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FROM APRIL 9, 2001 TO NOVEMBER 29, 2001  
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SOVEREIGN LADY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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Monday, April 9, 2001

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, Lieutenant Governor, dated the twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand one;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS E. HOLE,  
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

Paul Bourque,  
Deputy Minister of Justice and  
Deputy Attorney General

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on MONDAY, the ninth day of April 2001, at the hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE LOIS E. HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this Twenty-first day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand One and in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK  
Provincial Secretary.

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The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor and having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

### **Statement by the Provincial Secretary**

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Hancock, then said:

Honourable Members, I am commanded by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that she does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.

She therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent hour tomorrow, to declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature.

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

## **Election of Speaker**

The Clerk advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Speaker:

Mr. Kowalski, nominated by Ms Haley

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared Mr. Kowalski as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 25th Legislature.

## **Speaker's Address to the Assembly**

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech:

Honourable Members, let me at the outset say thank you very, very much very humbly. I know that the tradition of the Speaker dates back to 1381 in the British parliamentary form of governance. This Assembly is the continuation of that, and what we do here is important. This is democracy. This is the highest court in the Province of Alberta. This is a place of dignity. This is a place of decorum. This is a place where honourable men and women come together and debate policies and exchange their views on issues. It is a place that can bring great pride to all of the citizens of Alberta and will continue to bring great pride to all of the citizens of Alberta.

You honour me today with the greatest of honours, and I thank you very, very humbly. And to the Honourable Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, thank you so much for the very kind words. They're very much appreciated.

Honourable Members, I'm very, very proud to be among you. I'm very, very proud to be one of you. I will not let you down. Thank you very much.

The Speaker then took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table. The Speaker delivered the prayer.

Let us pray. Dear God, author of all wisdom, knowledge and understanding, we ask thy guidance in order that truth and justice may prevail in all our judgments. Amen.

## **Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees**

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

Mr. Tannas, nominated by Mrs. O'Neill

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mr. Tannas as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 25th Legislature.

### **Election of Deputy Chair of Committees**

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mr. Shariff, nominated by Mr. Amery

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mr. Shariff as Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 25th Legislature.

### **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned at 1:55 p.m. until Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 10, 2001

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

While awaiting the arrival of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker spoke about the backgrounds of the 83 Members of the 25th Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

### **Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor**

Then the Speaker said:

May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duties to their Queen and Province, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable construction.

## **Statement by the Provincial Secretary**

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Hancock, then said:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of this Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temperance, and prudence, she grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow the Assembly's constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour upon all suitable occasions and that all proceedings as well as your words and actions will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then read the following Speech from the Throne:

## **Speech From the Throne**

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and fellow Albertans:

Fellow Albertans, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the First Session of the 25th Alberta Legislature. Once again I have the privilege of delivering the Speech from the Throne.

Today begins a new legislative session with a new group of legislators who have been chosen by Albertans to represent them in this Chamber. Some are returning Members; others are new. All have been given a solemn responsibility and a duty to honour the trust that has been placed upon them.

As the business of this Assembly is conducted, I urge all Members to respect the charge that has been placed upon them, to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the importance of their undertaking, and to remember that they are here in service to the people of this province.

It was only two months ago that I laid out the Government's vision for Alberta's future. It was a vision of low taxes, no provincial debt, a strong economy, new jobs for our young people, sound infrastructure, good health care and education systems, stable agricultural communities, safe streets, and reliable social programs.

During the course of the provincial election campaign, Albertans learned more about that vision and the Government's plan to achieve it. They talked about it with others, they thought about it, and on March 12 they endorsed it with their votes.

That plan still stands. I'm not going to repeat it today because Albertans already know what the plan is. It's the plan they voted for, and it's the plan the Government will now carry out, aided by a new configuration of ministries to address priority areas. Today this Assembly begins the work of making that vision a reality.

### **A Strong Economy**

That work begins with maintaining and building on a strong economic base. This Government recognizes that a strong economy is not an end in itself. Rather it is a means to achieve the things that matter most to Albertans. A growing and diversified economy supports investments to make our health and education systems the best they can be. It creates good jobs that allow people to provide for their families. It sustains the arts and cultural communities that add so much to our quality of life.

A strong economy begins with a solid fiscal plan. The Government pledges that it will stay the course of its fiscal plan, a plan that brought Alberta away from deficit and debt and into the security and prosperity the Province now enjoys. It's a plan to keep taxes the lowest in Canada, ensure that spending is responsible and affordable, and eliminate the debt. It's a plan that will give Alberta's children a gift we all hope to be able to bestow: a future with limitless possibilities.

A foundation of Alberta's economy will continue to be its modern transportation infrastructure. The Government will make strategic investments to improve the safety and efficiency of Alberta's roads and highways. This year an additional 35 kilometres of the north/south trade corridor will be twinned, bringing the total number of twinned kilometres to 860 of the 1,200 that will in time make up the corridor. When completed in 2007, the corridor will link Alberta to a continental trade and tourism route through the western United States and Mexico.

The Government will continue to provide business and investment programs, especially in conjunction with the 2001 World Championships in Athletics. These programs will focus on the strategic benefits of investing in Alberta and demonstrate the Province's diverse and world-class energy, petrochemical, forest and building products, agriculture and food, tourism, and information and communications technology sectors.

Alberta benefits tremendously from its participation in a free energy market. At the same time, the Government will take steps to ensure a reliable, ample, and affordable energy supply within the Province. Legislation will be introduced this session to put into law a commitment to help protect Albertans from high natural gas prices. This Bill will ensure that Alberta consumers have a competitive natural gas service that maintains the Alberta advantage.

The Government will work to reduce and stabilize electricity prices by streamlining the approval process to bring new generation projects on stream. The Government will continue to address electricity price concerns and other consumer issues with the advice of the newly created Government Advisory Council on Electricity.

**Stable Agricultural Communities**

Maintaining the viability of farms and rural communities continues to be a priority for this Government. Recent events like outbreaks of disease and severe weather serve as reminders that safe, affordable food production cannot be taken for granted. Efforts to develop a long-term strategy for the health, sustainability, and growth of Alberta's agriculture industry will be accelerated based on the insights of Ag Summit 2000. Key among those efforts will be the introduction of a new policy dealing with intensive livestock operations and a renewal of efforts to provide Alberta farmers with marketing choice for their wheat and barley. The Government stands by its commitment to support Alberta farmers in times of need.

**A Clean Environment**

Albertans recognize that a high quality of life also depends on a healthy environment. Our Province is blessed with clear air, clean water, and a breathtaking landscape that supports a rich abundance of plants and wildlife. The Government of Alberta will strengthen its reputation as a leader in environmental issues with a number of new initiatives to enhance environmental stewardship and ensure that economic growth is responsible and sustainable.

**A Responsive Health Care System**

As important as a clean environment in maintaining human health is a responsive health care system. Albertans are strongly committed to the publicly funded health care system, and the Government of Alberta shares this commitment. The Government's priorities for health care in the next year will focus on access to health services, illness prevention, and effective regional governance. The Government will provide Albertans with a stronger voice in health system management. This fall Albertans will elect two-thirds of the board members of the 17 regional health authorities.

**A Lifelong Learning System**

Like health care, education continues to be a top priority of this Government. Albertans need and deserve a lifelong learning system that provides the best possible start in the early grades, an accessible post-secondary system, and opportunities for job training and retraining throughout one's career.

The Government will increase funding to school boards to help improve student learning. Boards may use these dollars to reduce class sizes, enhance literacy programs, or introduce other initiatives so that learning, particularly at the earliest grade levels, can be enhanced. There will also be more dollars for teacher salaries to ensure that Alberta can continue to attract and retain Canada's best teachers. Work will continue on the Government's \$1 billion, three-year commitment to build new schools and modernize existing ones so our students have a safe, healthy environment in which to learn.

Supports for post-secondary students will be augmented. The number of Heritage scholarships will be increased to meet the demand, athletic scholarships will be boosted, the Jason Lang scholarship will be expanded to students in their third and fourth years, and a new scholarship will be introduced for graduate students. Automatic student loan forgiveness and a more user-focused student finance system will also be introduced to make the post-secondary learning system more affordable.

### **Safe, Strong Communities**

Another priority of the Government will be to make Alberta communities as safe, strong, and self-reliant as they can be. The fight against crime remains a top priority for this Government. This year community groups will receive more than \$550,000 in grants for crime prevention initiatives. The Victims of Crime Act will be amended to better support and serve victims of crime by ensuring equitable award decisions and simplifying the appeal process.

Albertans value a caring society where children, seniors, and others who are vulnerable receive the support they need. The Government is committed to providing this support, beginning with giving children a strong start in life, particularly those that are most at risk. This year a new pilot program will be implemented in which mobile community teams respond to crisis situations involving children, youth, and families in government care or at risk of coming into care. Another new program will be introduced to provide mentoring to youth leaving child welfare to ease their transition to adulthood.

Support for low-income Albertans will continue to be provided. The Government will review income support programs to determine whether they continue to meet clients' needs.

Arts and culture play a vital role in sustaining the high quality of life Albertans enjoy. Recognizing this, the Government will extend the Alberta film development grant program to encourage the continued development of film arts in the Province.

### **A Pledge**

The Government's plan for Alberta's future reflects the values of Albertans themselves, values of community and family, hard work and caring for others, creativity, confidence and innovation, and excellence in all endeavours. These are the values that have guided Albertans throughout the Province's history, and they are the values that will continue to guide this Government. These values will shape Alberta's future, beginning with a Future Summit being held this fall where Albertans will help chart a course for the Province's debt-free future. The summit will give all Albertans a voice in crafting the vision that will carry this Province forward into the future.

The Government will ask the Alberta Economic Development Authority to work with the Ministers of Economic Development, Finance, and Revenue to plan and facilitate this event. The Community Development Minister will also be part of the leadership team in recognition of the fact that the opportunities created by freedom from debt are not only about simple economics. Rather they are about quality of life. They are about the kind of province we want to live in and the kind of province we want for our children and grandchildren.

It is to our children and grandchildren that the Government pledges to honour the trust that has been placed in it by Albertans. It will stay the course of debt reduction, fiscal accountability, and continued tax reform. It vows to build an Alberta that provides opportunities for all citizens to share in the Province's prosperity and optimism, opportunities that will become limitless once the Province becomes free of debt. This goal, once only a tiny pinpoint of light far in the distance, is now firmly in view thanks to the sacrifice and hard work of all Albertans.

It promises to maintain a strong economy and stable agricultural communities, foster science and research, keep our environment clean, support excellent health and education systems that meet all Albertans' needs, and help build caring, safe, strong communities.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and God bless you all. God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Natural Gas Price Protection Act." Hon. Mr. Klein accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

### **Tabling Documents**

The Speaker informed the Assembly he had obtained a copy of the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2001

### **Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected**

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, a report containing the results of the General Election conducted on the twelfth day of March, 2001, which states that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions and the said report further shows that the following Members were duly elected:

Airdrie-Rocky View	Carol Haley
Athabasca-Wabasca	Mike Cardinal
Banff-Cochrane	Janis Tarchuk
Barrhead-Westlock	Ken Kowalski
Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Denis Ducharme
Calgary-Bow	Alana DeLong
Calgary-Buffalo	Harvey Cenaiko
Calgary-Cross	Yvonne Fritz
Calgary-Currie	Jon Lord
Calgary-East	Moe Amery
Calgary-Egmont	Denis Herard
Calgary-Elbow	Ralph Klein
Calgary-Fish Creek	Heather Forsyth
Calgary-Foothills	Pat Nelson
Calgary-Fort	Wayne Cao
Calgary-Glenmore	Ron Stevens
Calgary-Lougheed	Marlene Graham
Calgary-McCall	Shiraz Shariff
Calgary-Montrose	Hung Pham
Calgary-Mountain View	Mark Hlady
Calgary-North Hill	Richard Magnus
Calgary-North West	Greg Melchin
Calgary-Nose Creek	Gary Mar
Calgary-Shaw	Cindy Ady
Calgary-Varsity	Murray Smith
Calgary-West	Karen Kryczka
Cardston-Taber-Warner	Broyce Jacobs
Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	Rob Lougheed
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Lorne Taylor
Drayton Valley-Calmar	Tony Abbott
Drumheller-Chinook	Shirley McClellan
Dunvegan	Hector Goudreau
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Julius Yankowsky
Edmonton-Calder	Brent Rathgeber

Edmonton-Castle Downs	Thomas Lukaszuk
Edmonton-Centre	Laurie Blakeman
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Debby Carlson
Edmonton-Glengarry	Bill Bonner
Edmonton-Glenora	Drew Hutton
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Hugh MacDonald
Edmonton-Highlands	Brian Mason
Edmonton-Manning	Tony Vandermeer
Edmonton-McClung	Mark Norris
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Bob Maskell
Edmonton-Mill Creek	Gene Zwozdesky
Edmonton-Mill Woods	Don Massey
Edmonton-Norwood	Gary Masyk
Edmonton-Riverview	Kevin Taft
Edmonton-Rutherford	Ian McClelland
Edmonton-Strathcona	Raj Pannu
Edmonton-Whitemud	David Hancock
Fort McMurray	Guy Boutilier
Grande Prairie-Smoky	Mel Knight
Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Gordon Graydon
Highwood	Don Tannas
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Luke Ouellette
Lac La Biche-St. Paul	Ray Danyluk
Lacombe-Stettler	Judy Gordon
Leduc	Albert Klapstein
Lesser Slave Lake	Pearl Calahasen
Lethbridge-East	Ken Nicol
Lethbridge-West	Clint Dunford
Little Bow	Barry McFarland
Livingstone-Macleod	David Coutts
Medicine Hat	Rob Renner
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Richard Marz
Peace River	Gary Friedel
Ponoka-Rimbey	Halvar Jonson

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Red Deer-North	Mary Anne Jablonski
Red Deer-South	Victor Doerksen
Redwater	Dave Broda
Rocky Mountain House	Ty Lund
St. Albert	Mary O'Neill
Sherwood Park	Iris Evans
Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	Doug Horner
Stony Plain	Stan Woloshyn
Strathmore-Brooks	Lyle Oberg
Vegreville-Viking	Ed Stelmach
Vermilion-Lloydminster	Lloyd Snelgrove
Wainwright	Robert (Butch) Fischer
West Yellowhead	Ivan Strang
Wetaskiwin-Camrose	LeRoy Johnson
Whitecourt-St. Anne	George VanderBurg

### Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Wednesday, April 11, 2001.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

It was resolved that the Votes and Proceedings of this Assembly be printed, after first having been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

It was resolved that the Select Standing Committees for the present Session of the Legislative Assembly be appointed for the following purposes:

- (1) The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund,
- (2) Law and Regulations,
- (3) Legislative Offices,
- (4) Private Bills,
- (5) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing,
- (6) Public Accounts, and
- (7) Public Affairs

and, in addition thereto, there be appointed for the duration of the present Legislature, a Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

Hon. Mr. Hancock requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 49(1) and (3).

Hon. Mr. Hancock requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a).

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's seven Select Standing and one Special Standing Committees:

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND (9 Members)

Hutton (Chair)	Carlson	Lougheed
Magnus (Deputy Chair)	Fischer	Marz
Bonner	Knight	VanderBurg

LAW AND REGULATIONS (21 Members)

Friedel (Chair)	DeLong	Mason
Herard (Deputy Chair)	Gordon	Masyk
Abbott	Horner	Rathgeber
Ady	Klapstein	Renner
Bonner	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	MacDonald	Vandermeer
Danyluk	Maskell	Yankowsky

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (9 Members)

Tarchuk (Chair)	Friedel	Hlady
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	O'Neill
Blakeman	Graham	Tannas

## PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Graham (Chair)	Lord	Pannu
Kryczka (Deputy Chair)	Magnus	Pham
Bonner	Maskell	Rathgeber
Goudreau	Massey	Snelgrove
Graydon	McClelland	VanderBurg
Jacobs	McFarland	Vandermeer
Johnson	Ouellette	Yankowsky

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS, STANDING ORDERS AND PRINTING  
(21 Members)

Klapstein (Chair)	Fischer	Lougheed
Johnson (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Lukaszuk
Abbott	Graydon	MacDonald
Amery	Hlady	Masyk
Cao	Jacobs	McClelland
Carlson	Knight	Pannu
Danyluk	Lord	Zwozdesky

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

MacDonald (Chair)	Cenaiko	Marz
Shariff (Deputy Chair)	DeLong	Mason
Ady	Goudreau	Ouellette
Blakeman	Hutton	Taft
Broda	Jablonski	Tarchuk
Cao	Lukaszuk	

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

Strang (Chair)	Pham (Deputy Chair)
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## MEMBERS' SERVICES (11 Members)

Kowalski (Chair)	Ducharme	Massey
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Horner	McFarland
Bonner	Jablonski	Woloshyn
Broda	Mason	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2001

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:48 p.m. until Wednesday, April 11, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 11, 2001

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. William Kenneth Ure, Member for Red Deer, 1959 to 1971, who passed away on February 4, 2001.

