer Temporary Employment Program.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Edmonton branch of the Ukrainian Youth Association and the 50th anniversary of the Verkhovyna Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble, both celebrated in February 2009.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the awareness campaign currently underway to encourage Albertans to write and register a personal directive.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the southeast Calgary ring road P3 project.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding Weyerhaeuser's Grande Prairie pulp mill being recognized as the safest pulp mill in Canada by Pulp and Paper Canada magazine.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2), Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Annual Report 2007-2008, with attached Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 46/2009

Pursuant to the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3), Wild Rose Foundation, Annual Report 2007-08, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 47/2009

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2007-08 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 48/2009

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s15(2), Historic Resources Fund, 2007-08 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 49/2009

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2008

Sessional Paper 50/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated January 16, 2009, from Crystal Fisher of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the rising costs associated with post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 51/2009

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Mary Mumert of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, listing individuals affected by the lack of rent controls and outlining several other concerns

Sessional Paper 52/2009

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

Letter dated January 12, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Mr. MacDonald's request for an update on the Workplace Health and Safety Compliance investigation into the incident that occurred at the CNRL Horizon Oil Sands Project on April 24, 2007

Sessional Paper 53/2009

Letter dated February 25, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Labour, requesting the Federal Government make changes to the Employment Insurance structure

Sessional Paper 54/2009

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated February 26, 2009, from John Dooks, President, Calgary Police Association, to Members of the Alberta Legislature expressing support for Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 55/2009

Letter dated February 10, 2009, from Barry Davidson, Executive Director, Community Life Improvement Council, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 56/2009

Letter dated January 29, 2009, from Mike Colle, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ontario, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 57/2009

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 58/2009

Statistics Canada web site article dated March 2, 2009, entitled "Canadian economic accounts" noting the decline in real gross domestic product in the fourth quarter

Sessional Paper 59/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne:

Copy of a petition signed by 11 residents of Whitecourt urging the Government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure
Sessional Paper 60/2009

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Dr. Taft on October 20, 2008:

How many new applicants were registered in the Farm Fuel Benefit Program each year from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008?

Sessional Paper 61/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Dr. Taft on October 20, 2008:

A copy of all progress and follow-up reports on the status of the recommendations presented in the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Allowance 1998 Renewal Audit Report, dated June 3, 1999, produced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, including backgrounder documents produced since June 3, 1999, relating to the Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Program.

Sessional Paper 62/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) to allow the Assembly to proceed to Government Bills and Orders.

Messages From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, tabled the following budget-related document:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 2008, Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 63/2009

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of the Treasury Board, then tabled the following pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 64/2009

2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 65/2009

Government Motions

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Hehr

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kang speaking.

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 201, Traffic Safety (Vehicles with Unlawfully Possessed Firearms) Amendment Act, 2009, Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, tabled the following:

News release dated March 2, 2009, entitled “New law gets tough on crime” prepared by Alberta Justice

Sessional Paper 66/2008

Government of British Columbia web site article, undated, entitled “For Communities”

Sessional Paper 67/2008

Northern California Psychiatric Society web site article dated December 20, 2005, entitled “What is Classical Liberalism” prepared by John C. Goodman

Sessional Paper 68/2008

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Mr. Doerksen proposed the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue judicious and aggressive spending on infrastructure projects that are aligned with long-term government priorities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 2, 2009