



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 10

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Thursday, March 5, 2009

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

### **Speaker's Statement - Member's Anniversary**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 17th anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election held on March 5, 1992.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Reflections Empowering People to Succeed, a program based in Edson to improve the lives of adults with mental illness and other disabilities.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Dr. Brendan Croskery who recently retired as Chief Superintendent for the Calgary Board of Education.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding government funding for the drug Avastin used to treat cancer.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2009, as International Women's Day.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy as it relates to seniors.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie to be held from March 6-22, 2009.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Beverly Anne Cormier for the Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act;

of W. John Brennan, Board Chair of Caritas Health Group, for the Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009;

of Les Filles de la Sagesse for the Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

3 recent letters from Jim Hawthorne, President, Railway Veterans' Organization, CN Pensioners' Association, Margaret and Denny R. May, and Wayne Hampton of Lacombe all expressing opposition to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy and the proposed changes to drug coverage for seniors

Sessional Paper 88/2009

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

Sessional Paper 89/2009

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

Program from the Edmonton Public Schools 45th annual Night of Music held on March 4, 2009

Sessional Paper 90/2009

Document, undated, entitled "Tips, Developing the Settlement and Integration Plan" regarding newcomers to Alberta

Sessional Paper 91/2009

Report dated November 27, 2007, entitled "Capital Region New Upgrader-Related Property Tax Revenue Estimates" prepared by Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Services

Sessional Paper 92/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Michael and Kelly Moynihan regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, during a recent Oral Question Period concerning the closure of the obstetrics ward at the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital

Sessional Paper 93/2009

Letter dated March 5, 2009, unsigned, from Chad Kerychuk to several addressees regarding the closure of the obstetrics ward at the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital

Sessional Paper 94/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated March 5, 2009, entitled “Hospital patients dying for help; average six-hour wait in Edmonton ERs has sometimes proven fatal, physician says”

Sessional Paper 95/2009

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 9 to March 12, 2009:

Monday, March 9

**Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne** (Day 9 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, March 10

**Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne** (Day 10 of 10)

**Government Motions**

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**Committee of Supply**

Interim Supply Estimates  
(Day 2 of 2)

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 11

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18,  
19, 20

Thursday, March 12

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15

And as per the Order Paper

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18,  
19, 20

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15

And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 2 — Interim 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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Vandermeer reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2009-10 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and Lottery Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, March 9, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 5, 2009