



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 60

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, November 19, 2009

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

Speaker's Statement - Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of 15 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 22, 2004.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, made a statement in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on November 21, 1979, and has served as Speaker since April 14, 1997.

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.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

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The Speaker made a brief statement and thanked the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, then presented the Speaker with a 30-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of Concrete Theatre and their longest-running play entitled "Are We There Yet?"

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Stella Calahasen, author of a book entitled "Dream Catcher."

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the opening of CASA House in Sherwood Park, a community-based facility providing mental health services for children and their families.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Livestock Traceability Program and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development's recent trade mission to Japan and Asia.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the government's handling of several issues.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, presented a petition from 54 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising 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.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from over 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, presented a petition from 117 Albertans urging the Government to grandfather the rights and status of all currently-practising 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.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 983 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to redevelop Alberta Hospital Edmonton as necessary in order to maintain all services, programs, and beds operating as of September 1, 2009, at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Programs from the Minister's Education Leadership Awards, Presentations to Alberta School Boards Association, Zone 1, Zone 5, and Zone 6 Recipients
Sessional Paper 640/2009

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

Letter dated November 1, 2009, from Don Burdeyney, President, and Brenda Smith, General Manager, Trico Centre for Family Wellness, to an MLA Committee regarding the distribution of proceeds from licensed casinos
Sessional Paper 641/2009

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Report dated October 2009 entitled "Preliminary Research, Fusion North East Edmonton" prepared by Casselman, McLeod, Miller, York
Sessional Paper 642/2009

Program from the North Edmonton Seniors Association Remembrance Day Tea and Salute held on November 10, 2009
Sessional Paper 643/2009

Program from the Unity Centre of Northeast Edmonton's 15th annual Silent Auction and Pub Night held on November 14, 2009
Sessional Paper 644/2009

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) to allow Orders of the Day to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated November 11, 2009, from Jazz Alcock of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Cathy Ponech expressing opposition to education funding cuts
Sessional Paper 645/2009

E-mail message dated November 18, 2009, from Kelsey Gill to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the future of Alberta
Sessional Paper 646/2009

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

E-mail message dated November 4, 2009, from Lesley Washington to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement
Sessional Paper 647/2009

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Report dated November 17, 2009, entitled "Transmission Upgrades Discussion Paper" prepared by EDC Associates Ltd. for the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate
Sessional Paper 648/2009

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

12 recent e-mail messages from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, and Cathy Ponech, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts
Sessional Paper 649/2009

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

Document, undated, entitled "Total Salary and Benefits of Senior Executives in Executive Council"
Sessional Paper 650/2009

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of government business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of November 23 to November 26, 2009:

Monday, November 23	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 Committee of the Whole Bill 50, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, November 24	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 50 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 50, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 Third Reading Bill 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, November 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 50 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, November 26	Aft.	- Royal Assent And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 62 Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Hon. Mr. Liepert 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 56 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2009 —
Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 57 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Weadick

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. McFarland, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 50 (Hon. Minister of Energy) — Adjourned debate
Sessional Paper 651/2009

Amendment to Bill 56 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 652/2009

Second Reading

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

Bill 58 Corrections Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

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

Bill 60 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Quest

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, November 23, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 19, 2009