



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 47

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Tuesday, June 2, 2009

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing May 30 to June 7, 2009, as Brain Injury Awareness Week.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding carbon emissions and carbon levies.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement congratulating Henry Bergen on receiving an Alberta Order of Excellence on May 21, 2009.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2009.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Penbrook Meadows community cleanup held on May 31, 2009.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding a signing ceremony held on May 23, 2009, for the commemorative integrity statement for the Victoria District National Historic Site of Canada and the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, presented a petition from 450 Fort McMurray residents urging the Government to not introduce a provincial ambulance service and promote municipal integrated fire and emergency medical services throughout the province.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 226 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.

## **Point of Privilege**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Ethics Commissioner advising Dr. Taft not to participate in debate on Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2). The decision, which the Ethics Commissioner agreed was improperly broad, prohibited and obstructed Dr. Taft to a degree that jeopardized the adequate disposal of his responsibilities and duties as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Program from the William Aberhart High School Closing Ceremonies held in Calgary on May 27, 2009

Sessional Paper 440/2009

E-mail message dated May 30, 2009, from Alison Ainsworth to Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, regarding a recent incident with a child welfare worker

Sessional Paper 441/2009

E-mail message dated May 19, 2009, from David Sulz of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, regarding noise created by off-road vehicles

Sessional Paper 442/2009

2 recent e-mail messages from Allison Leonhardt and Willow Brocke to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to the de-listing of gender reassignment surgery

Sessional Paper 443/2009

3 recent e-mail messages from Alison Steward of Calgary, Dr. Robert C. Dickson of Calgary, and Robin Doherty of Sherwood Park to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, with attached letter to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the government eliminating funding for the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 444/2009

2 recent e-mail messages from Jackie Seidel and Andrea Gough to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and other Members of the Legislative Assembly, with attached responses from Mr. Chase, and e-mail message dated March 4, 2009, from Elisha Danielson to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, all expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 503

Sessional Paper 445/2009

E-mail message dated June 1, 2009, from Tyler Gschaid to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from curriculum involving sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 446/2009

5 recent e-mail messages and 2 recent letters from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing opposition to the Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy as it relates to seniors and to the government's continuing care strategy

Sessional Paper 447/2009

Letter dated April 15, 2009, from E.C. Thorn of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to increases in taxes on basic needs

Sessional Paper 448/2009

12 e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the government de-listing chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 449/2009

Letter dated April 21, 2009, from Veronica M. Petri of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of Alberta Health Care Insurance premiums, the Alberta Health Services Board, and the de-listing of chiropractic services

Sessional Paper 450/2009

Letter dated March 26, 2009, from Connie Slonski, Office Manager, Achilles Foot Clinic, attaching a petition signed by 284 Albertans requesting that podiatry services not be de-listed

Sessional Paper 451/2009

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Booklet entitled “Inspiring People, 2008 Aboriginal Review” prepared by Syncrude Canada

Sessional Paper 452/2009

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on behalf of Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain (Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security):

Letter from Esther Gehlert of Stony Plain to Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, attaching a petition signed by several hundred Albertans requesting a full fatality inquiry into the death of Lorraine Adolph

Sessional Paper 453/2009

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

Copy of a petition signed by 9 Albertans urging the Government to cease and desist from further dismantling the public health care structure

Sessional Paper 454/2009

Report dated March 2009 entitled “Chief Officer Report to the Board” prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 455/2009

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Booklet, undated, entitled “Festivals and events” prepared by Travel Alberta

Sessional Paper 456/2009

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

E-mail message dated June 1, 2009, from Tyler Gschaid to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, allowing parents to remove their children from curriculum involving sexual orientation, and e-mail message dated June 1, 2009, from P. Kathleen Shigemi to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing opposition to Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009, and expressing concern that teachers may be held liable

Sessional Paper 457/2009

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009:

A copy of the final report and recommendation of the Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Sessional Paper 458/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Mason on March 16, 2009:

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?

Sessional Paper 459/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6):

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 460/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR10, asked for by Ms Notley on April 20, 2009:

For the period *December 1, 2006*, to December 31, 2008, a *summary report* of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.

Sessional Paper 461/2009

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Ms Notley on April 6, 2009:

For each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average amount of time taken by Children and Youth Services to find permanent placements for children in permanent government care?

Sessional Paper 462/2009

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

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Oral Question Period on May 26, 2009, regarding the Alberta Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Sessional Paper 463/2009

## **Point of Privilege**

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The Speaker heard from Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill.

The Speaker stated he would likely rule on the purported point of privilege the next sitting day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

#### Third Reading

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

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase moved that the motion for Third Reading of Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

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

For the amendment: 6

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| Chase | MacDonald | Taft   |
| Hehr  | Mason     | Taylor |

Against the amendment: 31

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| Ady       | Hancock  | Quest      |
| Allred    | Horner   | Redford    |
| Anderson  | Johnson  | Renner     |
| Benito    | Johnston | Rodney     |
| Bhardwaj  | Lukaszuk | Rogers     |
| Blackett  | Marz     | Sarich     |
| Boutilier | Mitzel   | VanderBurg |
| Brown     | Morton   | Vandermeer |
| Dallas    | Oberle   | Webber     |
| Elniski   | Prins    | Woo-Paw    |
| Griffiths |          |            |

The question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 43, Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2), which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) —  
Mr. Griffiths

### **Second Reading**

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

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

Mr. Lukaszuk moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 50 Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Blackett on behalf of  
Hon. Mr. Knight

Hon. Mr. Blackett moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **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 assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

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 Pr3 (Hon. Member for Red Deer-South) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 464/2009

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 45 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon.  
Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Mr. Oberle moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

Bill 36 Alberta Land Stewardship Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned  
at 5:46 p.m. until Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, June 2, 2009