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 125 Edmonton and Sherwood Park residents regarding the implementation of a rent control system.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 25 Lacombe and Stettler residents regarding the payment of Stockwell Day's legal costs by the Government.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 36 Edmonton, Red Deer and Edson residents regarding the payment of Stockwell Day's legal costs by the Government.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 150 Albertans regarding funding for women's shelters and transition houses.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Public Highways Development Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Tannas

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. O'Neill

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated March 29, 2001, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing Edmonton City Council's support and endorsement for the Alberta Open Space Program as proposed by His Worship Mayor Al Duerr, City of Calgary

Sessional Paper 3/2001

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

Reader's Digest article dated 1987, entitled "A Loving Principal" regarding Alex Taylor Community School, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 4/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Petition signed by 295 Calgary residents expressing opposition to the closure of Glenmeadows Elementary School in Calgary

Sessional Paper 5/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Pamphlet entitled "Family Violence. You can stop it. We may be able to help." prepared by the Protection and Restraining Order Project (PROP)

Sessional Paper 6/2001

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

Press release dated December 15, 1992, entitled "Klein Announces Reduced Cabinet" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 7/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter, undated, from Ron Tyler of Didsbury to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 8/2001

Red Deer Advocate article dated February 16, 2001, entitled "You Can Help Save Bighorn Wildlife Park" sent to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, from Dorothy Cornery of Red Deer

Sessional Paper 9/2001

Letter dated March 20, 2001, from Keith Brown of High River to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to further oil development in the Bighorn Wildland Park

Sessional Paper 10/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated April 4, 2001, from Therese Carignan of Bellevue to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to a coal generator being located in the Crowsnest Pass

Sessional Paper 11/2001

E-mail message dated April 4, 2001, from Dorothy Dickson of Innisfail to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to proposed development near Waterton Lakes National Park

Sessional Paper 12/2001

Letter dated February 6, 2001, from Chris and Betty Harvey of Blutton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 13/2001

Letter dated February 17, 2001, from Kevin Lingrell of Fort Saskatchewan to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 14/2001

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

News release dated April 11, 2001, entitled "TransCanada Continues to Build Power Business - Company to Develop Fifth Alberta Power Plant" prepared by TransCanada

Sessional Paper 15/2001

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

House Leader Agreement for the 25th Legislature signed by the House Leader of the Government of Alberta, the House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and the House Leader of the Third Party New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 16/2001

Revised Members' Services Committees Orders No. 1/00 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 6), No. 2/00 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 7), and No. 3/00 Administrative and Constituency Services, Amendment Order (No. 1)

Sessional Paper 17/2001

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Financial Statements as at  
March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 18/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election  
Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s3(2):

Chief Electoral Officer, 23rd Annual Report for the calendar year 1999

Sessional Paper 19/2001

### **Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period, Members' Statements and Recognitions**

There are a few matters that the Chair would like to address before we progress in the  
Daily Routine to the first Oral Question Period of the 25th Legislature of the Province  
of Alberta.

From the tablings today, Honourable Members are aware that there was an agreement  
reached Tuesday, April 10, 2001, among House Leaders concerning certain changes  
as to how the Assembly will conduct certain aspects of its business. In the Chair's  
view it is a very, very positive step when Members can agree on how they will conduct  
the people's business. That is why the Chair was pleased to acknowledge the  
Agreement. However, Honourable Members, while the words are important, this  
Agreement, like most things in the Assembly, relies on the goodwill of Members to  
succeed.

The scope of the Agreement will necessitate some changes to the Standing Orders of  
the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Some will be temporary. A motion to give effect  
to the changes agreed to by House Leaders is required. The wording of the actual  
motion will be reviewed by the House Leaders and the Speaker before it is introduced  
in the Assembly. Some changes concerning Recognitions, the number of Members'  
Statements, and the singing of O Canada may be the subject of a certain request today  
so that the changes will be in force for the brief period before the motion to amend the  
Standing Orders is before the Assembly.

There were a few issues that House Leaders were unable to agree upon which must be  
addressed by the Chair. One of these issues is the rotation of questions during Question  
Period. This aspect of our daily proceedings is fundamentally important to this  
Legislative Assembly. The book House of Commons Procedure and Practice states at  
page 415:

“The right to seek information from the Ministry of the day and the right to hold the Ministry accountable are recognized as two of the fundamental principles of parliamentary government. Members exercise these rights principally by asking questions in the House. The importance of questions within the parliamentary system cannot be overemphasized, and the search for or clarification of information through questioning is a vital aspect of the duties undertaken by individual Members.”

Members will note that our Standing Orders are silent on the conduct of Question Period. They only say that it shall be in the Daily Routine and be 50 minutes long. It is now established practice in this Assembly that each Member asking a question is entitled to a main question which may have a brief preamble and two supplementary questions which must not have a preamble. This practice will continue for the 25th Legislature.

The Chair has reviewed the practices in every jurisdiction in Canada. Question Periods vary in length from 15 minutes to one hour. There is no consistent practice or rotation across jurisdictions. Not all Assemblies allow Members of the Government caucus to ask many, or in some cases, any questions. In Alberta, Members of the Government caucus are recognized out of respect for the contributions that can be made by individual Members, and, of course, their numbers.

In Alberta, the Official Opposition has been entitled to ask the first three main questions since 1993. The Chair sees no reason to depart from this practice. The Third Party, which is two seats short of having official party status under the Legislative Assembly Act, will continue to be entitled to the fourth question each day. A Private Member from the Government caucus will be entitled to the fifth question. The Official Opposition will be recognized for the 6th, 8th and 10th question and Government Members for the 7th and 9th question.

In recognition of the results of the last election, the Third Party New Democrats will be entitled to the 11th question each day. A Member from the Government side will be entitled to the 12th. The Official Opposition will have the 13th question. If time permits, the 14th and subsequent questions would go to Government Members.

The practice of caucuses submitting lists to the Speaker's Office by 1 o'clock of those Members wishing to ask questions that day will continue. In accordance with traditions of the Assembly, the Speaker will ultimately retain discretion when it comes to recognizing Members during Question Period.

The Chair wishes to remind all Honourable Members that brevity in questions and answers is of fundamental importance. Although there is no time limit in this Assembly for questions and answers, the Chair notes that the House of Commons imposes a time limit of 35 seconds for each question and answer.

The Chair will continue to apply the rules of decorum that are expected by the citizens of this Province who have honoured Members by electing them to this Legislative Assembly.

On Members' Statements, the House Leaders' Agreement will increase the number from three to four when this item is called on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Three Members from the Government side will be entitled to make statements on Tuesday and two on Thursdays. The combined Opposition will be entitled to one Members' Statement on Tuesday and two on Thursday. As the decision on the distribution of these Members' Statements between the Opposition is undecided, the Chair rules that they will be distributed in accordance with the respective sizes of the two Opposition caucuses. For every seven Statements by Members of the Official Opposition, the Third Party will have two. In practice, after four Members' Statements by Official Opposition Members, the Third Party will be entitled to one statement and, after the next three statements by Members of the Official Opposition, the Third Party will be entitled to another one. Effective tomorrow, April 12, 2001, Government Members will have 2 Members' Statements and the Official Opposition two.

The same formula will apply to Recognitions. Members of the Government caucus will be entitled to five Recognitions on Mondays and Wednesdays with the Opposition being entitled to two Recognitions. After Official Opposition Members have had four Recognitions, the Third Party will have one, then after the next three by the Official Opposition, the Third Party will have another one.

In the event these allocations are not being utilized, the Chair will use its discretion to ensure this important chance for Members to address the Assembly is not foreclosed.

As events unfold during the life of the 25th Legislature, the Chair may have to revisit the arrangements that are the subject of this statement.

### **Unanimous Consent Request by Deputy Government House Leader**

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Recognitions to proceed today and the next sitting Monday; to increase the number of Members' Statements to four; and to allow for the singing of the National Anthem on the first sitting day of each week, as identified in the House Leader Agreement, until the Standing Orders are changed.

### **Recognitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Dr. John Paterson, University of Alberta professor, given the distinguished educator award by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Edmonton artist Alice Tyler, who passed away on February 5, 2001

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Junior boys and girls curling teams from Grimshaw and Peace River, on winning the Alberta Provincial Junior Championships, March 9-11, 2001, and the Western Canadian Junior Championships, March 29-April 1, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: First anniversary of the incorporation of the Protection and Restraining Order Project as a society

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont: Heebee-Jeebees group of Calgary on winning the Contemporary A Cappella Society awards for best comedy album and best comedy song

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Opening of new science lab at Britannia Junior High School

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions and Motions for Returns**

The Speaker advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), Written Questions and Motions for Returns would normally be addressed at this time, however, these items could not be dealt with today as they had not met the notice requirement of Standing Order 38.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Second Reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 201 Public Highways Development Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Tannas

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 201 Public Highways Development Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Tannas

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Abbott	Coutts	Shariff
Bonner	MacDonald	Taft
Cao	Mason	Tannas
Carlson	Nicol	Woloshyn

Against the motion: 45

Ady	Hlady	McFarland
Broda	Horner	Melchin
Cenaiko	Hutton	Norris
Danyluk	Jablonski	O'Neill
DeLong	Jacobs	Ouellette
Doerksen	Jonson	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Knight	Renner
Dunford	Lord	Smith
Forsyth	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Friedel	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Goudreau	Marz	Strang
Graydon	Maskell	Tarchuk
Haley	Masyk	Taylor
Hancock	McClellan	VanderBurg
Herard	McClelland	Vandermeer

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Second Reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. O'Neill

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. O'Neill

During Second Reading of Bill 202, Mrs. O'Neill tabled the following:

Letter dated February 17, 2000, from Christopher McDonald of Spruce Grove to  
Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing support for Bill 202,  
Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001  
Sessional Paper 20/2001

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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## **Government Motions**

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 12, 2001, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned for three sitting days until Monday, April 23, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Thursday, April 12, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 12, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 99 Edmonton residents regarding the implementation of a rent control system.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 24 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 45 Albertans regarding the payment of Stockwell Day's legal costs by the Government.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 485 Albertans regarding funding for women's shelters and transition houses.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to determine legally whether taxpayers must pay for Stockwell Day's legal bills.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus

Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

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

Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child Welfare Act, cC-8.1, s2.1(3.1):

Children's Advocate, Annual Report 1998-1999  
Sessional Paper 21/2001

Children's Advocate, 1999-2000 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 22/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

Chinook Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 23/2001

Palliser Health Authority, 1999/00 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 24/2001

Headwaters Health Authority, 1999-2000 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 25/2001

Calgary Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 99/00  
Sessional Paper 26/2001

Health Authority 5, Annual Report for 1999  
Sessional Paper 27/2001

David Thompson Health Region, April 1999 - March 2000 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 28/2001

East Central Health, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 29/2001

WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 30/2001

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 31/2001

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 32/2001

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 33/2001

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 34/2001

Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 1999 to 2000  
Sessional Paper 35/2001

Peace Health Region, 1999-2000 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 36/2001

Keeweenaw Lakes Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1999/2000  
Sessional Paper 37/2001

Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 1999/00  
Sessional Paper 38/2001

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 39/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 1999/2000  
Sessional Paper 40/2001

Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 41/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report  
1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 42/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 43/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-14.5, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, 1998-1999 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 44/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, cD-9.5, s6(4):

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1999  
Sessional Paper 45/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4):

College of Physical Therapists, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 46/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated February 12, 2001, from Susan Horner of Manning to Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, expressing concern regarding large class size due to the under-funding of public education

Sessional Paper 47/2001

Letter dated February 22, 2001, from Kim Lambert of Manning to Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, expressing concern regarding large class size due to the under-funding of public education

Sessional Paper 48/2001

Excerpts from California statutes regarding class size reduction

Sessional Paper 49/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 29, 2001, from Dr. Mary McDonald, President, Alberta Choral Federation, unaddressed, regarding budget cuts to the Music Alberta Board

Sessional Paper 50/2001

Copy of an EPCOR utility bill for an Edmonton condominium building in the amount of \$34,311.65

Sessional Paper 51/2001

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

Memorandum dated March 19, 2001, from Dr. Dale Ripley, Superintendent, Edmonton Catholic Schools, to St. Michael and Sacred Heart School Communities regarding the review process for closing St. Michael and Sacred Heart Schools

Sessional Paper 52/2001

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day, April 19, 2001.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

At the request of the Speaker, the Members stood and observed a moment of silence in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day, April 19, 2001.

### Members' Statements

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Regional Science Fair held April 7 and 8, 2001.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding class sizes and the study on class sizes recently released by the Minister of Learning.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Seniors Advisory Council of Alberta.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding economic policy as it relates to the environment.

### Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 23 to April 26, 2001:

Monday, April 23	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 1, 2 <b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 2 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 2 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 24	(4:30)	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Budget Address</b> And as per the Order Paper

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Government Motions**  
Official and Third Party  
Opposition response to Budget  
(optional)  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 3, 4  
**Address in Reply to the Speech  
From the Throne** (Day 3 of 10)  
And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 25 Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**  
Interim Supply Bill  
**Tabling Returns and Reports**  
Supply Calendar of Appearances,  
April/May, per House Leader  
Agreement
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Government Motions**  
Official and Third Party  
Opposition response to Budget  
(alternate day)  
**Committee of Supply**  
(Day 1 of 1)  
**Revert to Introduction of Bills**  
Supplementary Supply Bill  
And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, April 26 Aft. **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
Supplementary and Interim  
Supply  
**Address in Reply to the Speech  
From the Throne** (Day 5 of 10)  
And as per the Order Paper

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 1)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Motion No. 5 agreed to by the Assembly on April 11, 2001, and on motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Monday, April 23, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 23, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 5,459 Calgary and area residents regarding the preservation of the Paskapoo slopes from housing development.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 21 Edmonton residents requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 28 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

## Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to determine legally whether taxpayers must pay for Stockwell Day's legal bills.

## Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to seek the Assembly's unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) in order to move Government Motion 14 at the appropriate time after the Daily Routine.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-5.1, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 1999-2000  
Sessional Paper 53/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Document, undated, entitled "Alberta Universities Animal Welfare Inspection Visits in Year 2000"

Sessional Paper 54/2001

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 55/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 23, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Krishan C. Joshee, C.M., Chairman, Wild Rose Foundation, expressing appreciation to the Wild Rose Foundation Board and its staff for their hard work and commitment to Alberta's volunteer sector

Sessional Paper 56/2001

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 57/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Heather Tarkowski of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park  
Sessional Paper 58/2001

Letter, undated, from Carrie Trueman of Drayton Valley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park  
Sessional Paper 59/2001

Letter dated February 19, 2001, from Linda Lachance of Condor, with an attached letter from Mrs. Lachance's grandchildren to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding industrial activity in the Bighorn area  
Sessional Paper 60/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 1, 2001, from Gabe Viveiros, Chairman, Integra Board of Directors, to the Board of Trustees, Edmonton Public Schools, expressing their support for keeping John A. McDougall school open as an elementary/junior high school  
Sessional Paper 61/2001

Letter dated January 2, 2001, from the Elder Advocates of Alberta to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, requesting the consideration of several amendments to the Protection for Persons in Care Act and the Dependent Adults Act  
Sessional Paper 62/2001

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

Edmonton Journal article dated March 31, 2001, entitled "Inland applauds fuel ruling" regarding Inland Cement's proposed conversion from burning natural gas to burning coal  
Sessional Paper 63/2001

4 letters from Marlene Nelson, Principal, École Banff Trail School, Calgary; Reva Love, Principal, Colonel Walker School, Calgary; Terri Franks, Principal, Rosemont School, Calgary; Jan Reichert, Principal, Colonel MacLeod School, Calgary, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and 1 letter from Lise Mayne, Principal, École King George School, Calgary, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, all expressing concerns regarding the teaching and learning conditions associated with large classes in elementary schools  
Sessional Paper 64/2001

## Recognitions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Dr. Joseph Shoctor, C.M., Q.C., who passed away on April 19, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Volunteer Week, April 22-28, 2001, and the United Nations Year of Volunteers

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 22-28, 2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Canada Book Day, April 23, 2001, and the book "Clear Answers: the Economics and Politics of For-Profit Medicine" written by Dr. Kevin Taft and Gillian Stewart

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: National Volunteer Week, April 22-28, 2001, Volunteer Alberta, and the Wild Rose Foundation

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: 60th anniversary of Canada's Air Cadet Program

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) in order to move Government Motion 14 outlining the proposed amendments to Standing Orders.

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Be it resolved that to give effect to the April 10, 2001 House Leaders' Agreement, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended as follows:

**1(1) Standing Order 7 is amended**

**(a) in suborder (1)**

**(i) by adding "O Canada (First sitting day of each week)" on the line preceding "Introduction of Visitors",**

**(ii) by adding "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)" on the line following "Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes";**

**(b) in suborder (4) by striking out "three" and substituting "four";**

**(c) by adding the following after suborder (5):**

**(6) When Recognitions are called on Mondays and Wednesdays, up to seven members other than members of Executive Council may make a one-minute statement of congratulations or recognition, which is not debatable,**

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- (2) **Standing Order 49(2)(g) is amended by striking out “nine” and substituting “eleven”.**
- (3) **Standing Order 80 is amended by adding “directly” before “prays”.**
- (4) **Standing Order 83.1(2) is amended by adding “in order to be” before “read and received”.**
- (5) **Standing Order 114(2) is amended by striking out “February 14, 1995” and substituting “April 23, 2001”.**

And, in accordance with the April 10, 2001 House Leaders’ Agreement, be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments to the Standing Orders not be effective past the dissolution of the 25th Legislature:

- 2(1) Standing Order 56(2) - (8) shall be of no force or effect.**
  - (2) Standing Order 57(1) - (6) shall be of no force or effect.**
  - (3) Standing Order 58(4) shall be of no force or effect and the following is substituted:**
    - (4) The Official Opposition House Leader may, by giving written notice to the Clerk and the Government House Leader prior to 4:30 p.m. on the day following the Budget Address, designate five departments’ estimates to be considered by the committee.**
  - (4) Standing Order 58(7) shall be of no force or effect.**
- 3 The amendments to the Standing Orders in sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on Monday, April 23, 2001.**

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus

**Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 2)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:07 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 2)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:45 p.m. until Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 24, 2001

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 25, 2001:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Be it further resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Residential Care Housing Committee Act — Ms Kryczka

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Persons With Developmental Disabilities, 1999-2000 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 65/2001

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Letter dated April 24, 2001, from Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, setting out the departments designated by the Official Opposition for Committee of Supply consideration  
Sessional Paper 66/2001

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

Globe and Mail article dated April 24, 2001, entitled "A police state in the making" prepared by Sinclair Stevens, former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion  
Sessional Paper 67/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 9, 2001, from Simon Wroot, Chair of the Board, Alberta Craft Council, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, requesting that new funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts be made a top priority  
Sessional Paper 68/2001

Graph, undated, entitled "Income Tax Savings for Singles Under 65" prepared by Bill Daly

Sessional Paper 69/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

155 letters from Canadian residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Castle wilderness area as a wilderness park

Sessional Paper 70/2001

Letter dated March 9, 2001, from Nancy MacBeth, Leader, Alberta Liberal Party, to members and supporters of the Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition, regarding development in the Castle Crown wilderness area

Sessional Paper 71/2001

### **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, tabled the following:

Document dated April 24, 2001, setting out names and addresses of 22 electricity companies in Alberta available to sell electricity to all Alberta users

Sessional Paper 72/2001

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding his campaign workers in the recent provincial election.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Bruno Engler who recently passed away.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2001.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Kodiaks on winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League championship.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

At 3:29 p.m. the Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**501.** Moved by Mr. Johnson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make the learning of a second language a compulsory component of a high school diploma by the year 2006, and to increase the opportunities for Alberta students to participate in national and international student exchange programs with a second language component.

