



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 63

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, November 25, 2009

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

### **Speaker's Statement - Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms**

The Speaker made a statement regarding Ed Richard, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, who will be retiring following the current fall sitting.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the government's ongoing work on climate change and the Ecotrust projects.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing November 23 to December 1, 2009, as AIDS Awareness Week, December 1, 2009, as World AIDS Day, and the 25th anniversary of HIV Edmonton.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Movember Foundation's month-long events in November to raise awareness and funds for prostate cancer.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing November 25, 2009, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding City of Fort McMurray Alderman Ron Morgan who passed away on November 24, 2009.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding consideration of Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, by the Standing Committee on Community Services.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Doerksen, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following:

Report on Bill 202, Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009, dated November 2009

Sessional Paper 683/2009

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to this report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 2,797 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly 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.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 3,000 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly 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.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 525 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly 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.

Mr. Denis, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, presented a petition from approximately 200 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, presented a petition from 6,615 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly 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.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 285 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.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,516 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly 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.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Legislative Assembly stand adjourned on November 26, 2009, upon completion of Royal Assent by His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 216 Alberta Outdoors Weekend Act — Mr. Rodney

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness:

News release dated November 25, 2009, entitled “Duckett’s move to cut RNs puts patients at greater risk of death” prepared by Alberta’s New Democrat Opposition  
Sessional Paper 684/2009

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

Programs from the Minister’s Education Leadership Awards, Presentations to Alberta School Boards Association, Zone 2, Zone 3, and Zone 4 Recipients  
Sessional Paper 685/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

2 brochures relating to a public rally held in Edmonton on November 24, 2009, the first entitled “Huge power lines...huge risks” and the second entitled “It’s time” both prepared by RETA (Responsible Electricity Transmission for Albertans)

Sessional Paper 686/2009

Letter dated August 23, 2009, from Norm Dick of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, regarding an increase in Mr. Dick’s premiums under the Non-Group Coverage Plan, with attached response dated September 11, 2009, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 687/2009

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, 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.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

2 recent e-mail messages from Laura Van Geel and Megan Berry, and a letter dated November 10, 2009, from Jordana Hinton, all of Calgary, to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 688/2009

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated November 17, 2009, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Ms DeCecco of the Lethbridge Food Bank, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor’s 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor’s cheque

Sessional Paper 689/2009

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

5 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, and Cathy Ponech, all expressing opposition to education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 690/2009

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated September 17, 2009, from Donna E. Lowry of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed closure of beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 691/2009

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose:

2 letters dated November 20, 2009, the first from Karen Kroeker, Forest Lawn Parent Association, and the second from Ester Zdebiak, James Short School Parents' Association, to Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, both regarding the review of eligible organizations' access to and distribution of proceeds from licensed casino events

Sessional Paper 692/2009

95 letters dated November 18, 2009, from the Monterey Park Elementary School Parents Association to an MLA Committee, all regarding access to and distribution of proceeds from licensed casino events

Sessional Paper 693/2009

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Excerpt from Nursing Economics dated September-October 2007 entitled "The Impact of Nurse Staffing on Hospital Cuts and Patient Length of Stay: A Systematic Review"

Sessional Paper 694/2009

Excerpt from Nursing Research dated March-April 2005 entitled "The Impact of Hospital Nursing Characteristics on 30-Day Mortality"

Sessional Paper 695/2009

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

Letter dated November 23, 2009, from Bill McAree, Whitecourt Town Councillor, to Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, expressing support for Bill 62, Emergency Health Services Amendment Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 696/2009

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Olaf Brian Fjeldheim be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Ady	Goudreau	Mitzel
Allred	Hancock	Oberle
Amery	Hayden	Ouellette
Benito	Horner	Prins
Bhardwaj	Johnson	Rodney
Bhullar	Johnston	Sarich
Campbell	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Vandermeer
Doerksen	Lund	Xiao
Elniski	Marz	Zwozdesky
Fritz	McFarland	

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	MacDonald	Swann
Chase	Mason	Taft
Hinman	Notley	Taylor
Kang	Pastoor	

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m., until Thursday, November 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 25, 2009