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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, March 23, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker advised the Members of the Legislative Assembly that he had conveyed on their behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, sincere congratulations to Speaker P. Myron Kowalsky and the Members and staff of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the First Session of their First Legislature.

Our celebrations began on March 15, Saskatchewan's will begin on March 29, and we, of course, with Saskatchewan share more than just a common border, in fact we share the same humble beginnings. With the establishment of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories in 1888, together we began the quest for responsible government and autonomy within the Dominion of Canada. Attaining such provincial status was a struggle, but successfully we built two strong and independent provinces.

So as we look back over the last 100 years on your behalf we convey best wishes to the people of Saskatchewan and their institution of democracy.

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding initiatives taken to protect youth from illegal drugs.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the 2006 Battle of the Border X-Treme Women's Hockey Challenge held at the Three Hills Centennial Arena on March 22, 2006.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the benefits of living in Fort McMurray.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2006, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for a long-term plan to deal with increasing post-secondary tuition.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 142 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.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 56 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 11 Edmonton residents urging the Government to call a public inquiry into Enron's role in the development of electricity deregulation in Alberta and their market conduct in the Power Pool of Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 3, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13.

Motions for Returns: MR20, MR21, MR22.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight
- Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert
- Bill 211 Traffic Safety (Mandatory Motorcycle Training) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lindsay

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

- Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight
- Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Martha Cheney to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of a letter sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, asking several questions about the health care system

Sessional Paper 230/2006

E-mail message dated February 2, 2006, from Marlene Lecky Perron to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to paying for health care services

Sessional Paper 231/2006

E-mail message dated January 28, 2006, from John Stasiuk and family to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to paying for health care services and private health insurance

Sessional Paper 232/2006

E-mail message dated January 28, 2006, from Shawna Weiz to the Liberal Correspondence Branch stating her disapproval of responses to her letters and phone calls to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding health care reform

Sessional Paper 233/2006

E-mail message dated July 13, 2005, from Bob and Kathy Borreson to Al Failing expressing opposition to private health care and private health insurance

Sessional Paper 234/2006

2 e-mail messages, the first dated November 10, 2005, and the second dated November 4, 2005, both from Don Mayne of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's contract with Aon Consulting

Sessional Paper 235/2006

E-mail message dated February 8, 2006, from Bill Lundquist of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing opposition to private health care

Sessional Paper 236/2006

E-mail message dated November 4, 2005, from David Flower of St. Albert to Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing opposition to the Government's contract with a private health insurance company from the United States

Sessional Paper 237/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Jean Andrews and Rene Thibault to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, suggesting improvements to the health care system benefit all Canadians and not just the wealthy

Sessional Paper 238/2006

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

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 239/2006

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 240/2006

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

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 241/2006

3 letters dated March 15, 2006, from Patricia McEwen, Owner/Director, Patricia's Play Place Inc., to Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Primer Minister, and Rona Ambrose, Federal Minister of the Environment, expressing opposition to the Federal Government's intention to cancel the National Child Care Program

Sessional Paper 242/2006

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

12 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 243/2006

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

E-mail message dated March 9, 2006, from Alvin Finkel to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's health care reform

Sessional Paper 244/2006

Document, undated, entitled "Grant McLean vs the Government of Alberta" regarding a court action taken against the Government concerning Grant McLean's pension

Sessional Paper 245/2006

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development,, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2004-2005 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 246/2006

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), 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. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 3 to 6, 2006:

Monday, April 3	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 16
		Second Reading
		Bill 15, 20, 23, 26
		And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, April 4	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Legislative Assembly Estimates Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24) Seniors and Community Supports (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24) Energy And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 5	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24) Infrastructure and Transportation (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24) Executive Council And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 6	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24) Human Resources and Employment (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act
- 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006
- 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006
- 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006
- 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006
- 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Mr. Magnus

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus

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

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

Bill 20 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Lund 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 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 21 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act — Mr. Lougheed

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 12 agreed to on March 20, 2006, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, April 3, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 23, 2006