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Temporary Recess**

The Deputy Speaker recessed the Assembly at 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001 — 4:30 P.M.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

### **Budget Address**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (Members standing).

### **Government Motions**

**6.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Messages of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-2002 Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**7.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**8.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-2002 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**9.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2001-2002 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**10.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**11.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**12.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2000-01 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 73/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Fund Trust Act, cA-27.01, s15(2), s16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Third Quarter Update, 2000-01 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 74/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Activity Report, 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 75/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

2000-01 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2)

Sessional Paper 76/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG5-5, s3, s4:

2001-02 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates

Sessional Paper 77/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG5-5, s3, s4:

2001-02 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates

Sessional Paper 78/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

Government of Alberta Budget 2001 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 79/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

Government of Alberta Budget 2001 Business Plans

Sessional Paper 80/2001

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

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

Dr. Nicol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 3)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Mr. Vandermeer 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 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman 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 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

### **Government Motions**

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw the notice of motion provided earlier today (designated as Government Motion 16) and substitute it with the following notice of motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess each sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) to consider Government Motion 16.

**16.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess each sitting of the First Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 25, 2001

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

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

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

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Mr. Mason

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Committee of Supply Calendar for the 1st Session of the 25th Legislature, Spring 2001

Sessional Paper 81/2001

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Letter dated April 18, 2001, from the Society of Bowness Residents to Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, with an attached petition signed by 5,459 Calgary residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government of Alberta preserve the Paskapoo slopes from housing development, and also signed by 31 Calgary residents who were not in favour of the petition

Sessional Paper 82/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Don Wales to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding, and requesting the protection of, the Bighorn wildland recreation area

Sessional Paper 83/2001

Letter dated February 27, 2001, from Trish, Dwight, Lee, Brook, and Tatum Evans, all of Rocky Mountain House, unaddressed, with several attachments, expressing concerns regarding an excess release of hydrogen sulfate, sulfur dioxide, and other hydrocarbons at Keyspan Energy

Sessional Paper 84/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 11, 2001, from Brian Blair of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding Government refunds for MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) obtained in private clinics, and increased funding for schools

Sessional Paper 85/2001

E-mail message dated April 15, 2001, from Linda Pushor, Sales Representative, Excel Communications, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 1, Natural Gas Price Protection Act, and to subsidies to the energy industry, and expressing concerns regarding business and personal tax revenues

Sessional Paper 86/2001

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

Program from the Ottewell Community Patrol Program Open House held on April 24, 2001

Sessional Paper 87/2001

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

Letter dated April 18, 2001, from the Society of Bowness Residents to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding the Society of Bowness Residents petition requesting the Government of Alberta preserve the Paskapoo slopes from housing development

Sessional Paper 88/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the Kid's Kottage Foundation 6th Annual Breakfast with Premier Ralph Klein and Coleen Klein held on April 25, 2001

Sessional Paper 89/2001

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: 2001 Farm Family of the Year Award recipients Pat and Alice Smith of Bittern Lake

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Prairie region's Cadet Honour Band's Salute to Canada's Peacekeepers performance held at the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium on April 21, 2001

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Accomplishments of Eric Peterson who celebrated his 75th birthday on April 22, 2001

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Wentworth Manor seniors facility in Calgary and the grand opening of Wentworth Court on April 20, 2001

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: First sports and education dinner held at Portage College on April 21, 2001, attended by Walter Gretzky and Henry "Gizmo" Williams

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Kelsey MacMillan, Irma 4-H Club member for winning the provincial 4-H Public Speak-off on April 7, 2001, in Wetaskiwin

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Contributions of Ann Nikolai, former coordinator of the Beverly Towne Community Development Society, now employed with the Candora Society of Edmonton

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 203 Residential Care Housing Committee Act — Ms Kryczka

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Motions**

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following names be added to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Dr. Pannu

Dr. Taft

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Fritz reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Children's Services**

\$3,800,000 Operating Expense

**Infrastructure**

\$406,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Learning**

\$33,309,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:20 p.m. until Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 26, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 39 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

News release dated April 25, 2001, entitled "New Statistics Show Workplace Accident Rates Have Doubled in Past 10 Years" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 90/2001

Calendar of events for the Labour Arts Society May Week, April 27 - May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 91/2001

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

Letter dated April 20, 2001, from Craig Barnard, Vice President, Reader Sales and Service, National Post, to Karin Olson of Edmonton providing notice of an automatic monthly bank debit for a subscription to the National Post

Sessional Paper 92/2001

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

Report dated March 2001, entitled "A Smart Electricity Policy for Alberta" prepared by Andrew Pape-Salmon, P.Eng., MRM, for the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development

Sessional Paper 93/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 16, 2001, from Eduard Zambo, Happy Hunters Guiding and Outfitting, to Mr. Percy Wickman, former Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concerns regarding moose allocations in Alberta, with attached reply from Mr. Wickman to Mr. Zambo

Sessional Paper 94/2001

Report dated March 2001, entitled "A Smart Electricity Policy for Alberta" prepared by Andrew Pape-Salmon, P.Eng., MRM, for the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development

Sessional Paper 95/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) of Edmonton, 2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 96/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the Rosslyn Place Lodge Volunteer Appreciation event held April 25, 2001

Sessional Paper 97/2001

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

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Alberta, Financial Statements as at March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 98/2001

### **Speaker's Statement - Rules Governing the Admissibility of Questions During Question Period**

During the past few days, the Chair has had to intervene on a number of occasions in Oral Question Period because the nature of the question posed has either violated or come close to violating the rules of this Assembly. In these early days, the Chair would like to ensure the first session of the 25th Legislature begins on the right tone.

The Chair would like to highlight for all Members the following guidelines for Question Period (which are outlined in the House of Commons Procedure and Practice at pages 426-427):

A question should NOT:

1. be a statement, representation, argument or an expression of opinion;
2. be hypothetical;
3. seek an opinion, legal or otherwise; or
4. make a charge by way of a preamble to a question.

The Chair would also like to refer Members to Beauchesne's, paragraph 409(3), which states that a question must not suggest its own answer, be argumentative or make representations.

In recent days, there have been a number of questions which have been hypothetical. There have also been questions which have made charges based on legal interpretations. It is clear that questions which seek legal interpretations are not permitted. To use preambles and questions that contain legal interpretations which in some way require the rebuttal or confirmation of that legal interpretation are equally objectionable. In other words, Members cannot seek to do indirectly what is not permitted directly.

Once again, the Chair would caution Members in the way they frame their questions and would encourage Members to review my memorandum of April 11th and the guidelines for Oral Question Period outlined in the House of Commons Procedure and Practice at pages 424-431 and Beauchesne's paragraphs 407-414.

The Chair realizes that Question Period is the time that the Assembly receives most of its attention and this simply underlines the importance of Members observing the rules of this Assembly to ensure the dignity and respect of this institution are maintained.

### **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, tabled the following:

Report dated September 2000, entitled "Consumer Tips, Fair Trading Act: What's New" prepared by Alberta Government Services, Consumer Services Branch  
Sessional Paper 99/2001

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled the following:

News release dated March 29, 2001, entitled "Reduced rates for water pumping program" prepared by the Government of Alberta  
Sessional Paper 100/2001

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding Alberta's 2001 Excellence in Teaching Awards and the contributions of Alberta's teachers.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Alberta Council of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) and their concerns regarding the need to protect Canada's fresh water.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the need for a new consolidated courthouse in Calgary.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the 6th International Day of Mourning on April 28, 2001.

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 30 to May 3, 2001:

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| Monday, April 30 | Aft.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 3, 4, 7</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 1, 2</li> <li><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 6 of 10)</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul> |
|                  | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of Supply</b></li> <li>Main Estimates (Day 1 of 20)</li> <li>Sustainable Resource Development, Municipal Affairs</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday, May 1   | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 7 of 10)</li> <li>If any remaining speakers</li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>As per progress on Monday</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>           |
|                  | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of Supply</b></li> <li>Main Estimates (Day 2 of 20)</li> <li>Infrastructure, Transportation</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday, May 2 | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of Supply</b></li> <li>Main Estimates (Day 3 of 20)</li> <li>Health and Wellness (Designated)</li> </ul>   |

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2001

**Address in Reply to the Speech  
From the Throne** (Day 8 of 10)  
If any remaining speakers

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 3                      Aft.     -   **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of Supply**  
Main Estimates (Day 4 of 20)  
Learning (Designated)

**Committee of the Whole**  
Supplementary and Interim  
Supply  
Bill 5, 6

**Address in Reply to the Speech  
From the Throne** (Day 9 of 10)  
if any remaining speakers

And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 5)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, April 30, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 30, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001;

of the Royal Trust Corporation of Canada, for the Burns Memorial Trust Act;

of the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company, for the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act;

of ING Western Union Insurance Company, for the Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, presented a petition from 3,847 Albertans regarding the number of continuing care facility beds in the Rocky Mountain House area.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 92 Albertans regarding penalties for crimes committed with weapons, and court appearances for youth involved in these crimes.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 30, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Steve Penikett, Kenn Borek Air Ltd., offering congratulations for its successful mission to rescue Dr. Ronald Shemenski from Antarctica

Sessional Paper 101/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1999, with attached document entitled "Alberta Boilers Safety Association (ABSA) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 102/2001

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, with attached document entitled "Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 103/2001

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1999, with attached document entitled "Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta (PTMAA) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 104/2001

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 1999, with attached document entitled "Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization (APVAO) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 105/2001

Document, undated, entitled "Authorized Accredited Agency Annual Report Summary Statistics, April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999"

Sessional Paper 106/2001

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to questions asked by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Second Reading debate of Bill 3, Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 on April 24, 2001

Sessional Paper 107/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Report dated September 2000, entitled "Working Alone Safely" prepared by the Minister's Committee to Promote Health and Safety - Working Alone Best Practices and Human Resources and Employment, with attached copy of an advertisement placed in all daily and weekly newspapers in Alberta during the weeks of April 9 to 13, 2001, and April 28 to May 4, 2001, entitled "Working Alone Deadline for Employers was April 30, 2001"

Sessional Paper 108/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the St. Matthew School Open House and Family Wellness Symposium held on April 26, 2001

Sessional Paper 109/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 21, 2001, from Robert Christensen, Manager, Avenwood Corner apartments, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing a concern regarding electricity rates

Sessional Paper 110/2001

Letter dated March 29, 2001, from Gordon McIntosh, President, Condominium Advocate Association, to Mr. Rick Thrall, Deputy Program Coordinator, Alberta Infrastructure, commending the Government for revising the natural gas rebate, and expressing concerns regarding unfairness and inequities of power rate classifications and power rebates

Sessional Paper 111/2001

Letter dated April 5, 2001, from Gordon McIntosh, President, Condominium Advocate Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding unfairness and inequities of power rate classifications and power rebates

Sessional Paper 112/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 1, 2001, from Judy Bethel, President, Hostelling International - Northern Alberta, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding the impact of increasing energy costs on the programs and services provided by Hostelling International

Sessional Paper 113/2001

Letter dated January 12, 2001, from Dr. Tracey Henderson, Bow Valley Citizens for Clean Air, to Jillian Flett, Director of Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division, Alberta Environment, expressing concerns regarding the Exshaw Fuel Flexibility project proposed by Lafarge Canada Inc., and requesting that an environmental impact assessment be conducted by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 114/2001

Letter dated January 18, 2001, from Dr. Tracey Henderson, Bow Valley Citizens for Clean Air, to Jillian Flett, Director of Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division, Alberta Environment, clarifying the issues raised in Dr. Henderson's letter to Ms Flett dated January 12, 2001

Sessional Paper 115/2001

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

Program from the King's University College Graduation Convocation 2001

Sessional Paper 116/2001

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

Letter dated March 16, 2001, from Joanne Cuthbertson, from the SPEAK (Support Public Education - Act for Kids) Steering Committee, unaddressed, providing information regarding an attached report dated March 2001 entitled "SPEAK (Support Public Education - Act for Kids), Report to Calgary School Councils and the Calgary Community"

Sessional Paper 117/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2000 and 2000 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 118/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, 1999-2000 Annual Report for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 119/2001

**Recognitions**

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View: 13th annual Alberta Motion Picture Industry Awards held in Calgary on April 28, 2001

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Mr. Justice Michael O'Byrne who passed away on April 23, 2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Education Week, April 29-May 5, 2001, and the accomplishments of J. Percy Page High School

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Edmonton North District Area Council Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Night held at the Balwin Community Centre on April 21, 2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: St. Matthew Elementary School Open House and Family Wellness Symposium held on April 26, 2001

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Josephine Nena Timperley who passed away on April 21, 2001

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Leaders of Tomorrow Awards recently given to 27 young people from Wetaskiwin and the surrounding area

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

### **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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Legislative Assembly**

\$29,838,000	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expense
\$16,986,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$1,754,000	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$7,035,000	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$212,000	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$3,287,000	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expense

**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$197,134,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Municipal Affairs**

\$204,014,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Government Bills and Orders****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 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 1, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,087 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to ensure that maximum penalties are enforced for all crimes committed with weapons and that all youth involved in weapons related crimes be tried in adult courts.

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

Mr. Hutton, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund,  
April 2001, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 120/2001

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 2, 2001:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. Gordon

Bill 206 Regional Health Authorities Conflicts of Interest Act — Dr. Nicol

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

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Report entitled "Provincial Highway Construction and Rehabilitation, 2001/02-2003/04, North/South Trade Corridor, Construction of Public Roads and Bridges" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 121/2001

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:

MSAT (Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal) 2000 Annual Report, with attached brochure entitled "MSAT (Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal)" setting out the appeals process

Sessional Paper 122/2001

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Report entitled "Vital Statistics Annual Review 1999" prepared by Alberta Government Services

Sessional Paper 123/2001

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

The Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Edmonton-Highlands By-election held June 12, 2000 and the Red Deer-North By-election held September 25, 2000

Sessional Paper 124/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

List of Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA) 2001 award winners announced at the 27th Annual Alberta Film and Television Awards on April 28, 2001, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 125/2001

Letter dated May 1, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development and Deputy Government House Leader, to Dr. Horst Schmid, Flying Eagle Resources, congratulating Dr. Schmid on receiving the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association Friend of the Industry Award during the 27th Annual Alberta Film and Television Awards on April 28, 2001, in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 126/2001

Letter dated May 1, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development and Deputy Government House Leader, to Leon Lubin of Edmonton congratulating him on his recent retirement from the position of Executive Director of the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association  
Sessional Paper 127/2001

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

Letter dated April 19, 2001, from Merla Gibson, Issues Chair, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women), Alberta Council, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, forwarding an attached letter dated April 12, 2001, from Ms Gibson to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, expressing concerns regarding user fees in public libraries and urging the Government to increase funding to public libraries

Sessional Paper 128/2001

Web page report, undated, entitled "Canada in Motion" regarding orthopaedic care in Canada, prepared by the Canadian Orthopaedic Association and the Arthritis Society

Sessional Paper 129/2001

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

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Agreed Statement of Facts between Her Majesty The Queen and Ziad Jaber dated April 30, 2001

Sessional Paper 130/2001

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

Letter dated April 30, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated January 5, 2001, to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, former Minister of Government Services, regarding propane tax rates in Alberta

Sessional Paper 131/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Concerned Citizens for Edmonton's River Valley web page article, undated, entitled "An Alternate Vision for Rosedale-Adaptive Re-use of Historic Powerhouses"

Sessional Paper 132/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, tabled the following:

Implementation and Impact of the Protection Against Family Violence Act, Final Report, dated September 2000, prepared by Howard Research and Instructional Systems Inc.

Sessional Paper 133/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 29-May 5, 2001.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the inclusion of the President of Columbia at the recent Summit of the Americas held in Quebec City, Quebec.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Immigrants of Distinction Awards 2001, organized by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society held on April 27, 2001 in Calgary.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding Shawna Wallace, a high school student from Hanna and member of the Byemore Beef 4-H program, on winning the 38th Premier's Award.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

**Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**501.** Moved by Mr. Johnson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make the learning of a second language a compulsory component of a high school diploma by the year 2006, and to increase the opportunities for Alberta students to participate in national and international student exchange programs with a second language component.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**502.** Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the possibility of increasing investment dollars in agriculture and the agricultural industry through the use of a tax vehicle in the form of flow through shares.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

**Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**  
(Day 7)

Moved by Mr. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

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

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:00 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

### Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

#### Infrastructure

\$2,832,240,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

#### Transportation

\$1,542,628,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:39 p.m. until Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 2, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 28 Calgary residents requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 25 Edmonton residents requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 31 Calgary residents requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

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

Ms Graham, 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, April 30, 2001, and can advise the House that all but 2 of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Committee has considered the remaining petitions and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 89(1)(b) be waived for the petition for Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001, subject to the petitioner completing the necessary advertising before the Committee hears the petitioner. The Committee also recommends that the petition for Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001, be deemed to have satisfied the requirements for advertising under Standing Order 86(1)(b).

