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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

Speaker's Statement - Assembly's Mace Rest

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the Alberta Trappers' Association's gift to the Assembly of an Alberta beaver pelt dyed in the Chamber's green livery which covers the Assembly's Mace rest. The Speaker also introduced Ted Callbeck, Dennis Wohlgemuth, Nolan Wohlgemuth, Margaret Kidner, Linda Stolberg, and Karen Lebeau, representatives from the Alberta Trappers' Association.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding a workshop held on November 14, 2007, entitled "Real Jobs Real People" organized to encourage employers to hire people with disabilities and hosted by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing the opening of the Alberta Diabetes Institute in Edmonton.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the latitude available to Members making Members' Statements.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding trust in the Legislative Assembly and democracy.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding government funding of non-profit human services agencies.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement recognizing Corley Farough of Taber who placed first in Canada in the senior division of the 2007 Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day poetry contest and Sarah-Anne Jozsa of Taber who placed first in Alberta in the junior division of the 2006 Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day poetry contest.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Chair, Select Special Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee, Final Report, November 2007

Sessional Paper 760/2007

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 65 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 39 Red Deer and area residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 10 Hilda residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 3 High River residents urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 60 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 18 Albertans urging the Government to launch a full public inquiry under the authority of the Public Inquiries Act into spying practices by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) and the Minister of Energy's oversight role of the AEUB.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 542 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

The second petition put forth by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 187 Albertans urging the Government to ensure that the remuneration paid to employees working with people with disabilities is standardized across the sector, regardless of whether these workers are employed by government, community-based, or private providers; ensure these employees are fairly compensated and that their wages remain competitive with other sectors to reflect the valuable and crucial service they provide; improve employees' access to professional development opportunities (training and upgrading); and introduce province-wide service and outcomes-focused level-of-care standards.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 122 Albertans urging the Government to discard the Royalty Review Report and eliminate restructuring of the oil and gas royalties.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 160 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass Bill 45, Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007, and not dilute its contents so as to compromise the version approved at Second Reading, in order to address the enormous health, social, and financial implications of tobacco use in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Program from the Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society's 7th Dinner and Silent Auction held on November 3, 2007, in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 761/2007

Program from the official opening of the Alberta Diabetes Institute

Sessional Paper 762/2007

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Document, untitled, undated, signed by 13 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 763/2007

E-mail message dated November 3, 2007, from Rhondda Dugdale to Bartek Kienc, Government Members' Office, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 764/2007

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Several e-mail messages from Peter Harvey to Hon. Mr. Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Food, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, the Alberta New Democrat Caucus, and G.B. (Gord) Button, Alberta Ombudsman, expressing concern regarding health care difficulties he is experiencing

Sessional Paper 765/2007

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated October 29, 2007, from Sharon Malott of Red Deer to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, describing health issues she is experiencing and requesting a rent subsidy

Sessional Paper 766/2007

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

18 letters from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding child care regulations proposed in the report entitled "Building Quality Child Care Together" prepared by Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 767/2007

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

Letter dated June 27, 2007, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy, requesting an investigation into the legality of activities of private investigators hired by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 768/2007

2 e-mail messages dated October 24, 2007, between Stacey Leighton, Secretary to the Minister, Department of Energy and Dave Bairnes outlining a list of attendees for a meeting with Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Energy

Sessional Paper 769/2007

Excerpt from the website "Killbill46.ca" expressing opposition to Bill 46, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Sessional Paper 770/2007

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 771/2007

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 14, 2007