



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Monday, November 2, 2009

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding the new plan for the H1N1 influenza vaccine program.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating Devon Energy on receiving the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers' 2009 Steward of Excellence President's Award.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the opening of the new Stoney Trail ring road in Calgary on November 2, 2009.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the government's preparedness for the H1N1 pandemic influenza program.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding a fundraising event held in Edmonton on October 27, 2009, organized by the Edmonton Chinese community in support of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing November 2, 2009, as the 540th anniversary of the birth of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, and regarding the efforts of the Edmonton Sikh community to raise funds for several organizations.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from 113 Albertans 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.

Notices of Motions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the Government's inadequate preparations for the pandemic H1N1 influenza program.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 59 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 61 Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated October 27, 2009, from Faith Paul of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing support for Alberta Hospital Edmonton to remain open

Sessional Paper 557/2009

Friends of Medicare web site notice entitled "Stop the Cuts! Rally, November 7, 11:30 a.m."

Sessional Paper 558/2009

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the Government's inadequate preparations for the pandemic H1N1 influenza program.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker called upon Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m., until Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 2, 2009