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

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated May 2, 2001, entitled "Inaugural Grant MacEwan Author Awards presented" prepared by Alberta Community Development  
Sessional Paper 134/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

The National Child Benefit Progress Report 2000, with attached news release dated May 1, 2001, entitled "Alberta families benefit from the National Child Benefit" prepared by the Alberta Government; news release dated April 30, 2001, entitled "Fewer children are living in poverty says National Child Benefit Progress Report 2000" prepared by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services; and document entitled "National Child Benefit Progress Report 2000 Backgrounder"

Sessional Paper 135/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44.1, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 136/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association (ARPFA), 1998-99 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 137/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 138/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-4.1, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the Ninety-first Annual General Meeting

Sessional Paper 139/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Report dated June 30, 2000, entitled "Certified Management Accountants of Alberta, Financial Statements"

Sessional Paper 140/2001

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

News release dated April 25, 2001, entitled "EUB ( Energy and Utilities Board) plans for public safety and sour gas" prepared by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 141/2001

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

Report dated January 1996, entitled "Integrity in Government in Alberta: Towards the Twenty First Century, Report of the Conflicts of Interest Act Review Panel" prepared by Patricia Newman, Francis M. Saville, Q.C., and Allan Tupper (Chair)

Sessional Paper 142/2001

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

Letter dated January 10, 1994, from the Pine Shake and Shingle Bureau, unaddressed, regarding the pine shakes certification program under review by the Minister of Labour, provided in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 143/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

162 letters dated March 19, 2001, from Calgary residents to Jane Cawthorne, Public School Board Trustee, Wards 6 and 7, expressing opposition to the proposed closure of the Glenmeadows Elementary School

Sessional Paper 144/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 26, 2001, from Anne Brown, Spokesperson, Heartland Citizen's Coalition, expressing opposition to by-laws being proposed by Sturgeon County, Lamont County, Strathcona County, and the City of Fort Saskatchewan, regarding the re-zoning of land for industrial development

Sessional Paper 145/2001

Lakeside Leader article dated January 19, 2000, entitled "Dutch story angers High Prairie man" regarding the Alberta Government allowing chemical waste to be imported to the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Centre from other countries, with attached copy of the same article produced in a Dutch newspaper

Sessional Paper 146/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of the BPSCG (Battersea Power Station Community Group) web site home page

Sessional Paper 147/2001

The Sunday Times article dated April 8, 2001, entitled "Battersea's new pulling power" regarding the conversion of the Battersea power station in London, England into a tourist attraction and business centre

Sessional Paper 148/2001

Copy of information from the Steam Plant Square web site, regarding the conversion of the Spokane, Washington steam plant into office and retail space

Sessional Paper 149/2001

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

4 articles from the Lancet medical journal, the first dated November 1999, entitled "How the World Trade Organisation is shaping domestic policies in health care," the second, undated, entitled "Sleep less in Seattle," the third dated April 1997 entitled "The self-interest case for US global health cooperation," and the fourth dated February 1998, entitled "World health: Globalisation of International Health"

Sessional Paper 150/2001

Report dated September 2000, entitled "Concerns With Conflict of Interest and the Calgary Regional Health Authority" prepared by the United Nurses of Alberta Health Sciences Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 151/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated April 8, 2001, from Margaret Coutts, President, Red Deer River Naturalists, requesting that the public be allowed input into a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills

Sessional Paper 152/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 2, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Lorne Olsvik, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), responding to Mr. Olsvik's letter dated May 1, 2001, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of competition among major power corporations in Alberta

Sessional Paper 153/2001

**Recognitions**

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: 1999 Great Kids Awards recipient Coral Chovjka of Edmonton, and Kenman Gan, who will receive an honourable mention award on May 4, 2001

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Nellie Laboucan, who passed away on March 14, 2001, at the age of 114

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Day of the Midwife, May 5, 2001

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Teachers Tracy Lynne Poulin and Warren Griffin Letchford, finalists in the Excellence in Teaching awards program for the Edmonton Catholic and Public School Boards

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Teachers Carla-Joan Fahlman and Barbara Lynn Forbes, finalists in the Excellence in Teaching awards program for the Edmonton Catholic and Public School Boards

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Teacher Wilco Timensen of Taber, finalist in the Excellence in Teaching awards program

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Audrey Cormak, President of the Alberta Federation of Labour, and her decision not to seek a fourth term in this position

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3.

**Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13.

## Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Blakeman	Mason	Pannu
Bonner	Massey	Taft
Carlson		

Against the motion: 44

Abbott	Horner	Ouellette
Ady	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Broda	Jonson	Renner
Cao	Lord	Shariff
Cardinal	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Danyluk	Lund	Stevens
DeLong	Marz	Strang
Friedel	Masyk	Tannas
Fritz	McClellan	Tarchuk
Gordon	McClelland	Taylor
Graham	McFarland	VanderBurg
Haley	Melchin	Vandermeer
Herard	Norris	Zwozdesky
Hlady	O'Neill	

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

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act,  
2001 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Health and Wellness**

\$6,241,417,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Government Bills and Orders****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      Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:21 p.m. until Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 3, 2001

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 258 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

On request by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

On request by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

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

Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Document, undated, entitled "The Lobbyist Final Report" prepared by Allan P. Jobson, Lobbyist, outlining concerns and recommendations regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 154/2001

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

Letter dated April 16, 2001, from Darrel Park of Bragg Creek to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills, and encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 155/2001

News release dated May 29, 1997, entitled "Conflict of Interest Amendment Act embodies spirit of Tupper report" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 156/2001

Letter dated March 9, 2001, from Hon. Brian Tobin, Federal Minister of Industry, to Susan Whelan, Member of Parliament, Chair, House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, regarding a review of the Lobbyists Registration Act by the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology

Sessional Paper 157/2001

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

Booklet dated April 2001, entitled "Losing Ground: The Slow Decline of Workers' Rights and Privileges in Alberta, 1975-2000"

Sessional Paper 158/2001

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

Letter dated February 2, 1999, posted on the Washington Office on Latin America web site, from the Congress of the United States, unsigned, to Hon. Andres Pastrana Arango, President of Columbia, expressing concern regarding attacks against human rights defenders in Columbia

Sessional Paper 159/2001

Report dated June 9, 2000, from the Andean Community General Secretariat web site entitled "Address by Columbian President Andres Pastrana Arango at the Twelfth Andean Presidential Summit"

Sessional Paper 160/2001

Report dated September 4, 2000, from the Time Magazine web site entitled "Andres Pastrana Arango, Defending His Strategy" setting out the text of an interview between Time Magazine and President Pastrana

Sessional Paper 161/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of pages from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry web site detailing the history of the Portland General Electric Power Station 'L', which has been converted to the site of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

Sessional Paper 162/2001

## **Introduction of Guests**

During Introduction of Guests, Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, tabled the following:

List of parent volunteers who accompanied the Hazel Cameron Elementary School students on their visit to the Alberta Legislature on May 3, 2001

Sessional Paper 163/2001

The Speaker requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Reading and Receiving Petitions.

## **Revert to Reading and Receiving Petitions**

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was reported in the Assembly on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, the following petitions for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Monday, April 30, 2001, now be deemed to be read and received:

of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001;

of the Royal Trust Corporation of Canada, for the Burns Memorial Trust Act;

of the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company, for the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act;

of ING Western Union Insurance Company, for the Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001.

The petitions were deemed to have been read and received.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 29 to May 5, 2001, with this year's theme being "A World of Learning".

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding North American Occupational Health and Safety Week, May 6-12, 2001.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding National Composting Awareness Week, April 29 - May 5, 2001.

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Excellence in Teaching Awards.

During Members' Statements, Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, tabled the following:

List of 47 Edmonton finalists of the Excellence in Teaching Awards  
Sessional Paper 164/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Alberta School Board Trustees.

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 7 to May 10, 2001:

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| Monday, May 7    | Aft.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 8, 9, 10</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 1, 2, 7</li> <li><b>Address in Reply to the Speech<br/>From the Throne</b> (Day 10 of 10)</li> <li>Government Motion 17</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul> |
|                  | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of Supply</b></li> <li>Main Estimates (Day 5 of 20)</li> <li>Gaming, Justice and Attorney<br/>General</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 1, 2, 7</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>   |
| Tuesday, May 8   | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 12, 13, 16</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>  |
|                  | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of Supply</b></li> <li>Main Estimates (Day 6 of 20)</li> <li>International and<br/>Intergovernmental Relations,<br/>Economic Development</li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 1, 2, 7</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>        |
| Wednesday, May 9 | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> </ul>  |

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 7 of 20)

Human Resources (Designated)

**Committee of the Whole**

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 10

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**Supplementary and Interim  
Supply

Bill 5, 6

**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 8 of 20)

Children's Services (Designated)

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Committee of Supply** (Day 4 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Learning**

\$3,582,159,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$83,000,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Government Bills and Orders**

**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 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, May 7, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 7, 2001

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

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner
- Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau
- Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lougheed

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

- Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner
- Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-20, s17(2):

Special Areas Board, Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 165/2001

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

Letter dated April 20, 2001, from Kathy Howery, Co-Chair, Edmonton Advocates for Public Education, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, providing input from citizens regarding public education with attached document dated November 2000 to January 2001, entitled "Is class size jeopardizing your child's education?", listing responses to the question from parents within the Edmonton Public School district

Sessional Paper 166/2001

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

E-mail message dated April 22, 2001, from Margaret J. Brown of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Cabinet Members, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for the demand by the Alberta College of Social Workers that there be a public debate on the issue of welfare allowance

Sessional Paper 167/2001

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

Document dated November 2000, entitled "Environmental Policy" prepared by AT Plastics Inc.

Sessional Paper 168/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

11 letters, undated, from Calgary residents to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concerns regarding staff shortages of professional caregivers for children and requesting that the Government set fair wage standards for children's caregivers

Sessional Paper 169/2001

Letter dated March 21, 2001, from Kathie Nathe, Director, Claresholm Child Care Society, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, expressing concern regarding the lack of day care funding and its impact on child care in the Claresholm area, and requesting information on a plan for day care funding discussed at a public forum held in Claresholm on March 7, 2001, attended by Hon. Mr. Coutts with attached 2000 annual financial statements and financial statements from January and February 2001

Sessional Paper 170/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of pages from the Brisbane Powerhouse web site detailing the history of the building which has been converted to the site of the Powerhouse Museum and the Sydney Observatory

Sessional Paper 171/2001

**Recognitions**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: 5th anniversary of Rehoboth Christian Ministries in Three Hills and 25th anniversary of Rehoboth Christian Ministries in Alberta on May 5, 2001

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: 25th annual 4-H highway cleanup on May 5, 2001

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: 56th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) on May 8, 2001

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Salvation Army and the current, ongoing Red Shield Appeal fundraising campaign

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill: Garnet Page, Q.C., who recently passed away

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: National Forest Week, May 6-12, 2001, and the Alberta Environmental Network

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Teachers Leona Gordey, Sunita Sahasrabuddhe, and Linda Steinke, all of Edmonton, recognized in the Excellence in Teaching awards program

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

**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 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Lougheed, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 172/2001

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of  
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Debate adjourned  
Sessional Paper 173/2001

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

### **Government Motions**

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 5 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Marz reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Gaming**

\$217,363,000      Operating Expense

**Justice and Attorney General**

\$193,659,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 174/2000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:35 p.m. until Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 8, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 153 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, presented a petition from 700 Calgary residents requesting that the Government support legislation to protect health professionals from participating in certain medical procedures without fear of discrimination or penalty.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 9, 2001:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2.

Motions for Returns: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General:

Victims Programs Status Report 1999/2000, prepared by Alberta Justice  
Sessional Paper 175/2001

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Responses to questions asked by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on April 30, 2001, during Second Reading consideration of Bill 3, Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 176/2001

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

The School Administrator magazine, dated May 2001, featuring a variety of articles regarding the Edmonton public school system

Sessional Paper 177/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Report of the Minister's Committee on Employment Leave for Parents, dated January 2001

Sessional Paper 178/2001

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

336 letters dated April 25-30, 2001, from Calgary residents to Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, expressing support for the construction of a core elementary school on the Battalion Park mini school site

Sessional Paper 179/2001

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) Corporate Business Plan (2001/2002-2003/2004)

Sessional Paper 180/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

48 letters dated March 19, 2001, from Calgary residents to Jane Cawthorne, Public School Board Trustee, Wards 6 and 7, opposing a recommendation made by the Centre West Path Finding Team to close the Glenmeadows Elementary School, effectively eliminating the Glenmeadows' before-and-after-school and summer programs

Sessional Paper 181/2001

Petition dated March 19, 2001, signed by 75 Calgary residents to the Board of Trustees, Calgary Board of Education, opposing a recommendation made by the Centre West Path Finding Team to close the Glenmeadows Elementary School, effectively eliminating the Glenmeadows' before-and-after-school and summer programs

Sessional Paper 182/2001

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

Letter dated May 1, 2001, from Renee Seitz of Medicine Hat to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding education budget cuts resulting in three grades being taught in one class by one teacher at the Manyberries School for the 2001-2002 school year

Sessional Paper 183/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding funding and volunteer support for victims programs.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) and its 50th anniversary on September 27, 2001.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Dr. Taj Jadavji and Dr. Vettivelu Nallainayagam, recipients of the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society's 5th Annual Immigrants of Distinction Awards.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding inner-city school closures by the Edmonton public and separate school boards.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act,  
2001 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Lund speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**502.** Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the possibility of increasing investment dollars in agriculture and the agricultural industry through the use of a tax vehicle in the form of flow through shares.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**503.** Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare annually a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills of all classes of customers in Alberta which must be released to the public.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner

Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau

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

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 6 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$6,104,000    Operating Expense

**Economic Development**

\$51,455,000    Operating Expense

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 9, 2001

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

**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to support legislation to protect the right of health care professionals and health care workers to refrain from participating directly or indirectly in treatment or procedures that offend against their convictions that human life is inviolable, and to protect equally their right to so refrain without fear of discrimination, penalty, harassment, or dismissal.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 14    Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. Fritz

Bill 210 Alberta Personal Income Tax (In-Home Care and Dependant Tax Credit) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

News release dated May 9, 2001, entitled “Alberta Public Service employees win gold” prepared by the Government of Alberta, stating that the Alberta Government was awarded the gold medal by the IPAC (Institute of Public Administration of Canada) Award for Innovative Management with attached memorandum from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to all public service staff dated May 9, 2001, offering congratulations on receiving the award

Sessional Paper 184/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 185/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-33, s32:

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 186/2001

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

Letter dated May 9, 2001, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, providing information regarding a potential conflict of interest at the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 187/2001

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

Letter dated September 14, 1993, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, unaddressed, listing 6 Alberta pine shakes manufacturers whose pine shakes are acceptable for use in Alberta

Sessional Paper 188/2001

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

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice E.S. Lefsrud, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, dated May 4, 2001, between Her Majesty The Queen and Ziad Jaber

Sessional Paper 189/2001

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

Letter, undated, from Gail Dulkir of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the need for an increase to the basic social services living allowance

Sessional Paper 190/2001

Alberta Corporate Registry Corporation/Non-Profit Search dated May 8, 2001, stating that Nawal Jaber has been the director and 100% shareholder of 530376 Alberta Ltd. since June 1, 1992

Sessional Paper 191/2001

## **Recognitions**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Leighann Doan, student at the University of Calgary, recognized as Canadian female athlete of the year at the 9th Annual Howard Mackie Awards held in Calgary on May 7, 2001

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Nursing Awareness Week, May 7-13, 2001

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Public Library

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Foremost Municipal Library on recently receiving the Creative Public Library Service Award

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Grand opening of Battalion Park Elementary School in Calgary on May 3, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Downtown Development Corporation Awards recognizing several projects contributing to the vitality of downtown Edmonton held on May 8, 2001

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Jack McMoran, recipient of the Jim Shewchuk Award recently presented at the United Way annual labour appreciation night

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ1.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the average cost per tonne for treating solid wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *projected* average cost per tonne for treating wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ2.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the average cost per tonne for treating liquid wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ3, WQ4.

**Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

**MR2.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/Sustainable Resource Development and Alberta Treasury/Finance/Revenue, for the period January 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, reviewing the operation of the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit (ARTC).

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR1.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/Sustainable Resource Development or sent to the Ministries of Energy/Sustainable Resource Development, for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, regarding options under the Market Achievement Plan (MAP) for dealing with unsold Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) held by the Balancing Pool.

**MR3.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/Sustainable Resource Development or sent to the Ministries of Energy/Sustainable Resource Development, for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, evaluating the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

**MR4.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period January 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to the Centre for Frontier Engineering Research.

**MR5.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies, reports, background documents and memoranda, other than the CIBC Wood Gundy report, prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue and sent to the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period January 1, 1999 to April 9, 2001, assessing the feasibility of a change of status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

**MR6.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue or sent to the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

**MR7.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, outlining proposals and recommendations developed by the Government for reform of the Canada Pension Plan, or options to replace the Canada Pension Plan.

**MR8.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of the full report and appendices prepared by CIBC Wood Gundy for Alberta Treasury for the period July 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999, relating to a change of status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

**MR9.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by Alberta Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2001, pertaining to the loan between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd.

**MR10.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by Alberta Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2001, pertaining to the financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR13.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 203 Residential Care Housing Committee Act — Ms Kryczka

A debate followed.

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 203, Residential Care Housing Committee Act, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 19

Abbott	Gordon	Nicol
Blakeman	Hancock	O'Neill
Bonner	Jablonski	Taft
Broda	Johnson	Tarchuk
Cenaiko	Kryczka	VanderBurg
Dunford	Mason	Zwozdesky
Forsyth		

Against the motion: 26

Ady	Jonson	Ouellette
DeLong	Knight	Rathgeber
Evans	Lougheed	Renner
Friedel	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Haley	Lund	Stelmach
Herard	McClellan	Stevens
Hlady	McClelland	Taylor
Horner	McFarland	Vandermeer
Jacobs	Melchin	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 203, Residential Care Housing Committee Act, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky moved that the Chairperson do now leave the Chair.

