

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 46

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, June 1, 2009

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

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing June 2009 as Aboriginal History Month.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding a fire on May 31, 2009, at the Lifestyle Options assisted living facility in Edmonton.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing May 31 to June 6, 2009, as Canadian Environment Week, and June 5, 2009, as United Nations World Environment Day.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Neil Kennedy, a volunteer at the Bissell Centre.

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, made a statement recognizing June 1-7, 2009, as Seniors' Week.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding Ronald David Woodward, retiring President of Red Deer College.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 903 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly amend Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, by striking out section 9 to remove (a) the onus on school boards and teachers to enforce parental choice regarding teaching related to sexuality, sexual orientation and religion; and (b) the ability for school boards and teachers to be subjected to complaints before the Human Rights Commission for discussing these matters in class.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Knight

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 49 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) - Mr. Lukaszuk

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Program from the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards presentation held in Edmonton on May 30, 2009

Sessional Paper 431/2009

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Online petition signed by 820 Albertans urging the Government to enshrine into legislation the right of parents to be notified when school curriculum or materials include the explicit teaching of religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation as well as the right to opt children out of such curriculum or materials without penalty Sessional Paper 432/2009

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont:

Online petition signed by 784 Albertans urging the Government to enshrine into legislation the right of parents to be notified when school curriculum or materials include the explicit teaching of religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation as well as the right to opt children out of such curriculum or materials without penalty Sessional Paper 433/2009

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake (Minister of Transportation):

Copy of a petition signed by 449 grade six students from Crawford Plains School requesting a ban on hand-held cell phones while driving

Sessional Paper 434/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

3 recent e-mail messages from Tamara Gorzalka to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Tyler Gschaid to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Lawrence Porter to Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

#### Sessional Paper 435/2009

8 recent email messages from Edmonton residents to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

#### Sessional Paper 436/2009

84 recent e-mail messages from Alberta students expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

#### Sessional Paper 437/2009

Letter dated May 31, 2009, from Reverend Linda Hunter, Wild Rose United Church, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, also signed by 75 Calgary and area residents, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from classes teaching religion, sexuality, or sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 438/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

A debate followed.

The question was put that Bill 205, Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Mitzel in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Drysdale	Lukaszuk
Elniski	Marz
Evans	McQueen
Forsyth	Morton
Fritz	Oberle
Griffiths	Olson
Groeneveld	Quest
Johnson	Renner
Johnston	Rodney
Leskiw	Sarich
Liepert	Webber
	Elniski Evans Forsyth Fritz Griffiths Groeneveld Johnson Johnston Leskiw

Against the motion: 3

Kang

Pastoor

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

MacDonald

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

Mr. Johnston, 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 205 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill on May 25, 2009) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 439/2009

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

510. Moved by Dr. Swann:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to protect paid farm workers while continuing to exempt family members and other unpaid labourers.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 3

Kang	Pastoor	Swann
Against the motion: 29		
Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Sherman
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	McFarland	

## Adjournment

The Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:08 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills**

#### **Third Reading**

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 25, Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$), and absented himself from the debate and vote on this Bill.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) - Hon. Ms Evans

#### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

Bill 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

#### **Third Reading**

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved the Bill be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Third time because the proposed notice provisions contained in the Bill will cause a chill in expression that will adversely affect Alberta's education system.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Blakeman	Mason	Swann
Chase	Notley	Taylor
Hehr	-	-

Against the amendment: 35

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Horne	Quest
Boutilier	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Rodney
Dallas	Knight	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Stelmach
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 49.

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

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

For the motion: 35

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Horne	Quest
Boutilier	Johnson	Renner
Campbell	Johnston	Rodney
Dallas	Knight	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Stelmach
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	

Against the motion: 7

Blakeman	Mason	Swann
Chase	Notley	Taylor
Hehr		

Pursuant to Standing Order 49(3), the question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Ady	Drysdale	McQueen
Anderson	Elniski	Morton
Benito	Fritz	Oberle
Berger	Griffiths	Olson
Bhardwaj	Groeneveld	Prins
Blackett	Horne	Quest
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Campbell	Johnston	Rodney
Dallas	Knight	Sarich
Danyluk	Liepert	Stelmach
Denis	Lukaszuk	Webber
Doerksen	Marz	
Against the motion: 7		

Blakeman	Mason	Swann
Chase	Notley	Taylor
Hehr		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

## **Second Reading**

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act - Mr. Anderson

Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 - Mr. Elniski

Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, June 1, 2009