

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 51

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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

Speaker's Statement - Centennial Window

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the City of Edmonton's gift to the Assembly of the stained glass Centennial Window, located in the Public Gallery, commemorating 100 Years of Democracy in Alberta. The Speaker recognized the artists, Barbara and Pawel Jozefowicz, who were unable to attend the unveiling. The Speaker also introduced several guests related to the project from the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Arts Council, and Alberta Infrastructure.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement calling for nominations for the 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding input received from Alberta seniors at province-wide health care forums organized by the Official Opposition.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Baby Heroes diaper drive campaign organized by the Terra Centre, which provides assistance to pregnant and parenting teenagers in Edmonton.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the live satellite hookup with the International Space Station held at County Central High School in Vulcan on September 23, 2009.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing October 2009 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding The Doorway, which helps young adults living on the streets move into mainstream society.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(d):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 527/2009

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, presented a petition from 122 Calgary residents urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practicing Registered Massage Therapists in Alberta in a manner that they may continue their practice undisturbed and, when necessary, gradually upgrade to newly-proclaimed standards of training, so as not to force current therapists to lose their ongoing income whilst upgrading and so to ensure that clients of said therapists will be able to use their insurance coverage in order to pay for massage services from current therapists.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,032 Albertans objecting to the development and use of nuclear power in Alberta, and petitioning the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to develop an energy policy which encourages conservation, promotes the use of safe, clean, renewable energy sources and explicitly rejects nuclear power in this province.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Children's Services Review Committee Act - Mr. Chase

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Alta Reg. 49/2008 s9(2):

Capital Region Board, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 528/2009

Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2008-2009 Sessional Paper 529/2009

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter 2009-2010 Sessional Paper 530/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated September 1, 2009, from Kevin and Pascal Wallace of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to bed closures at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 531/2009

2 e-mail messages, the first dated September 11, 2009, from Ken and Pat MacDonald, and the second dated October 13, 2009, from Roger and Georgina Lufkin to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, both requesting that plans to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton continue

Sessional Paper 532/2009

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

Letter dated August 7, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting information on the liquidation of funds by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 533/2009

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Copy of a letter, undated, from Mildred Dunlop of Whitecourt to the Mayor and Town of Whitecourt, with an attached petition, expressing the need for an extended care facility in Whitecourt

Sessional Paper 534/2009

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

Letter dated October 27, 2009, from Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting his resignation from the Standing Committee on Health

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Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, c34, s13(3):

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, and Wildlife Foundation, 2008/2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 536/2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Standing Committees be approved:

- A. Special Standing Committee on Legislative Offices: that Mr. Rogers replace Hon. Mr. Webber
- B. Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing:

that Hon. Ms Redford be appointed to fill a vacancy

C. Standing Committee on Resources and Environment:

that Mr. Denis replace Hon. Mr. Webber that Mr. Jacobs replace Mr. Griffiths

- D. Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services: that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Jacobs
- E. Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee: that Mr. Rogers replace Hon. Mr. Webber
- F. Standing Committee on Economy: that Mr. Hinman be appointed to fill a vacancy.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities.

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved the motion be amended by striking out "the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds" and substituting "the issue of a maximum of \$250 million in Alberta Capital Bonds".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by striking out "the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities" and substituting "the issue of Alberta Capital Bonds by the Government for a maximum term of 10 years in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved the motion be amended by striking out "in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities" and substituting "in support of the development of public infrastructure projects and facilities by Alberta companies".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, October 28, 2009