The motion was agreed to and the Chairperson left the Chair.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act,  
2001 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:25 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Department and purposes indicated:

#### **Human Resources and Employment**

\$1,092,777,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Thursday, May 10, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 10, 2001

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

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 15    Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. Hlady on behalf of Mr. McClelland

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 15 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act and the Legislative Assembly Act, cC-22.1, s16; cL-10.1, s43:

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated With Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 192/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2000"

Sessional Paper 193/2001

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

Letter dated May 3, 2001, from Kim Bouwmeester of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that the Government consider eliminating health care premiums

Sessional Paper 194/2001

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

Letter dated April 30, 2001, from Robert Bouvier, President, Teamsters Canada, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, the proposed changes to the maximum number of daily driving hours allowed for truck and bus drivers

Sessional Paper 195/2001

Statement of Claim dated March 23, 2000, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, between Las Western Entertainment, a division of mBase.com Inc. and Ziad Jaber and Alberta Gaming and Trade International Inc.

Sessional Paper 196/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, c0-10, s6(4):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 197/2001

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

Letter dated February 4, 1994, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, unaddressed, outlining details regarding the certification of pine shakes

Sessional Paper 198/2001

## Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding May being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the efforts of the Edmonton Emergency Response Services fire rescue branch at the recent Fulton Court seniors complex fire.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Rogers Sugar Ltd. in Taber, celebrating 50 years in business.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 14 to May 17, 2001:

Monday, May 14	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Lottery Estimates (Day 1 of 1)
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates (Day 9 of 20)
		Finance, Energy
		And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 15 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 8, 11, 14, 15, 16  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 1  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 10 of 20)  
 Executive Council, Government Services  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 16 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 11 of 20)  
 Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Community Development  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, May 17 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 12 of 20)  
 Seniors (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock  
 on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 8 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Department and purpose indicated:

#### **Children's Services**

\$643,866,000 Operating Expense

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until Monday, May 14, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 14, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 92 Albertans regarding the implementation of a rent control system.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated April 29, 2001, from Susan Higgs of Harvie Heights to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding timber extraction by Spray Lakes Sawmills in Kananaskis

Sessional Paper 199/2001

Letter, undated, from Dean Novak of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills

Sessional Paper 200/2001

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

Letter dated April 27, 2001, from Janet Pringle of Calgary to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requesting support for a salary increase for rehabilitation workers, and expressing concerns regarding the monthly AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) allowance

Sessional Paper 201/2001

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

Document, undated, entitled "TransAlta Corporate Policies, TransAlta Values, Corporate Code of Conduct"

Sessional Paper 202/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Lloyd Lohr of Erskine to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding logging and drilling in the Bighorn wildland recreation area and encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 203/2001

Letter, undated, from Karen Blumhagen of Tofield to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the lack of environmental protection in the Bighorn area and encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 204/2001

Letter dated February 6, 2001, from Margaret Coutts, President, Red Deer River Naturalists, encouraging the designation of the Bighorn area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 205/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Document, undated, entitled "Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman" regarding human aggression and the roots of violence and violent crimes

Sessional Paper 206/2001

## **Recognitions**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Try It Again Day, May 11, 2001, part of SummerActive 2001, May 11 to June 22, 2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Vaisakhi Day, April 13, 2001, an historic day for the Sikh nation

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 2001 graduation class from the Alberta College of Art and Design

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Alberta Crime Prevention Week, May 11-18, 2001

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Stephen Gibbins, recipient of the 2001 Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta Excellence in Mathematics and Science Award

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Red Deer Rebels hockey team, winners of the President's Cup of the Western Hockey League

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Camrose Kodiaks hockey team, winners of the Royal Bank Cup national Junior A championships

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Ms Graham reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2001 - 2002 Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the purposes indicated:

#### **Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$11,620,000

#### **Children's Services**

\$1,200,000

#### **Community Development**

\$108,544,000

#### **Finance**

\$44,031,000

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**Gaming**

\$196,451,000

**Health and Wellness**

\$84,065,000

**Infrastructure**

\$345,000,000

**Innovation and Science**

\$90,838,000

**Learning**

\$52,200,000

**Municipal Affairs**

\$12,000,000

**Transportation**

\$70,000,000

**Total Lottery Fund**\$1,015,949,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:21 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 9 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Marz reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Finance**

\$102,245,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$95,422,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Energy**

\$103,416,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 15, 2001

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

**Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 16, 2001:

Written Question: WQ3.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Jeanette M. Smith, Board Chair, Parkland School Division No. 70, to Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education

Sessional Paper 207/2001

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Letter dated May 13, 2001, from Therese Gervais, Chairman, Sturgeon School Division No. 24, to Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education

Sessional Paper 208/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Booklet dated 2000, entitled "Concrete Change, Constructed by Many, Creating a Vision of Hope" prepared by the Edmonton December 6th Planning Committee, featuring a monument consisting of a statue encircled by 15 trees entitled "A Vision of Hope" erected in Mary Burlie Park in Edmonton as a memorial to the 14 women who were killed at École polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989, as well as to all other women who are victims of violence

Sessional Paper 209/2001

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

Letter dated February 27, 2001, from Lisa McNutt, Representative of the PAC (Parent Advisory Council), Sherwood School, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the current level of public education funding and the resulting adverse effects on quality programming at the Sherwood School

Sessional Paper 210/2001

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

Alberta's Market Surveillance Administrator 2000 Annual Report to the Alberta Minister of Energy, submitted by the Power Pool Council

Sessional Paper 211/2001

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

Letter dated May 7, 2001, from Ray Welsh of Vegreville to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the general state of public education in Alberta and the wage increase recently offered to teachers

Sessional Paper 212/2001

Summary of a press release dated April 24, 2001, entitled "Food for Thought - It's costing teachers to teach" prepared by the Alberta Teachers' Association, setting out details of the average annual amount of money Canadian teachers privately contribute to student learning materials

Sessional Paper 213/2001

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

Letter, undated, from Malcolm McIlroy of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, Bill 205, Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 214/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the 25th anniversary of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the Town of Raymond on July 1, 2001.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the need for an increase in Supports for Independence payments.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Lori Pamplin, Principal, Glendale Elementary School, on being awarded the 2001 PanCanadian Students' Choice Award at a ceremony on April 24, 2001.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act,  
2001 — Mrs. Gordon

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 205, Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act, 2001 be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 206 Regional Health Authorities Conflicts of Interest Act — Ms Carlson on behalf of Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**503.** Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare annually a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills of all classes of customers in Alberta which must be released to the public.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

**504.** Moved by Mr. Yankowsky (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *investigate the possibility of creating* a prosperity dividend payable to all Alberta residents that is similar to the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend program.

A debate followed.

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved the motion be amended by striking out “that is similar to the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend program”.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

The following item of business was not taken up when called:

**505.** Mr. Herard to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to treat smoking as an addiction worthy of similar treatment and support systems as currently exist for other addictions.

At 4:17 p.m. the Deputy Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2)(c) in order to proceed to Government Bills and Orders.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

**506.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to identify palliative care as a core service in each Regional Health Authority to ensure the availability of a coordinated continuum of care and support services for end-of-life care with access to palliative community services (palliative home and hospice care), acute care, consultation services for physicians, staff and patients, and tertiary care.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Kryczka speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

Bill 14 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2001

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 10 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Executive Council**

\$15,169,000	Operating Expense
\$1,000,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Government Services**

\$181,335,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 95 Albertans regarding the prohibition of bear hunting in the spring and the use of bear bait.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Roy Brassard, Board Chair, Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, to Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education

Sessional Paper 215/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Report dated Spring 2001, entitled "Provincial Outlook" highlighting Alberta's retention as GDP (gross domestic product) growth leader in 2001 with attached news release dated May 15, 2001, entitled "Provincial Economies Set to Rebound" both prepared by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 216/2001

2 Edmonton Sun articles dated May 16, 2001, entitled "Alberta's Nest Egg, Bird Construction Co. Among Companies Benefiting From a Booming Economy" and "Alberta Rocking, 4.8% Growth Expected"

Sessional Paper 217/2001

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Making Sure It's Safe" listing questions and answers about drinking water in Alberta, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 218/2001

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

Report dated May 8, 2001, entitled "Imports/Exports - Issues and Options Discussion Paper" prepared by the Power Pool of Alberta

Sessional Paper 219/2001

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

Program from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremony at Our Lady of Victories School on May 15, 2001

Sessional Paper 220/2001

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

Backgrounder document dated April 27, 2001, entitled "Supplementary Information for Briefing" prepared by the Alberta Teachers' Association outlining issues relating to teachers' salaries and education funding in Alberta

Sessional Paper 221/2001

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

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Shirley Ramsay, Reeve, Lacombe County, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 205, Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 222/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "What is Elder Abuse?" prepared by the Elder Advocates of Alberta

Sessional Paper 223/2001

## **Recognitions**

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: National Physiotherapy Month, April 22 to May 21, 2001

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: 6th Edmonton Heritage Fair held in the Alberta Legislature pedway on May 12, 2001

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Leaders of Tomorrow and Volunteer Citizens of the Year Award recipients recognized by the St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton Public School Board's Centre of Education for being recognized in "The School Administrator," an international magazine for school leaders

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Dedication and commitment of Alberta teachers

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 2001 National Youth Bowling Championships held in Calgary on April 21 and 22, 2001

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: 25th anniversary of the Portugese Musical Society of Edmonton

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ3.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What are the yearly projections for upside interest accruing to the Province from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 1999-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995 between the Government and CIC (Crown Investments Corporation) Industrial Interests Inc?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ4, WQ5, WQ6.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 206 Regional Health Authorities Conflicts of Interest Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 6

Bonner  
Mason

Massey  
Nicol

Pannu  
Taft

Against the motion: 41

Abbott	Jablonski	Ouellette
Ady	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Amery	Jonson	Renner
Broda	Lord	Snelgrove
Cao	Lougheed	Stelmach
Cardinal	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Cenaiko	Lund	Strang
Danyluk	Marz	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Masyk	Taylor
Friedel	McClellan	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McClelland	Vandermeer
Haley	McFarland	Woloshyn
Herard	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Horner	O'Neill	

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

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

A debate followed.

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## Committee of Supply (Day 11 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Fischer reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$610,031,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Community Development**

\$591,160,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Government Bills and Orders**

**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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Renner, 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 1 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 7, 2001) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 224/2001

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 225/2001

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:51 p.m. until Thursday, May 17, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 17, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 2,650 Edmonton and area residents regarding funding for subsidized housing.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Responses to questions raised on April 30, 2001, Department of Sustainable Resource Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate  
Sessional Paper 226/2001

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Letter dated May 17, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, responding to a question raised during Oral Question Period on May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 227/2001

Letter dated May 17, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, responding to a question raised in Oral Question Period on May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 228/2001

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Ray Sauer, Chair, Board of Trustees, Aspen View Schools, to Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education, and the provisions relating to the governance of separate and Francophone education

Sessional Paper 229/2001

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Rob Reimer, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education, and the provisions relating to the governance of separate and Francophone education

Sessional Paper 230/2001

Letter dated May 17, 2001, from G. Kujala, Chairman, Wild Rose School Division No. 66, to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmr, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to charter schools, the School Buildings Board, and the creation of separate school authorities

Sessional Paper 231/2001

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan:

Letter dated May 15, 2001, from Elaine Sky, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Peace River School Division No. 10, to Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education

Sessional Paper 232/2001

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Roy Brassard, Board Chair, Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education and the provisions relating to the governance of separate and Francophone education

Sessional Paper 233/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Memorandum dated January 12, 1987, from Vance A. MacNichol, Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment, to Hon. Ken Kowalski, Minister of Environment, regarding an analysis of the used lubricating oil problem in Alberta

Sessional Paper 234/2001

Progress report dated July 1988, entitled "Response to Emission Control Order" prepared by Hub Oil Company Ltd., referring to a used oil collection system

Sessional Paper 235/2001

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

Report dated July 22, 1988, entitled "Incident Summary" prepared by Alberta Environmental Protection, Environmental Management System, detailing two incidents relating to Hub Oil Company Ltd.

Sessional Paper 236/2001

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

Letter dated April 26, 2001, from Hal Retzer of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 237/2001

Letter, undated, from Bob Hinman of Turner Valley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Bow Crow Forest Reserves and the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 238/2001

Letter dated January 17, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting a legal review of the eligibility criteria for Members of the Legislative Assembly seeking support from the Alberta Risk Management Fund

Sessional Paper 239/2001

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

Letter dated May 9, 2001, from Lance R. Lamond, Board Member, Poverty in Action, requesting an 11% increase in Supports for Independence allowance rates with attached letters from Mr. Lamond to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and an attached article, undated, entitled "Social workers want MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) to debate welfare payments" prepared by the Alberta College of Social Workers

Sessional Paper 240/2001

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Theresa Nelson, a member of the 4-H Alberta-Northwest Territories agriculture development tour in Olds.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding National Missing Children's Day, May 25, 2001.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Alberta's 10th annual Crime Prevention Week, May 11-18, 2001.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the approval process for Inland Cement's conversion to coal operation.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 22 to May 24, 2001:

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| Tuesday, May 22   | (4:30) | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>                                      |
|                   |        | <b>Second Reading</b>   |
|                   |        | Bill 11, 15, 16, 17   |
|                   |        | <b>Committee of the Whole</b>   |
|                   |        | If time allows  |
|                   |        | And as per the Order Paper  |
|                   | Eve.   | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>                                      |
|                   |        | <b>Committee of Supply</b>  |
|                   |        | Main Estimates (Day 13 of 20)   |
|                   |        | Aboriginal Affairs and Northern<br>Development, Innovation and<br>Science |
|                   |        | And as per the Order Paper  |
| Wednesday, May 23 | Eve.   | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>                                      |
|                   |        | <b>Committee of Supply</b>  |
|                   |        | Main Estimates (Day 14 of 20)   |
|                   |        | Revenue, Solicitor General  |
|                   |        | And as per the Order Paper  |
| Thursday, May 24  | Aft.   | - <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>                                      |
|                   |        | <b>Committee of Supply</b>  |
|                   |        | Main Estimates (Day 15 of 20)   |
|                   |        | Environment   |

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001

**Revert to Introduction of Bills**

Bill 20

**Second Reading**

Bill 17, 18

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Committee of Supply** (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Maskell reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Seniors**

\$342,582,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., and pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(a), the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 22, 2001

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

### Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 23, 2001:

Written Questions: WQ4, WQ6.

Motions for Returns: MR11, MR12, MR13.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to stop making decisions that: could provoke province-wide job action by Alberta's teachers; interfere in free collective bargaining and; have already raised serious concerns on the part of school boards.

### Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Power Pool of Alberta, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 241/2001

Balancing Pool for Alberta's Electricity Consumers, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 242/2001

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated May 17, 2001, from Dr. Morag Pansegrau, Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the expansion of Catholic education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 243/2001

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

Alberta Teachers' Association annual representative assembly resolution dated May 20, 2001, regarding school board funding

Sessional Paper 244/2001

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

E-mail message dated April 30, 2001, from Will Lusena of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding a proposed forest management agreement (FMA) in the Kananaskis area that may be finalized in spite of the fact that it is not part of a comprehensive land use plan for that area  
Sessional Paper 245/2001

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

Energy Prices and Taxes-Quarterly Statistics (Third Quarter 2000) table, entitled "Natural Gas Prices for Electricity Generation-U.S. Dollars per 10<sup>7</sup> Kilocalories (Gross Calorific Value)" prepared by Paris: International Energy Agency, 2001, setting out natural gas prices for the years 1994-1999 in a variety of countries  
Sessional Paper 246/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated March 27, 2001, from Mary J. Cameron, President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Workers' Compensation Board, to Ralph Canham of Calgary regarding concerns expressed by Mr. Canham surrounding his Workers' Compensation Board claim and the cost of a replacement wheel chair  
Sessional Paper 247/2001

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, made a statement declaring May 20-26, 2001 Missing Children's Week, commenting on the recent death of Jessica Koopmans, and noting that Child Find Alberta raises child safety awareness in Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding crosswalk safety and National Road Safety Week, May 18-24, 2001.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding a proposal by Meridian Industries Inc. to build 7 agrifood processing plants and 3 manufacturing plants in Lacombe, Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the history and current issues of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Debbie Muir, Olympic synchro swimming coach and Alberta Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

### **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to stop making decisions that: could provoke province-wide job action by Alberta's teachers; interfere in free collective bargaining and; have already raised serious concerns on the part of school boards.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Ouellette speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**506.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to identify palliative care as a core service in each Regional Health Authority to ensure the availability of a coordinated continuum of care and support services for end-of-life care with access to palliative community services (palliative home and hospice care), acute care, consultation services for physicians, staff and patients, and tertiary care.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Motion Other Than Government Motion 505 at this time.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

**507.** Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped recipients transferring to a non-exempt income, such as the Canadian Pension Plan Disability program, retain medical benefits until similar income limits are reached that disqualify medical benefits to Partially Exempt Income Earners under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Cao speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Bill 15 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:27 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 13 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$20,210,000 Operating Expense

**Innovation and Science**

\$204,458,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 23, 2001

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

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Projects Approved in Calendar Year 2001 as of May 10, 2001" prepared by Alberta Transportation in response to questions asked by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, during Oral Question Period on May 15, 2001  
Sessional Paper 248/2001

Report dated May 18, 2001, entitled "Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Projects Approved From April 1992 to Present" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 249/2001

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter dated May 11, 2001, from R.J. Bole, Superintendent of Schools, Black Gold Regional Schools, to Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, expressing opposition to some provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 250/2001

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Cindy Jeffries, Chair, Board of Trustees, Red Deer Public School District No. 104, to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, expressing opposition to some provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education

Sessional Paper 251/2001

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

Report dated March 28, 2001, entitled "Action Alert - Three Alberta forests threatened by proposed Forest Management Agreement" prepared by the Alberta Wilderness Association regarding a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 252/2001

E-mail message dated April 27, 2001, from Guy Greenaway of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 253/2001

E-mail message dated May 7, 2001, from Will Gadd to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to further logging and mineral exploration in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 254/2001

E-mail message dated May 4, 2001, from Jeff Perron of Canmore to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 255/2001

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

Report dated February 14, 2001, untitled, listing statistics on various types of hate and bias crimes for the years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 prepared by the Calgary Police Service

Sessional Paper 256/2001

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

Letter dated September 27, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's request for information on soil tests relating to the Hub Oil facility in Calgary

Sessional Paper 257/2001

Site map of the Hub Oil facility in Calgary dated December 1992, provided to Mr. MacDonald in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 258/2001

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

Letter dated May 5, 2001, from Neil C. Jorgensen, Jorgensen Farm Supplies, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, in response to a notice of initiation of legal proceedings from the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan with attached letter dated April 20, 2001, from the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan to Jorgensen Farm Supplies Ltd. regarding the initiation of legal proceedings

Sessional Paper 259/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Booklet dated April 2001, entitled "Ann-Marie's Bicycle Safety Program at St. Matthew School" in honour of Ann-Marie St. Jean, a former student of St. Matthew school who passed away on July 4, 2000, sponsored by St. Matthew School in cooperation with Safety City, United Cycle, Sports Central, the Grey Nuns Hospital Program, Tim Horton's, Capital Health, and the St. Jean family

Sessional Paper 260/2001

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Ken Stretch of Spruce Grove, winner of a TD Canada Trust \$50,000 scholarship

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, on being presented the first Victoria School Lifetime Achievement Award on May 17, 2001

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Junior Forest Warden Program

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 25th anniversary of the Canadian Actors' Equity Association

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Gary Bobrovitz of Calgary on winning the gold medal in the men's open division 60 kilogram classification of the Canadian National Powerlifting Championship

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Chad McConnell of Gibbons, representing Canada at the September 2001 World Championships in Mechanic's Skills in Korea, and Richard Skawronik, Mr. McConnell's trainer and employer

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: International educational exchange to the Ukraine sponsored by Canada World Youth

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted:

**WQ6.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

What were the revenue projections payable to the Government for the fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 from the Swan Hills Joint Venture net income as set out under Article 4.2 of the July 12, 1996 agreement between Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta, the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Bovar Technology, Bovar Inc., Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership, 542936 Alberta Ltd., and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd?

