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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, March 21, 2006

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that from 1906 until an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act came into effect in 1972, the tenures of Leaders of the Official Opposition were based on actual session dates. In other words, one was the Leader of the Official Opposition when the Legislature sat and not when it did not.

Between 1906 and 1971, Alberta had 18 different Leaders of the Official Opposition. Albert J. Robertson, a Conservative representing High River served from 1906 to 1909. Richard B. Bennett, a Conservative representing Calgary served in 1910. Edward Michener, an Independent then Conservative representing Red Deer served from 1910 to 1917. George Hoadley, a Conservative representing Okotoks served in 1918 and 1919. James Ramsey, a Conservative representing Edmonton East served in 1920. John R. Boyle, a Liberal representing Edmonton served from 1922 to 1924. Charles R. Mitchell, a Liberal representing Bow Valley served in 1925 and 1926. John C. Bowen, a Liberal representing Edmonton served in 1926.

From 1926 to 1940 there was no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition.

In 1941 and 1944, James H. Walker, an Independent from Warner served as the Leader. Alfred Speakman, an Independent from Red Deer served in 1942 and James C. Mahaffy, an Independent from Calgary served in 1943. From 1945 to 1948, J. Percy Page served as an Independent from Edmonton.

The Legislative Assembly had no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition from 1949 to 1951.

J. Harper Prowse, an Edmonton Liberal served from 1952 to 1958 and in 1959, J. W. Grant MacEwan, a Calgary Liberal served as the Leader.

From 1960 to 1963, the Legislative Assembly had no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition.

From 1964 to 1967, Michael Maccagno, a Liberal representing Lac La Biche served as Leader. In 1968, a Conservative, Peter Lougheed, representing Calgary West became the Leader of the Official Opposition and served in that capacity to 1971.

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Team Canada's achievements at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, from March 10-19, 2006.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2006, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2006 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 55th annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association seminar recently held in Westminster, England.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing March 2006 as Youth Science Month.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's solutions to long-term care issues.

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

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, March 20, 2006, and can advise the House that all but one of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Committee has considered the remaining petition and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 89(1)(b) be waived for the petition of the Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006, subject to the petitioner completing the necessary advertising in accordance with the Standing Orders before the Committee hears the petitioner.

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 51 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 53 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 92 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

List of groups that met with Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, at Health Policy Framework stakeholder meetings held in Bonnyville and St. Paul on March 11, 2006

Sessional Paper 203/2006

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 11, 2006, from Don Veldhoen of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, stating he does not believe the Government's proposed changes to the health care system will improve it or make it more sustainable

Sessional Paper 204/2006

Letter dated March 20, 2006, from Jean and Merv Rogers of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting detailed information regarding the Government's proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 205/2006

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

23 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 206/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 207/2006

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 208/2006

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

4 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 209/2006

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Brenda Knight of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, stating she feels the Government is not acting in the best interests of Albertans regarding the proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 210/2006

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Eileen Carpenter of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing opposition to a two-tiered health care system

Sessional Paper 211/2006

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Ken Baden of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing opposition to having to pay for medical services and private health insurance

Sessional Paper 212/2006

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Norway Government Ministry of Finance website article, undated, entitled "Ethical Guidelines for the Government Pension Fund - Global"

Sessional Paper 213/2006

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Letter dated March 12, 2006, from Marilyn Caskey of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 214/2006

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

Book entitled "100 Years at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta - A Centennial Celebration" by Wolfgang Maul, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 215/2006

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Agnihotri on March 20, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, how many grants awarded by the Wild Rose Foundation were subsequently investigated due to inadequate assurance that grant funds were used as intended?

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## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Ms Pastoor moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

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

Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

#### **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)

#### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

- Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk

Dr. Brown, 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 10 (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul) —  
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 217/2006

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 21, 2006