



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Thursday, March 19, 2009

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

### **Speaker's Statement - Members' Anniversaries**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 20th anniversary of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, being elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 20, 1989. Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, presented both Members with a 20-year Mace pin.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2009, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and regarding Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, former dancer, composer, conductor, and musical director for the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2009, as World Water Day.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Earth Hour to be held on March 28, 2009.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing March 2009 as Red Cross Month and recognizing the centennial anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a new student residence at Lethbridge College, the Kodiak women's basketball team, and the G.S. Lakie Middle School cheer squad.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2009, as World Water Day.

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.

### **Point of Privilege**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the government attempting to prevent Members of the Assembly from fulfilling their responsibility to review proposed legislation. Through Bill 18, Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, the government seeks to provide itself the power to rewrite existing legislation – a duty which belongs under our constitution to the Assembly.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

#### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ1, WQ3, WQ5, WQ8, WQ10, WQ12, WQ14, WQ16, WQ17

To be dealt with: WQ2, WQ7, WQ9, WQ11, WQ13, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be accepted: MR1, MR5, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR20

To be dealt with: MR2, MR3, MR4, MR6, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR17, MR18, MR19

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act — Ms Blakeman

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure:

Report dated March 19, 2009, entitled “Summary of Draft Amendments to Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act” prepared by Alberta Infrastructure  
Sessional Paper 143/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

2 Edmonton Journal web site articles, the first dated March 5, 2009, entitled “Hospital patients dying for help - Average six-hour wait in Edmonton ERs has sometimes proven fatal, physician says” and the second dated March 14, 2009, entitled “Wait can average 27 hours for unlucky ER patients”  
Sessional Paper 144/2009

Report, undated, entitled “Working Short Report” regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care  
Sessional Paper 145/2009

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Ms Notley on March 16, 2009:

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?

Sessional Paper 146/2009

## **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 week the Assembly next sits.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 6 to April 9, 2009:

Tuesday, April 7	<b>Temporary Recess</b> <b>Messages</b> <b>Budget Address</b> <b>Government Motions</b> Motion 12, 13 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 8	<b>Reply to the Budget Address</b> Official Opposition Leader New Democrat Opposition Leader <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 15, 18 <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 9	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 1, 2, 3, 5, 18 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 4, 6, 7, 8, 15 And as per the Order Paper

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The Speaker heard from Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Blakeman, Dr. Brown, and Dr. Taft.

The Speaker indicated he would accept written submissions on the matter from Members until March 26, 2009, and would rule on the purported question of privilege on April 6, 2009.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **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 Bills were reported:

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

Bill 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 15 Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, April 6, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 19, 2009