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ4.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

What were the estimated receipts, revenue, and net income from the operation of the Swan Hills Joint Venture for the fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 as set out under Article 9.7.1 of the July 12, 1996 agreement between Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta, the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Bovar Technology, Bovar Inc., Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership, 542936 Alberta Ltd., and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

**WQ5.**

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

**MR12.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Economic Development between January 1, 1998 and March 31, 2001, relating to the development of the Matrix of Department Priorities for International Representation.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR11.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Council of Economic Development Ministers between August 1, 1997 and March 31, 2001.

**MR13.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of studies and reports prepared between April 1, 2000 and April 9, 2001, by, or for, the MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Education Property Tax Review Committee.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

A debate followed.

The question being 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: 46

Abbott	Hancock	McFarland
Blakeman	Horner	Norris
Bonner	Hutton	O'Neill
Broda	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cao	Jacobs	Pham
Cardinal	Klapstein	Shariff
Danyluk	Kryczka	Smith
DeLong	Lord	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lougheed	Stelmach
Evans	Lund	Strang
Fischer	MacDonald	Tannas
Forsyth	Marz	Tarchuk
Friedel	Maskell	VanderBurg
Fritz	Mason	Woloshyn
Gordon	Masyk	Yankowsky
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 11

Carlson	Lukaszuk	Renner
Cenaiko	McClellan	Stevens
Haley	Melchin	Vandermeer
Herard	Nelson	

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

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:25 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Marz reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Revenue**

\$30,114,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Solicitor General**

\$241,418,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 24, 2001

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

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Report, undated, entitled "Unified Family Court Task Force Report and Recommendations" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 261/2001

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Marlene McCann, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Palliser Regional Schools, to Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education, and the provisions relating to the governance of separate and Francophone education

Sessional Paper 262/2001

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Letter dated May 14, 2001, from Diana Zier-Vogel, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Grande Yellowhead Regional Division No. 35, to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, expressing opposition to the provisions of Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, relating to the establishment of a new process for facilitating the expansion of separate school education, and the provisions relating to the governance of separate and Francophone education

Sessional Paper 263/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Gordon McIntosh of Edmonton to the Editor, Edmonton Journal, expressing concerns regarding drive-by shootings in the Millwoods area, and requesting that all levels of Government work together in finding a solution to gun issues relating to young people

Sessional Paper 264/2001

Letter dated April 2, 2001, from Tila Pelletier, Vice President, Policy, Alberta Young Liberals, and Howard Yeung, Vice President, Communications, University of Alberta Student Liberal Association, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, expressing concerns regarding the lack of a properly functioning parliamentary democracy in Alberta, and suggesting several items to be addressed by the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Sessional Paper 265/2001

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

Memorandum dated July 24, 1995, from Rod Kaminski, Contaminated Sites and Decommissioning Branch, Environmental Protection, to Rob Kemp, Industrial Wastes Branch, Environmental Protection, listing concerns regarding Hub Oil's application for a Renewal Licence to Operate

Sessional Paper 266/2001

Memorandum to Hub Oil File dated December 7, 1993, from Jack Scissons, City and Community Planning Division #8108, City of Calgary, regarding recommendations by Gurdon Peck, Alberta Environmental Protection, for environmental changes at Hub Oil

Sessional Paper 267/2001

Letter dated February 6, 1996, from A. Shimbashi, P. Eng., General Manager, Hub Oil Company Ltd., to Rob Kemp, Alberta Environmental Protection, listing comments regarding Hub Oil's application for a Renewal Licence to Operate

Sessional Paper 268/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated May 15, 2001, from Greg B. Schmidt, Executive Director, Family Ties, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concerns regarding funding cuts to the Sun Country Child and Family Services Board  
Sessional Paper 269/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Membership form from the Alberta Society for Pension Reform  
Sessional Paper 270/2001

Pension formula and impact of salary rollback/wage freeze summary dated May 16, 2001, prepared by the Alberta Society for Pension Reform for the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Local Authorities Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 271/2001

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

Letter dated March 20, 2001, from Keith Brown of High River to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to the Government granting licences for logging and oil development in the Bighorn wildland park  
Sessional Paper 272/2001

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

Report dated May 18, 2001, entitled "Action Alert - Help Stop Meridian Dam - Billion \$ Project Will Destroy National Wildlife Area" prepared by the Alberta Wilderness Association

Sessional Paper 273/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, tabled the following:

Document, undated, entitled "Average Teachers Salaries for the Provinces" listing the minimums and maximums for teachers' salaries in all the provinces for teachers with 4, 5, and 6 years of education

Sessional Paper 274/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Unified Family Court Task Force.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the independence of the judiciary.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the opening of the Hinton Government Centre on May 15, 2001.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding bird habitat, and support for endangered species and endangered habitat legislation.

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 28 to May 31, 2001:

Monday, May 28	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 <b>Committee of the Whole or</b> <b>Third Reading</b> As per progress And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> As per afternoon progress <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 20
Tuesday, May 29	(4:30)	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 1, 2, 7 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Private Bills per Tuesday's Report

			<p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> Private Bills per Tuesday's Report Bill 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b> As per progress And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, May 30	Eve.	-	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b> Private Bills</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> As per progress Tuesday evening</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b> Bill 20 And as per progress Tuesday And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, May 31	Aft.	-	<p><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Royal Assent</b> Bill 3, 4, 5, 6, 20 And as per progress Wednesday Private Bills And as per the Order Paper</p>

### **Point of Privilege**

On behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, raised a question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, during Oral Question Period, with respect to the Meridian Dam project.

The Speaker stated he would hear Mr. Mason's comments on Monday, May 28, 2001.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Committee of Supply** (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Environment**

\$117,225,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Hon Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 20    Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 19    Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Bill 17    Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Taft speaking.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, May 28, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 28, 2001

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 2,000 Albertans requesting that the Government end the policy permitting hazardous waste transportation into Alberta.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

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

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated May 28, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Salim Bhimji, Volunteer Convenor, Partnership Walk 2001, congratulating the Aga Khan foundation on its 17th annual Partnership Walk held on May 27, 2001

Sessional Paper 275/2001

Letter dated May 28, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Orest Korbitt, Chairman, Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, congratulating Mr. Korbitt and the Board of the Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Society on hosting a successful inductee dinner and ceremony on May 25, 2001, and also congratulating the individuals and teams who were inducted

Sessional Paper 276/2001

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Letter dated May 18, 2001, from 11 doctors from the Stollery Children's Health Centre, Capital Health, to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 277/2001

Letter dated May 18, 2001, from 5 doctors from the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Stollery Children's Health Centre, Capital Health, expressing support for Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 278/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated May 7, 2001, from Frank Andruchow of Edmonton to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, deforestation in Alberta

Sessional Paper 279/2001

Letter dated May 9, 2001, from Anne Williams of Lethbridge to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the re-zoning of land near Waterton Lakes National Park

Sessional Paper 280/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Document, undated and unsigned, addressed to the Director of Environmental Assessment and Compliance, Alberta Environment, entitled "A Statement of Concern on behalf of Edmonton Friends of the North Environmental Society (EFONES)" expressing concerns regarding Inland Cement's proposed fuel substitution project, prepared by Robert Wilde of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 281/2001

Letter dated February 7, 2001, from Cliff Thesen, Area Manager, Lethbridge Management Area, Natural Resources Services, Alberta Environment, expressing concerns regarding the proposed Rocking Heart Ranch Country Residential Development Plan near Waterton Lakes National Park

Sessional Paper 282/2001

Letter dated February 18, 2001, unsigned, from Bonita Field of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, encouraging the designation of the Castle wilderness area as a wilderness park

Sessional Paper 283/2001

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

News release dated May 28, 2001, entitled "PanCanadian announces plans to build a third power plant in Alberta" prepared by Canada NewsWire

Sessional Paper 284/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum 2001 Induction Banquet held on May 25, 2001

Sessional Paper 285/2001

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

Lyrics to the song "Four Strong Winds" written by Ian Tyson

Sessional Paper 286/2001

Lyrics to the song "Alberta Bound" written by Gordon Lightfoot

Sessional Paper 287/2001

News release dated July 19, 1999, entitled "Results of natural gas liquids policy task force announced" prepared by Alberta Resource Development

Sessional Paper 288/2001

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

Letter dated April 2, 2001, from Michele Mayer and Sharon Bodin, Committee Protesting Budget Cuts, to Manyberries School Council and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concerns regarding education budget cuts resulting in three grades being taught in one class by one teacher at the Manyberries School for the 2001-2002 school year

Sessional Paper 289/2001

Letter dated May 16, 2001, from Michele Mayer and Sharon Bodin, Committee Protesting Budget Cuts, to Manyberries School Council and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding education budget cuts resulting in three grades being taught in one class by one teacher at the Manyberries School for the 2001-2002 school year

Sessional Paper 290/2001

Report dated May 1, 2001, entitled "Application for Electricity Export Permit Before the National Energy Board" prepared by Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 291/2001

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

Letter dated May 23, 2001, from Dieter Gade for Eric Lloyd, President, Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that the Government initiate public consultation on the Spray Lakes Sawmills forest management agreement, and expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, the privatization of public forests

Sessional Paper 292/2001

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Gary Macyk, coach of the Waskatenau Chiefs baseball team on receiving the Aurora Coach/Manager Award on October 29, 2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum 2001 Induction Banquet

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Nelson Lumber Company on becoming Canada's largest home manufacturer

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Red Deer Rebels on winning the Canadian National Junior Hockey Championship Memorial Cup

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Dr. Emery Dossdall, Superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools, on his resignation

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Dr. Llewellyn Schwegmann for an early diagnosis of a case of flesh-eating disease

## **Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege**

Following Oral Question Period last Thursday, May 24, 2001, the Honourable Government House Leader rose on a purported question of privilege. The basis of the Government House Leader's argument for a breach of privilege was certain comments by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Highlands on Thursday last. His question related to the Meridian Dam project and, as Alberta Hansard records at page 775, the Honourable Member said that the project is of direct benefit to the Minister of Environment's constituency. In his second supplementary question the Honourable Member said, and I quote from page 776 of Alberta Hansard, "this is just a pork-barrel project for the Minister's constituency."

As this is the first question of privilege raised in the 25th Legislature, the Chair will outline for new Members the nature and procedure for privilege. First, under Standing Order 15(2), written notice of a question of privilege is to be provided to the Speaker at least two hours before the opening of a sitting or under Standing Order 15(5), a Member may raise a question of privilege immediately after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question, in which case the written notice required

under suborder (2) is not required. Privilege is such an important issue that any delay in raising the matter may serve to deny the request. In this case, there is certainly no doubt that the issue was raised at the earliest possible opportunity.

Under suborder (3) of our Standing Orders, the Speaker may defer debate of the matter until such time as it is determined the matter may be fairly dealt with and that is what the Chair did last Thursday when he invited the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Highlands to respond.

The Speaker's role is to determine whether the matter raised constitutes a *prima facie* question of privilege. As Joseph Maingot states in *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd edition) at page 221:

“A *prima facie* case of privilege in the parliamentary sense is one where the evidence on its face as outlined by the Member is sufficiently strong for the House to be asked to debate the matter and to send it to a committee to investigate whether the privileges of the House have been breached or a contempt has occurred and report to the House.”

Only you Honourable Members can determine whether there is a question of privilege and what to do about it. If the Chair finds there is a *prima facie* question of privilege then under suborder (6), any Member may give notice not later than the conclusion of the next sitting day of a motion to deal with it further. If the Chair finds there is not a *prima facie* question of privilege then, under suborder (7), the matter is concluded.

The Chair has listened attentively to the arguments made by those participating in this debate as early as last Thursday and today as well. It should be clear to all Members that an Assembly is a place of strong words. It is the Speaker's role to ensure that Members, all Members, are allowed the greatest latitude to express themselves in line with centuries of tradition attesting to a Member's freedom of speech. The right carries a duty to act responsibly consistent with the Assembly's rules and traditions and the Chair will not be guided by an individual Member's point of opinion exercised on a particular day but will be guided by the rules and the traditions of the British form of parliamentary democracy developed, extended, and created from nearly 800 years.

Last Thursday, the Honourable Government House Leader quoted a passage from page 86 of the book *House of Commons: Practice and Procedure* (edited by Marleau and Montpetit). The passage quoted by the House Leader was from a May 5, 1987 ruling by former Speaker Fraser of the Canadian House of Commons. The Chair examined that ruling which is found at pages 5765 - 5766 of *Commons Debates*. In that case, allegations were made against the then Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Otto Jelinek, concerning a purported conflict of interest. Speaker Fraser found that while the allegations were serious, they did not amount to a *prima facie* question of privilege as the Member's ability to perform his functions was not impaired.

In this case, the Member for Edmonton-Highlands may have violated certain provisions of the Standing Orders namely 23(h) - makes allegations against another Member, or 23(i) - imputes false or unavowed motives to another Member. The comments could have given rise to a legitimate point of order. The Chair does not believe this is a case that falls into that very small category of comments that would impede a Member in performing his or her parliamentary duties. In a November 8, 1998 ruling on a similar issue, the Chair quoted Maingot at page 254, "Language spoken during a parliamentary proceeding that impugns the integrity of Members would be unparliamentary and a breach of order contrary to the Standing Orders, but not a breach of privilege."

Furthermore, although the term "pork-barrel" has been used in this Assembly, it has not been ruled unparliamentary. However, as all the authorities point out, whether a word or expression is parliamentary or unparliamentary depends on the context in which it is used. To quote Beauchesne's at paragraph 491, "A word which is parliamentary in one context may cause disorder in another context, and therefore be unparliamentary." The Chair did not intervene last Thursday when the words were spoken. While they might have been the subject of a point of order they do not give rise to a point of privilege.

To return to Speaker Fraser's 1987 ruling, he made some very, very good points. One is that the absolute privilege that was extended to Members for what they say in the House came about in the British House of Commons in a different age when things said in the House probably would not be heard "throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom." He then said "Today, as a consequence of television and electronic broadcasts, anything said in this place is said on the street right across this country, and that must be borne in mind."

He also reminded Members to take the greatest care in framing questions relating to conflicts of interest.

While there is not a *prima facie* question of privilege, the Chair is very concerned about the type of statements that give rise to these types of points of order and questions of privilege. This is a place of honour and Members on all sides must respect the institution. The tremendous rights and immunities that Members possess must be tempered with responsibility. If Members will not exercise some self-restraint then the Chair will intervene more frequently to ensure that the proper level of decorum and respect is maintained.

In the Chair's view, this was a regrettable exchange that did not reflect well on the Assembly. We will move on.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Correction to the Official Records of the Assembly**

The Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to replace the original copy of Bill 13, Farm Implement Dealerships Act, with the corrected version for the official records of the Assembly.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 19 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

- Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

Mr. Klapstein, 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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 293/2001

**Third Reading**

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

- Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), debate adjourned.

**Second Reading**

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**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, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 12:00 a.m., the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner

Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

**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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Bill be amended by adding section 3.1 as follows:

3.1 Section 21 is amended by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) For the purposes of subsection (1)(e), all members of a regional health authority must be elected commencing October 15, 2001.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald	Massey	

Against the motion: 30

Ady	Goudreau	Maskell
Amery	Hancock	McClelland
Boutilier	Hlady	Melchin
Cenaiko	Horner	Ouellette
Coutts	Hutton	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Jacobs	Stelmach
DeLong	Johnson	Strang
Doerksen	Klapstein	Taylor
Ducharme	Knight	VanderBurg
Dunford	Kryczka	Zwozdesky

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Bill be amended by adding section 3.1 as follows:

3.1 Section 21 is amended by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) For the purposes of subsection (1)(e), a person is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in an election for membership on a regional health authority board if on nomination day the person

(a) is a director, officer or employee of a corporation, partnership or other association that receives income from the Department of Health and Wellness or a regional health authority,

(b) receives income from a contract with a regional health authority, or

(c) owns voting shares in a corporation or holds an interest in a partnership or other association that receives income from the Department of Health and Wellness or a regional health authority.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
MacDonald	Massey	

Against the motion: 29

Ady	Goudreau	Maskell
Amery	Hancock	McClelland
Boutilier	Hlady	Melchin
Cenaiko	Horner	Ouellette
Coutts	Hutton	Stelmach
Danyluk	Jacobs	Strang
DeLong	Johnson	Taylor
Doerksen	Klapstein	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Knight	Zwozdesky
Dunford	Kryczka	

On motion by Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, that the Committee rise and report progress, the motion was agreed to.

