



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, March 16, 2009

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

Speaker's Statement - Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons

The Speaker introduced the Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, who was seated at the Assembly Table.

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement on behalf of Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, (Minister of Aboriginal Relations), congratulating Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy, and Ben Hebert on winning the 2009 Tim Hortons Brier Canadian Men's Curling Championships in Calgary on March 15, 2009, and for establishing a new record of 26 consecutive Brier game victories.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the government's announcement on March 16, 2009, of a homelessness strategy entitled "A Plan for Alberta: Ending Homelessness in 10 Years."

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta and recognizing Brian Hesje on recently receiving an Augustana Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Robin McKeever, a member of Canada's 1988 Olympic cross-country ski team, and Brian McKeever, a legally blind athlete, who is endeavouring to compete in both the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympics Winter Games.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the government's proposal to have emergency medical personnel perform triage in the field.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the March Into the Light campaign sponsored by the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton and the Take Back the Night March to be held on March 27, 2009.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

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

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Report dated October 2008 entitled "A Plan for Alberta, Ending Homelessness in 10 Years" prepared by the Alberta Secretariat for Action on Homelessness
Sessional Paper 122/2009

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

Draft report dated March 10, 2009, entitled "Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Business Plan 2009-12"
Sessional Paper 123/2009

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 124/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ4. Asked for by Mr. Mason:

For the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average wait time each year for Service Alberta to process a person's request for a service or for information?

WQ15. Asked for by Ms Notley:

In January, May, and September of the years 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, how many full-time environmental inspectors permanently employed by the Government were permanently assigned to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo?

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR16. Moved by Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence between environmental inspectors in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, their managers, and the Government regarding the inspectors' workloads and ability to complete assigned tasks for the time period between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.

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 202 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009
— Mr. Johnston

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Second time but the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Horne speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Mrs. Leskiw proposed the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate provincial achievement tests for grade three students and consider alternative assessments for learning.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Ady	Elniski	Notley
Anderson	Forsyth	Olson
Bhullar	Groeneveld	Pastoor
Boutilier	Hehr	Quest
Brown	Jacobs	Rogers
Calahasen	Johnston	Sherman
Chase	Kang	Taft
Denis	Leskiw	Weadick
Doerksen	Mason	Woo-Paw
Drysdale	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 18

Allred	DeLong	Johnson
Bhardwaj	Fawcett	Liepert
Blackett	Fritz	Lukaszuk
Campbell	Hancock	Oberle
Dallas	Horne	Renner
Danyluk	Jablonski	Vandermeer

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 16, 2009