

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, October 26, 2009

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

Introduction of a New Member

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Calgary-Glenmore containing the results of the by-election conducted on September 14, 2009, in the constituency and the said report further showed that Paul Hinman was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Glenmore.

Mr. Hinman then proceeded from the Bar to the Mace. The Speaker presented Mr. Hinman to the Assembly, and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore took his seat.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow for the conclusion of Introduction of Guests and Ministerial Statements.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding the launch of the H1N1 influenza vaccine program across the province.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Speaker's Ruling - Oral Question Period

Just a brief statement for clarity with respect to the order of question period now with a changed situation in the Legislative Assembly. The Routine today and tomorrow, that is day one and day two of this session, will be exactly the same as it was when we left here in June earlier this year. On Wednesday the fifth question will go to the Member for Calgary-Glenmore and replace the ordinary government question, and on Thursday the fifth question, which is ordinarily a government question, will go to the Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo. During tablings this afternoon I'll table the schematic to deal with this particular matter.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding astronaut Robert Thirsk and his mission on the International Space Station.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement congratulating the recipients of the 2009 Premier's Awards of Excellence.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the It's a Crime Not to Read Program, an initiative involving the Calgary Public Library and the Calgary Police Service.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding fiscal accountability.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing October 26, 2009, as National School Library Day and October 2009 as Canada Library Month.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow the Assembly to conclude the Routine.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing October 26-30, 2009, as Family Doctor Week in Canada.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, was not in order to be presented.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 Mr. Weadick
- Bill 55 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2009 Hon. Mr. Webber

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 53 Professional Corporations Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay:

Report, undated, entitled "Racism-Free Workplace Strategy, Breaking the Barriers, National Summary" prepared by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Sessional Paper 500/2009

Report, undated, entitled "Book of Proceedings, Breaking the Barriers Open Session, Racism-Free Works!" prepared by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Sessional Paper 501/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated June 19, 2009, from Katherine Wilson of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern with the health care system

Sessional Paper 502/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated September 4, 2009, from Margaret Doran of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter, undated, unsigned, to Dr. Stephen Duckett, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 503/2009

E-mail message dated August 21, 2009, from Jenny Adams of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern that medical treatment is taking place in a tent at the Stollery Children's Hospital

Sessional Paper 504/2009

Letter dated September 17, 2009, from Marianne B. Hemery of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, asking why electric cars are not road legal in Alberta

Sessional Paper 505/2009

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

Chart entitled "Oral Question Period Rotation, Fall Sitting - 2nd Session, 27th Legislature, Effective October 26, 2009"

Sessional Paper 506/2009

Projected Sitting Days Calendar for the 2009 Fall sitting

Sessional Paper 507/2009

Letter dated October 19, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, notifying the Speaker of his resignation from the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, and the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee

Sessional Paper 508/2009

Letter dated October 23, 2009, from Neil R. Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the Conflicts of Interest Act as it relates to private interest, with attached pamphlet entitled "Conflicts of Interest, Quick Guide to Determining Whether My Interest is a 'Private Interest'"

Sessional Paper 509/2009

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, Second Session, Fall 2009"

Sessional Paper 510/2008

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 511 /2009

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 42nd Annual Report, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 Sessional Paper 512/2009

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on May 6, 2009, Department of Children and Youth Services main estimates debate

Sessional Paper 513/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

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

Bill 208 Life Leases Act — Mr. Mitzel

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Denis speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

The following Motion Other Than a Government Motion was not moved and was removed from the Order Paper.

511. Mr. Vandermeer to propose:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how complaints are addressed by the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to ensure a fair process for both complainants and respondents.

513. Moved by Mr. Kang:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that all vehicles purchased through the executive vehicle allowance be low-emission vehicles.

A debate followed.

Unanimous consent was granted to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

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: 10

BlakemanHehrMcQueenChaseHorneRennerDallasKangSarich

Denis

Against the motion: 20

Benito Elniski Lukaszuk Bhardwaj Fritz Morton Oberle Blackett Groeneveld Danyluk Jacobs Prins Johnson Rodney DeLong Doerksen Johnston Webber Drysdale Knight

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 27, 2009, deposited on June 18, 2009:

Which hospitals had to shut down wards (temporarily or indefinitely) due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and January 31, 2009, which wards were shut down and for how long?

Sessional Paper 470/2009

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister Responsible for International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009, deposited on June 18, 2009:

Copies of all current protocols surrounding the proposal and selection process for approving Ministers' foreign travel plans.

Sessional Paper 471/2009

Return to Order of the Assembly MR9, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009, deposited on June 18, 2009:

A copy of the agreement signed by the Premier on January 16, 2009, at the First Ministers' Meeting regarding amendments to the Agreement on Internal Trade.

Sessional Paper 472/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 473/2009

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 474/2009

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2007/2008, with attached Financial Statements dated June 30, 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 475/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2), Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2007-2008, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 476/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4), College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 477/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2007/08, with attached Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 478/2009

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 479/2009

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 480/2009

College of Alberta Denturists, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009 Sessional Paper 481/2009

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2008, deposited on June 18, 2009

Sessional Paper 482/2009

Hon. Mr. Lindsay, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2008 Annual Report, deposited on June 18, 2009 Sessional Paper 483/2009

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2):

Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 63rd Annual Meeting Report, March 17, 2009, deposited on July 9, 2009

Sessional Paper 484/2009

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS) Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report, Reporting Period: April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009), with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Financial Statements dated March 31, 2009, and attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Compliance Certificate dated July 10, 2009, deposited on July 20, 2009

Sessional Paper 485/2009

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Year Ended March 31, 2009, deposited on July 20, 2009

Sessional Paper 486/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacists, 2008-2009 Annual Report, deposited on July 23, 2009

Sessional Paper 487/2009

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2008-2009 and Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2009, deposited on July 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 488/2009

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Annual Report 08/09, deposited on August 26, 2009 Sessional Paper 489/2009 Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Ms Notley on April 20, 2009, deposited on August 26, 2009:

Copies of all reports and associated backgrounders containing analysis done on such reports regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

Sessional Paper 490/2009

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 2009, deposited on August 31, 2009 Sessional Paper 491/2009

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on September 3, 2009

Sessional Paper 492/2009

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, 2008-2009 Annual Report, deposited on September 11, 2009

Sessional Paper 493/2009

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate, Annual Report 2008-2009, deposited on October 5, 2009

Sessional Paper 494/2009

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Foresters, 2008-2009 Annual Report, deposited on October 7, 2009

Sessional Paper 495/2009

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors's Association, Report of Proceedings of the One Hundredth Annual General Meeting (2009), deposited on October 8, 2009 Sessional Paper 496/2009 Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 42nd Annual Report, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009, deposited on October 13, 2009

Sessional Paper 497/2009

Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2):

Farmers' Advocate Office, 2008/2009 Annual Report and Farm Implement Board Financial Statements, deposited on October 20, 2009

Sessional Paper 498/2009

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Mason on April 6, 2009, deposited on October 22, 2009:

How much money has been spent on the "Alberta's brand campaign" in the United States in the fiscal year 2007/2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009?

Sessional Paper 499/2009

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, October 26, 2009