During the recorded vote call, the Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to begin the call again.

With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 40

Abbott	Hlady	McFarland
Cao	Jablonski	Norris
Danyluk	Jonson	O'Neill
Ducharme	Knight	Pham
Evans	Lord	Renner
Fischer	Lougheed	Smith
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Friedel	Lund	Stevens
Fritz	Magnus	Tarchuk
Gordon	Mar	Vandermeer
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Graydon	Masyk	Yankowsky
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	Carlson	Pannu
Bonner	Nicol	

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Mr. Lougheed, 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 7 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated  
on division

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Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated  
on division

Sessional Paper 295/2001

Amendment to Bill 7 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 296/2001

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —  
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 297/2001

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner

Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 19 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus

A debate followed.

The question being 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: 45

Abbott	Jablonski	O'Neill
Bonner	Jonson	Pannu
Cao	Lord	Pham
Carlson	Lougheed	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Renner
Dunford	Lund	Smith
Fischer	Magnus	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Mar	Stelmach
Friedel	Marz	Stevens
Fritz	Mason	Strang
Gordon	Masyk	Taft
Graham	McClellan	Tannas
Graydon	McFarland	Vandermeer
Haley	Nicol	Woloshyn
Herard	Norris	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 0

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, until Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 5,115 Albertans regarding the Government using tax dollars to fund abortions.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 12 Edmonton residents regarding sour gas stack flaring.

### Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to end the policy permitting hazardous wastes to be transported into Alberta from outside Canada and delivered to the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Plant.

### Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Kryczka, Deputy Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with an amendment:

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland

Ms Kryczka, Deputy Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr3, The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act

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Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

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

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Citizens' Initiative Act — Rev. Abbott

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 7, 2001, Department of Justice and Attorney General 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 299/2001

Response to questions raised by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on May 7, 2001, Department of Justice and Attorney General 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 300/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on May 16, 2001, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 301/2001

Response to questions raised by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on May 16, 2001, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 302/2001

Response to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on May 16, 2001, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 303/2001

Response to questions raised by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on May 14, 2001, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development 2001-2002 Lottery Fund Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 304/2001

Alberta Grain Commission, Annual Report to the Minister 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 305/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-15, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 306/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Oral Question Period on April 25, 2001

Sessional Paper 307/2001

Report, undated, entitled "Response to Children's Advocate Annual Report, 1998-1999, 1999-2000" prepared by the Department of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 308/2001

Response to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on May 10, 2001, Department of Children's Services, Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 309/2001

Document dated May 2001, entitled "Child and Family Services Authorities Act Review"

Sessional Paper 310/2001

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ6 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 23, 2001:

What were the revenue projections payable to the Government for the fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 from the Swan Hills Joint Venture net income as set out under Article 4.2 of the July 12, 1996 agreement between Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta, the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Bovar Technology, Bovar Inc., Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership, 542936 Alberta Ltd., and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd?

Sessional Paper 311/2001

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

2 reports, the first dated April 2000, entitled "Pilot Investigation of a Fatigue Management Program (FMP) for the Commercial Motor Vehicle Industry" prepared for the Fatigue Management Steering Committee, the second dated September 2000, entitled "Transportation Safety Issues Information" prepared by Alberta Infrastructure with an attached undated bibliography of fatigue management reports, discussion papers, and studies considered by Alberta Transportation, all in response to questions asked by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, during Oral Question Period on May 10, 2001

Sessional Paper 312/2001

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Response to questions raised on May 7, 2001, Department of Gaming 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 313/2001

Response to questions raised on May 14, 2001, Department of Gaming 2001-2002 Lottery Fund Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 314/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated May 28, 2001, from Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, regarding the report of the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act Review Committee

Sessional Paper 315/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, Annual Report for the year ending October 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 316/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Social Work Profession Act, cS-16.5, s5(4):

Alberta College of Social Workers, 2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 317/2001

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Report dated February 2001, entitled "Let's Talk Dialogue" prepared by the Dialogue Task Force of the Federation of the Francophone and Acadian Communities of Canada

Sessional Paper 318/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated May 18, 2001, from Kristine J. Cassie, Human Service Programs Manager, YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) of Lethbridge and District, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concerns regarding the funding formula and proposed funding cuts to the Supported Independent Living Program

Sessional Paper 319/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 3, 2001, from David Budzinski of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concerns regarding the use of dogs to attack and destroy coyotes, and requesting that legislation be introduced to eliminate this practice

Sessional Paper 320/2001

E-mail message dated May 7, 2001, from Will Gadd to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to further logging and mineral exploration in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 321/2001

E-mail message dated May 4, 2001, from Jeff Perron of Canmore to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and Spray Lakes Sawmills in the Kananaskis area

Sessional Paper 322/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated February 3, 2001, from David J. Parker, P.Eng., Alberta Green Party, to Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc and Chairman, Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee, expressing opposition to livestock operations and intensive agriculture in Alberta

Sessional Paper 323/2001

Letter dated November 30, 2000, from Madeline Crilley of Harvie Heights to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, the Municipal District of Bighorn Council, Headwaters Regional Health Authority Board, and Hon. David Anderson, Federal Minister of Environment, expressing concerns regarding the air quality in the Bow Valley area with an attached article entitled "Do You Know What You Breathe?" prepared by Madeline Crilley

Sessional Paper 324/2001

Letter, undated, from Laurie Farlinger of Gibsons, British Columbia to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the preservation of the Bighorn wilderness area  
Sessional Paper 325/2001

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

E-mail message dated May 9, 2001, from Leanne Dalderis, Vitagenics Institute Foundation, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to a forest management agreement between the Alberta Government and the Spray Lakes Sawmills

Sessional Paper 326/2001

Letter, undated, from Kath Rutland of Millarville, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding local wildlife, and requesting that the Government take action to stop feasibility studies regarding the proposed Meridian Dam

Sessional Paper 327/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated May 29, 2001, from the students of Room 15, John A. McDougall School, expressing support for Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 328/2001

Letter dated April 3, 2001, from Allison Dinwoodie, President, Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the dismantling of the Department of Environment as it relates to the Parks and Protected Areas Division

Sessional Paper 329/2001

Letter dated May 7, 2001, from Dorene A. Rew of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, and Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, the ground water policy for oilfield injection, intensive agriculture, and chemical farming

Sessional Paper 330/2001

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

Letter dated May 1, 2001, from Dennis Wm. Fenske of Sherwood Park, unaddressed, expressing concerns regarding the development application process in the County of Beaver relating to the environment and property rights

Sessional Paper 331/2001

Letter dated May 10, 2001, from Bill Weisenburger, Chairman, The Society of Concerned Citizens of Pine Lake, to Larry Williams, Alberta Environmental Protection, expressing concerns regarding compliance and enforcement matters regarding disposal of the Pine Lake tornado disaster material

Sessional Paper 332/2001

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

Letter dated May 22, 2001, from Judy Muir, Chairperson, Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concerns regarding Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 333/2001

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

Fax dated May 28, 2001, from Darlene Zloklikovits, Vice President, Alberta Injured Workers' Society, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concerns regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 334/2001

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, made a statement in condolence on the deaths of John Graham, a forest officer with Lands and Forest Services, and Grenville Richert, a pilot with Air Spray Ltd., on May 25, 2001 while flying a bird-dog plane over the community of Red Earth.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

### **Recognitions**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Myrna McCann who recently passed away

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Darlene Johnson, teacher, Bertha Kennedy School, St. Albert, on recently being awarded the Prime Minister's Award for teaching excellence

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: 90th anniversary of Augustana University College

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Senior Citizens' Week, June 3-9, 2001

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Darcy Jones of High River for apprehending an intruder on his property

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 64th annual convention held on May 26-27, 2001 in Banff

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Youth Options Program, and staff members Colleen Fidler and Lorne Demchuk

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

W5.

### Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17.

### Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. Fritz

A debate followed.

The question being 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: 38

Abbott	Hancock	Norris
Blakeman	Hlady	O'Neill
Bonner	Horner	Ouellette
Cao	Hutton	Pham
Carlson	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Renner
DeLong	Lord	Stevens
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	MacDonald	Tannas
Forsyth	Magnus	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mar	VanderBurg
Gordon	Masyk	Zwozdesky
Graydon	Nicol	

Against the motion: 10

Danyluk  
Fischer  
Friedel  
Haley

Jacobs  
Marz  
McFarland

Melchin  
Snelgrove  
Vandermeer

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:27 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 14 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 15 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon

Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 14 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 15 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon

Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

**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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:56 p.m. until Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 31, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 1,800 Edmonton residents requesting that a public and a separate high school be built in the Castle Downs area.

**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to include the following question in the forthcoming provincial election: Are you in favour of the Alberta Government using your tax dollars to pay for abortions?

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 212 Matrimonial Property Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

### Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Letter dated February 20, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Ralph Canham of Calgary in response to Mr. Canham's previous e-mail messages to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding concerns with the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 335/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 16, 2001, Department of Community Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 336/2001

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 16, 2001, Department of Community Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 337/2001

Response to questions raised by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on May 16, 2001, Department of Community Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 338/2001

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Document, undated, entitled "Estimated Provincial Averages, Residential Electricity Monthly Bills - January 2001"

Sessional Paper 339/2001

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

Regulatory Review Secretariat, 1999 Status Report as of January 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 340/2001

Regulatory Review Secretariat, 2000-01 Status Report as of March 15, 2001

Sessional Paper 341/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

5 proposed amendments to Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, prepared by the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 342/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Carson Wade Trueman of Drayton Valley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that the Government prevent further oil and gas development in the Bighorn wilderness area

Sessional Paper 343/2001

Petition signed by 1,002 Albertans requesting that the Government stop the transfer of the Kananaskis, Ghaost/Waiparous, and Burnt Timber forests to a forest management agreement

Sessional Paper 344/2001

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

Letter dated May 22, 2001, from Joleen Timko, Southern Conservation Project, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, regarding a petition requesting that the Government stop the transfer of the Kananaskis, Ghaost/Waiparous, and Burnt Timber forests to a forest management agreement

Sessional Paper 345/2001

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

Report dated June 1997, entitled "Proposal for a Pre-Feasibility Study of the Meridian Water Management Project, South-east Alberta and South-west Saskatchewan" prepared by UMA Engineering Ltd.

Sessional Paper 346/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Program from the 14th Annual Mayor's Luncheon for Business and the Arts, held at the Shaw Conference Centre, May 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 347/2001

### **Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta**

The Speaker made a statement noting that 10 of the current Pages would not be returning for the next Session of the Legislature. He then read a letter dated May 31, 2001, that he received from these Pages, which he felt applied to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:

It is said that no one is taller than when he or she stoops to help a child. There may be many people who do not believe this to be true. But there are at least ten men and women who know it to be so. It is we ten, the Pages who are leaving the Assembly this Session, who write to you now.

Even as we write this, we know there are no words we can choose to convey the gratitude we feel to you and to all the Members of the Assembly. In giving us the opportunity to be Pages, you have given us much more than you know, far more than a simple, part-time job. Look around yourself the next time you are in the Assembly. Try to see things through our eyes. We see people on all sides of the House trying the best they know how to make the world a better place, one province at a time. These men and women are people of integrity. They have strong values and ideas by which they stand. They are not afraid to voice their beliefs, or to fight for what they know to be true. In a world of constant change, where the backyard is getting bigger and it feels like we are getting smaller, our time as Pages at the Legislature has reminded us that we too can make a difference. Day by day, we have learned new skills, faced new challenges, and confronted new opportunities to grow. We have become a little more confident in ourselves, and a little more secure in what we believe. We have seen cooperation between people of different ideologies as we watched the democratic process in action. For a time, we became part of something greater than ourselves, and in so doing, we realized our value as individuals.

This all may be difficult to believe. We know it too often goes unsaid. Most of you are probably unaware of the way that you have inspired us. Whether we later go into politics or not, the lessons we have learned here have shaped who we are, and will always be a part of us. We came to you as young, unsure people, and we will not be leaving with any more assurance of the specific challenges that the future holds for us. But now, we will leave with the certainty that no matter what lies in store for us, we are more than capable of handling it. We are more ready than ever to tackle our lives, maybe even the world, and all this is because of our time with you. We are better people for having been here, and for that we thank you. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. The opportunity you have given us to be Pages is one for which we will always be grateful, and one any young person would be lucky to share. Thank you, again. Wherever we go, and whatever we do, we will remember you, and this place where we learned so very much.

We remain forever in your debt.

Myles Chykerda, Grace Do, Tim Jolly, Jeremy Glick, Laura Gill, Cheryl Pereira, Sarah Hobbs, Ryan Zupan, James Hamilton, and Baldip Sihota

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, made a presentation to the Pages in appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

## Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Alberta Research Council, which celebrated its 80th anniversary on January 6, 2001.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding parliamentary privilege.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding Wayne Hampton, Principal of the Lacombe Upper Elementary School, on winning the Council of School Administrator's regional and provincial 2001 Principal of the Year Award.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding Ralph Canham, on receiving reimbursement from the Workers' Compensation Board for a replacement electric wheel chair.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Massey, Acting 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 that when the Assembly adjourned today it would do so pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to on April 24, 2001.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Private Bills

#### Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

**Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland

Mr. Shariff, Deputy 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 Pr3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 348/2001

**Third Reading**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr1, Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr2, Burns Memorial Trust Act.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr3, The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act  
— Mr. McClelland

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr4, Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2001, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, tabled the following:

Copy of an EPCOR utility bill dated May 4, 2001, for Panache Ceramic Industries Ltd.

Sessional Paper 349/2001

### **Temporary Recess**

The Deputy Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:20 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

### **Royal Assent**

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

The Speaker addressed Her 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 Assistant of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland
- Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford
- Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner
- Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau
- Bill 14 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 15 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon
- Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham
- Bill 19 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord
- Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland
- Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

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

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

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

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to by the Assembly on April 24, 2001, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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**FALL SITTING**

NOVEMBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 29, 2001

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Tuesday, November 13, 2001

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Mr. Galen Norris, Member for Stettler, 1956 to 1971, who passed away on August 10, 2001, Mr. Donald Fleming, Member for Calgary-West, 1959 to 1967, who passed away on September 12, 2001, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jane “Bettie” Hewes, Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on November 6, 2001.

### **Unanimous Consent - Statement by Party Leaders**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow for statements by the Party Leaders regarding the events of September 11, 2001.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 410 Edmonton and area residents recommending the Government condemn the Chinese Government’s crackdown on Falun Gong and the Heilongjiang Government’s mass killing of Falun Gong practitioners.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 14, 2001:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 40.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 22 Builders’ Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

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

Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Report, undated, entitled "Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Site Remediation Program" prepared by the Department of Municipal Affairs in response to questions raised by Mr. Bonner during Oral Question Period on May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 350/2001

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Alberta Research Council, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 351/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Booklet dated September 2001, entitled "Women Working" prepared by Edmonton Working Women

Sessional Paper 352/2001

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

Program from the Province of Saskatchewan's unveiling of the Millennium Busts of Honourable T. Walter Scott, Honourable T.C. Douglas, and The Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, held on June 18, 2001 at the Legislative Building in Regina, Saskatchewan

Sessional Paper 353/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

E-mail message dated November 11, 2001, from Barry and Lana Love on behalf of the Flagstaff Family Farm Promotional Society, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, intensive livestock operations

Sessional Paper 354/2001

Letter dated November 12, 2001, from Gail Horner, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Sturgeon School Division, to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, requesting the Government consider the proposed amendments to Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, in Committee of the Whole for at least 10 days

Sessional Paper 355/2001

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

Letter dated October 13, 2001, from Carolyn Benedik of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding education underfunding

Sessional Paper 356/2001

Document, undated, listing excerpts from Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and several quotes by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 357/2001

Edmonton Journal article dated March 7, 2001, entitled "Private health care, premiums, staffing"

Sessional Paper 358/2001

News release dated November 13, 2001, entitled "Premier Breaking His Word On His Health Care" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 359/2001

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

Letter dated September 25, 2001, from Mark Samuel of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the teaching profession, teachers' salaries, and education funding in Alberta

Sessional Paper 360/2001

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

Memorandum dated November 9, 2001, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Alberta Official Song Act, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 361/2001

Memorandum dated November 13, 2001, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 362/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s3(2):

List of registered candidates together with their chief financial officers who filed a late financial statement with the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the 2001 Alberta Provincial General Election held on March 12, 2001

Sessional Paper 363/2001

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

Revised Members' Services Committee Orders No. MSC 1/01, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 8); No. MSC 2/01, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 4); No. MSC 3/01, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 6); No. MSC 4/01, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 3); No. MSC 5/01, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 7); and No. MSC 6/01, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 8), all dated August 7, 2001

Sessional Paper 364/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22-1, s44(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 365/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) web site article dated October 13, 2001, entitled "Provincial and Territorial Government Health Care Spending Shows Continued Growth, Reports CIHI"

Sessional Paper 366/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Helen Hart who recently passed away.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Bettie Hewes, Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on November 6, 2001.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Communities in Bloom organization, and the Town of Millet on being awarded first place in the area of heritage conservation and first place overall in its population category in a national competition held by Communities in Bloom.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Bettie Hewes, Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on November 6, 2001.

