



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing May 2009 as Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing the efforts of agencies and volunteer firefighters who are fighting forest fires in a number of communities in the province.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the need for the government to provide adequate services for mental health patients.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing May 4-10, 2009, as National Mental Health Week.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing Lesser Slave Lake constituent Shandy Wogan.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing May 2-9, 2009, as Alberta Forest Week.

Speaker's Statement - Advice from the Ethics Commissioner

The Speaker read a letter dated May 6, 2009, from Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, regarding Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 5, 2009, from Leslie Carlyle of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009
Sessional Paper 279/2009

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Letter dated May 6, 2009, from Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing advice pursuant to section 44 of the Conflicts of Interest Act on Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 280/2009

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 29, 2009, Department of Energy main estimates debate

Sessional Paper 281/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

How many long-term care facilities and their respective bed complement were operating in Alberta on March 31 for the years 2007 and 2008, broken down by Regional Health Authority and whether the facility and service providers are/were owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?

Sessional Paper 282/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

A copy of all 2007-2009 utilization plans for the Mazankowski Heart Institute and any records of how many wards and beds are currently vacant in the Institute.

Sessional Paper 283/2009

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Ms Evans

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 33 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Adjourned debate
Sessional Paper 284/2009

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 44 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009 —
Hon. Mr. Blackett

A debate followed.

Dr. Brown moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Dr. Swann 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 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 6, 2009