



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 38

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

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Monday, May 11, 2009

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the work of the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service and recognizing the heroic effort of volunteer firefighter Jamie Coutts.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Israel.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Calgary Airport Authority's plan to construct an additional runway.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Kingsway Business Association.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing May 11-17, 2009, as National Mining Week.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the recent Meet the Filipino Foreign Workers symposium sponsored by Iglesia ni Cristo.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 47 Appropriation Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Notice having been given:

Bill 48 Crown's Right of Recovery Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on April 21, 2009, Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 317/2009

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

E-mail message dated April 22, 2009, from Steve Schembri to Rick Miller forwarding a letter dated April 22, 2009, from Pat Schaffer, Operations Manager, Beaver Drilling Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to the government's bailout of Precision Drilling

Sessional Paper 318/2009

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

Document dated January 2009 entitled "Qualitative Research Finding, Branding Alberta Message Testing Groups" prepared by Harris/Decima

Sessional Paper 319/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 e-mail messages, the first dated April 19, 2009, from Wayne Stelte and the second dated May 6, 2009, both to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding Ticketmaster's policies

Sessional Paper 320/2009

Letter dated May 4, 2009, from Mrs. Tine Steen-Dekker of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, with attached copy of a petition signed by 59 Edmonton residents opposing the elimination of the General Hospital's Get-Fit program

Sessional Paper 321/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated May 2009 entitled "Report In Focus, The Sustainable Management of Groundwater in Canada" prepared by the Council of Canadian Academies
Sessional Paper 322/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Working Short Report" regarding staffing shortages at extended care homes, prepared by United Steelworkers Health Care
Sessional Paper 323/2009

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on April 22, 2009, Department of Finance and Enterprise Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 324/2009

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR7, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

A list of facilities in Alberta whose designation changed from "long-term care facility" to "assisted living facility" between April 1, 2001, and December 31, 2008.

Sessional Paper 325/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR20, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 20, 2009:

Copies of all government plans to increase the number of midwives practising in Alberta between February 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009.

Sessional Paper 326/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on April 28, 2009, Department of Advanced Education, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 327/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected as amended:

MR25. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all invitations sent to Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly for lottery fund grant announcements in the constituencies they represent and any photographs of these Members taken at the events in question.

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all invitations sent to Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly for lottery fund grant announcements in the constituencies they represent *from the date of inception of the Ministry on March 12, 2008, to March 31, 2009*, and any photographs of these Members taken at the events in question.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with an amendment:

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

Mr. Drysdale, 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 203 (Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater) — Agreed
to

Sessional Paper 328/2009

Following Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 203, Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure) Amendment Act, 2009, Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow for early consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Bhullar (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *develop a policy framework* to ensure our kindergarten to grade 12 education system is innovative and competency-based by exploring incentives to encourage early graduation and by promoting real world learning opportunities and programs that help engage elementary students facing difficulties.

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 5:50 p.m. until Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 11, 2009