### **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the need for public debate and consultation to counteract the speculation that surrounds reform of the health care system in Alberta.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 210 Alberta Personal Income Tax (In-Home Care and Dependant Tax Credit) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Cenaiko speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**507.** Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped recipients transferring to a non-exempt income, such as the Canadian Pension Plan Disability program, retain medical benefits until similar income limits are reached that disqualify medical benefits to partially exempt income earners under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Motion Other Than Government Motion 505 at this time.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

**508.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prioritize restructuring of the parameters for delivering province-wide services such as Renal Dialysis and Multiple Sclerosis Special Therapy programs to focus more on patient need and outcome with emphasis given to service delivery closer to the patient's principal residence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Gordon speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 4:54 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Mr. Johnson, 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 16 (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary- Mountain View on May 28, 2001) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 367/2001

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Minister of Learning) — Debate adjourned  
Sessional Paper 368/2001

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate adjourned  
Sessional Paper 369/2001

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:06 p.m. until Wednesday, November 14, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 14, 2001

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 3,814 Albertans requesting that the Department of Learning ensure qualified teacher-librarians and library technicians are on staff in every school in Alberta and provide ongoing funding for learning resource collections.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to make recommendations to the Federal Government to condemn the Chinese Government's crackdown on Falun Gong and the Heilongjiang Government's mass killing of Falun Gong practitioners; and urge Heilongjiang, our sister province in China, to stop arresting, detaining and persecuting Falun Gong practitioners.

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

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Trustee Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 370/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 371/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-11, s20.6(3); the Stray Animals Act, cS-23, s22.6(3); the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-22.5; s32.6(3); and the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-24, s22.6(3):

Livestock Identification Services Limited, Manager's Report for the period of April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001  
Sessional Paper 372/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 2000  
Sessional Paper 373/2001

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier:

Program from the Alberta Order of Excellence 2001 Investiture Ceremony held at Government House on October 18, 2001  
Sessional Paper 374/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 14, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Ashok Sharma, President, Council of India Societies, extending his best wishes to members of the East Indian community in Alberta on the celebration of Diwali (the Festival of Light)

Sessional Paper 375/2001

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

MJ Ervin and Associates Incorporated web page table dated November 13, 2001, entitled "Weekly Pump Price Survey"

Sessional Paper 376/2001

News release dated November 13, 2001, entitled "Suncor Energy files disclosure document for next ten years of growth" prepared by Suncor Energy

Sessional Paper 377/2001

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Letter dated November 9, 2001, from Lynda Akers, Chairman of the Board, Grande Yellowhead Regional Division No. 35, to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, expressing concern regarding proposed amendments to Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 378/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

CFRN TV Good Neighbour Fund Outline presented at the Poor Boy's Luncheon held on November 14, 2001

Sessional Paper 379/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document, undated, entitled "Notes to Cost Containment Strategies" regarding funding information surrounding several community youth facilities

Sessional Paper 380/2001

Document, undated, entitled "Expenditure Forecast - Second Quarter, 2001-02"

Sessional Paper 381/2001

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

Letter dated September 10, 2001, from Maria and Lee Kruszewski of Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding large class sizes at St. Gabriel School in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 382/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated August 29, 2001, from Margaret Hislop of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, concerning commitments made by the Premier during the 2001 provincial election campaign

Sessional Paper 383/2001

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

Letter dated August 25, 2001, from Audrey Mancini of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting that the medication Remicade be included as a drug eligible to be paid for under the Government of Alberta drug plan

Sessional Paper 384/2001

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

Report, undated, entitled "Structural Impediments to FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) Certification in Alberta: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Managed Forests" prepared by the Alberta Wilderness Association, Albertans for a Wild Chinchaga, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society-Edmonton Chapter, and the Federation of Alberta Naturalists

Sessional Paper 385/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s61(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2000-2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 386/2001

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, made a statement regarding Métis Week, November 12 to 18, 2001, the associated celebrations, and the strong partnership between the Alberta Government and the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Wilfred and Ann Vandermeer, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 7, 2001

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Harry Buddle, Chief Executive Officer, Capital City Savings and Credit Union, recipient of the University of Alberta-based 2001 Canadian Institute of Retailing and Services Henry Singer Award

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Members of the first municipal council for Jasper, and all recently elected municipal councillors in Alberta

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Ron Warren and Dusty Lavallee, successful participants in the 2001 Canadian Finals Rodeo

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Canadian Diabetes Association and World Diabetes Day, November 14, 2001

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: 50th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Red Deer

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ5, WQ7.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 210 Alberta Personal Income Tax (In-Home Care and Dependant Tax Credit)  
Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 210, Alberta Personal Income Tax (In-Home Care and Dependant Tax Credit)  
Amendment Act, 2001, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a  
Second time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Ady	Graydon	Lund
Amery	Haley	Magnus
Calahasen	Hancock	Maskell
Coutts	Hlady	Melchin
Danyluk	Hutton	Nelson
DeLong	Jablonski	Oberg
Ducharme	Jacobs	Ouellette
Dunford	Klapstein	Rathgeber
Fischer	Knight	Smith
Forsyth	Kryczka	Strang
Gordon	Lougheed	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Yankowsky
Graham		

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Cenaiko	Mason
Broda	Doerksen	O'Neill
Cao	Fritz	Pham
Carlson	MacDonald	Snelgrove

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:07 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Mr. Lougheed, 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 18 (introduced by Hon. Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on November 13, 2001) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 387/2001

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Mr. Lougheed, 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 16 (introduced by Hon. Minister of Learning on November 13, 2001) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 388/2001

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:49 p.m. until Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 15, 2001

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

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord

Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang

Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Magnus

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 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord

Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang

Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Magnus

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 15, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Lieutenant Colonel P. Stogran, 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, offering his thanks and best wishes to the Alberta-based men and women of the armed forces who have recently been called to service in Afghanistan

Sessional Paper 389/2001

Letter dated November 15, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing concerns regarding a health dispute resolution process proposal outlined by the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Health Minister, and requesting that Mr. Chrétien discuss this matter with Mr. Rock

Sessional Paper 390/2001

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

News release dated November 15, 2001, entitled "Albertans to receive better access to wholesale electricity price information" prepared by Alberta Energy  
Sessional Paper 391/2001

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

Calgary Herald article dated November 11, 2001, entitled "Klein will contest health act"  
Sessional Paper 392/2001

Globe and Mail article dated November 12, 2001, entitled "Klein considering user fees" regarding health care fees  
Sessional Paper 393/2001

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

Letter dated March 8, 2000, from Leroy Chahley, Deputy Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, enclosing a copy of the Transportation Trust Fund Agreement between Alberta Infrastructure and the City of Edmonton approved by Edmonton City Council on March 8, 2000  
Sessional Paper 394/2001

News release dated March 16, 2000, entitled "Calgary and Province Sign Fuel Sales Revenue Agreement" prepared by the Government of Alberta  
Sessional Paper 395/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated April 6, 2001, entitled "Alberta's Health Care Master Plan" prepared by Svend Albert Opstad of Edmonton  
Sessional Paper 396/2001

Document, undated, entitled "Report from Darrell Pidner" outlining statistics regarding the International Alliance of Stage and Theatrical Employees  
Sessional Paper 397/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Edmonton Journal article, undated, entitled "Laurel Awards speech" reprinting an excerpt of the speech by Edmonton philanthropist, Robert Stollery, at the Annual Laurel Awards  
Sessional Paper 398/2001

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

Toronto Dominion Economics report on government finances dated October 12, 2001, entitled "Federal and Provincial Fiscal Outlook to 2005-6"  
Sessional Paper 399/2001

Chart, undated, untitled, listing Alberta Government health spending for the years 1983/84 through 2000/01, prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information

Sessional Paper 400/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Raymond Rouleau of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns faced by Alberta teachers regarding class sizes and a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 401/2001

Letter, undated, from Lynn Koss of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns that parents, students, and teachers face due to a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 402/2001

Letter dated October 15, 2001, from Sheila Piersa to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, suggesting that education funding should be made a top priority

Sessional Paper 403/2001

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

Letter dated November 2, 2001, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, inquiring as to when the Workers' Compensation Board Appeals Commission Annual Report will be available

Sessional Paper 404/2001

Letter dated November 10, 2001, from J. Munsey of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns faced by teachers and students due to a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 405/2001

## Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Alex Young, a 13-year old, grade 8 student, whose poem "On the Eleventh" won first place in the 2000-2001 intermediate poem competition sponsored by the Alberta-Northwest Territories Royal Canadian Legion.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the independence of the Assembly from the judiciary and executive branches of government.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group who have been called to duty in Afghanistan.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the recent provincial general election campaign and the principles of the Canada Health Act.

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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 November 19 to November 22, 2001:

Monday, November 19	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 23, 24, 25, 26
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 28, 29 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 22, 27 And as per afternoon progress
Tuesday, November 20	(4:30)	- <b>Government Motions</b> <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 25, 28
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 25, 28 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, November 21	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Supplementary Supply Messages</b>

**Second Reading/Committee of the Whole**

Bill 28, 29

**Government Motions**

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 22 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Supplementary Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 1)**Revert to Introduction of Bills**

Supplementary Supply Bill

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

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

**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until Monday, November 19, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, November 19, 2001

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

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 19, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Wally Buono, Coach and General Manager, Calgary Stampeders, congratulating the Stampeder organization on winning the Canadian Football League Western Final on November 18, 2001, and wishing the team luck in the Grey Cup being held on November 25, 2001

Sessional Paper 406/2001

Letter dated November 19, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Honourable Gary Doer, Manitoba Premier, proposing a challenge to Mr. Doer regarding the 2001 Grey Cup game between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Calgary Stampeders

Sessional Paper 407/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Workers' Compensation Board, 2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 408/2001

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue:

Responses to questions raised on May 23, 2001, Department of Revenue, 2001-02 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 409/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 410/2001

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s5(4):

The Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 411/2001

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Twenty Eighth Annual Report, 2001 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 412/2001

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Report, undated, entitled "Lobbyist Report II" prepared by Allan P. Jobson, Lobbyist, regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 413/2001

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s19(4):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 414/2001

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2000 Provincial Confirmation Process and Monday, March 12, 2001 Provincial General Election of the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 415/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 1, 2001, from Dorothy Ackerman of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting Government funds for interpreting services for the deaf

Sessional Paper 416/2001

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

Letter dated June 11, 2001, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to E. Eleanor Iftody of Edmonton responding to questions raised in Ms Iftody's recent letter to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting information on calculating teachers' pensions and changes to benefits or plan funding

Sessional Paper 417/2001

Letter dated May 17, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to E. Eleanor Iftody of Edmonton advising that her recent letter had been forwarded to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, for his direct response

Sessional Paper 418/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated September 4, 2001, from Sandra Badun of Edmonton, also signed by 29 health care professionals and parents, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 419/2001

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

Report dated November 9, 2001, entitled "Submission to the Romanow Commission on Health Care in Canada" prepared by S.A.L.T. (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 420/2001

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

Letter dated November 19, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to Celebrate the Season participants advising that Christmas carolling in the Legislature Building will continue after a review of security plans, with an attached brochure outlining Christmas activities to be held this year at the Legislature

Sessional Paper 421/2001

Letter dated November 15, 2001, from Peter Valentine, FCA, Auditor General, providing notice of his resignation pursuant to Section 4 of the Auditor General Act

Sessional Paper 422/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, tabled the following:

Chart dated November 19, 2001, entitled "Oil and Gas Price Monitoring" listing power pool prices for today

Sessional Paper 423/2001

News release, undated, entitled "ENMAX Third Quarter Earnings Reflect Declining Energy Prices" prepared by ENMAX Corporation

Sessional Paper 424/2001

**Recognitions**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: National Addictions Awareness Week, November 18-24, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Addictions Awareness Week, November 18-24, 2001

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Inskip Spencer, Westmount Community League Volunteer of the Year 2001 Award recipient

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Dr. David Schindler, University of Alberta professor of ecology, on being awarded the 2001 Gerhard Herzberg Canada gold medal for science and engineering

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

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

Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord

Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang

Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 26 Trustee Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 4:54 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord
- Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 26 Trustee Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:45 p.m. until Tuesday, November 20, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 20, 2001

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 500 Albertans requesting that the Government of Alberta provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children and financial assistance to parents for costs associated with the special dietary requirements of their diabetic children.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 21, 2001:

Written Question: WQ5.

Motions for Returns: MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 214 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

Bill 215 Health Insurance Premiums Act Repeal Act — Mr. Vandermeer

Bill 218 School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001 — Dr. Massey

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Memorandum dated November 20, 2001, from Fay Orr, Managing Director, Public Affairs Bureau, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, during Oral Question Period on November 19, 2001, regarding staffing levels at the Public Affairs Bureau

Sessional Paper 425/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Responses to questions raised on May 9, 2001, Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2001-02 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 426/2001

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 427/2001

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

13 letters dated May 8, 2001, from Grande Prairie-Smoky constituents to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, supporting Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 428/2001

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

Document, undated, advertising Homelessness Action Day on November 22, 2001, prepared by the Edmonton Coalition on Homelessness

Sessional Paper 429/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

26 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 430/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

"Sustainable Calgary State of Our City Report, 2001" prepared by the Sustainable Calgary State of Our City Project

Sessional Paper 431/2001

11 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 432/2001

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

26 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 433/2001

Chart, undated, entitled "Alberta's Reserves 2000 and Supply/Demand Outlook/Crude Oil" setting out the remaining established reserves of crude oil for 1976 to 2000 and the total conventional crude oil reserves additions and reassessments for 1986 to 2000, prepared by the EUB (Energy and Utilities Board)

Sessional Paper 434/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

26 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 435/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

15 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 436/2001

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

26 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 437/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated October 20, 2001, from Carmela Travak of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting that the Government review financial assistance levels for dependent adults

Sessional Paper 438/2001

26 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 439/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-7, s27:

Office of the Ombudsman, 34th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 440/2001

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

Office of the Ombudsman, Financial Statements as at March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 441/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

News release dated November 20, 2001, entitled "Region lowers spending by \$30M; no reductions in frontline services" prepared by the Calgary Health Region

Sessional Paper 442/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding George Ho Lem Sr., businessman, former Calgary Alderman and Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Jack O'Neill, on being nominated as a member of the Order of Canada.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Sustainable Calgary State of Our City Project and the 2001 State of Our City Report.

Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the multi-facility Fox Run school in Sylvan Lake on winning the Council of Educational Facility Planners International Design Award.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

Mr. Johnson, 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 207 (Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster) —  
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 443/2001

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**508.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prioritize restructuring of the parameters for delivering province-wide services such as Renal Dialysis and Multiple Sclerosis Special Therapy programs to focus more on patient need and outcome with emphasis given to service delivery closer to the patient's principal residence.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being 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: 53

Ady	Graydon	McClelland
Amery	Haley	Nelson
Blakeman	Hancock	Nicol
Bonner	Hlady	Oberg
Boutilier	Horner	O'Neill
Broda	Jablonski	Ouellette
Calahasen	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Cao	Klapstein	Renner
Carlson	Knight	Shariff
Cenaiko	Lord	Strang
Danyluk	Lougheed	Taft
DeLong	Lund	Tannas
Doerksen	Magnus	Taylor
Dunford	Marz	VanderBurg
Forsyth	Maskell	Vandermeer
Fritz	Massey	Yankowsky
Gordon	Masyk	Zwozdesky
Goudreau	McClellan	

Against the motion: 0

**509.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Regional Health Authorities to collect and publicly release information on private health care providers whom they contract with, including details regarding services provided, public funding received and charges to individuals.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Dr. Taft speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 28, Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 28 being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:27 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Magnus

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 444/2001

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:58 p.m. until Wednesday, November 21, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 21, 2001

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 54 Edmonton residents requesting the Government to increase funding to school boards.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 500 Albertans requesting that the Government of Alberta provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children and financial assistance to parents for costs associated with the special dietary requirements of their diabetic children.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children under the Alberta Health Care Plan and provide financial assistance to parents to enable them to meet their children's necessary dietary requirements and cover costs incurred in travelling to diabetes education and treatment centres outside their own communities in Alberta.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 219 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Mr. Danyluk

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2) and 16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 445/2001

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 446/2001

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 447/2001

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 448/2001

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ1 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 9, 2001:

What is the *projected* average cost per tonne for treating wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

Sessional Paper 449/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 450/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated November 21, 2001, from Bill Meade, Chief Executive Officer, Ma'mōwe Capital Region Child and Family Services, outlining reasons for the closure of Crossroads House

Sessional Paper 451/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Alberta Dental Association, 2000 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 452/2001

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2000 Radiation Protection Program Annual Report

Sessional Paper 453/2001

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2001, with attached financial statements of the College of Chiropractors of Alberta dated March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2001

Sessional Paper 454/2001

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

Sessional Paper 455/2001

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Report entitled "Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 2000-2001 Year in Review" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 456/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Budget 2001, Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 457/2001

Budget 2001, Second Quarter Activity Report, 2001-02

Sessional Paper 458/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-3.5, s3.1(5):

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 459/2001

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 460/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 461/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 462/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4):

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 463/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated October 3, 2001, from Jean Thorburn of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding increasing rent rates

Sessional Paper 464/2001

Letter dated September 7, 2001, from James Patrick Cribben of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding increasing rent rates due to high utility costs, and requesting the Government re-establish a rent control system

Sessional Paper 465/2001

Petition signed by 74 Edmonton residents requesting the Government re-establish a rent control system

Sessional Paper 466/2001

Letter dated October 30, 2001, from Bernard (no surname) of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the Government re-establish a rent control system

Sessional Paper 467/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated November 20, 2001, from Ed and Sherry Horvath of Warburg to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, intensive livestock operations in Alberta

Sessional Paper 468/2001

15 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 469/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 470/2001

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

Letter dated November 13, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of October 25, 2001, requesting information on the Regulated Rate Option for 2002

Sessional Paper 471/2001

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 472/2001

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

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 473/2001

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

E-mail message dated November 16, 2001, from Richard Ouellet, a senior manager at Ma'mōwe Capital Region Children's Services Authority, listing 21 children's services delivery agencies whose contracts are being terminated and 5 agencies whose contracts will see reductions

Sessional Paper 474/2001

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

Document, undated, untitled, showing an implementation schedule for the business tax plan for the years 2000 to 2004

Sessional Paper 475/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 476/2001

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Shumka Ukrainian Dancers on creating a professional touring component within their organization

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Capital Health Region on receiving the highest accreditation status possible by the Canadian Council on Health Services

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Mary Griffith and Tom Marlang of the Pembina Institute, for their research on the detrimental environmental effects of coal-generated electricity

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Shereen Ziegler, on being crowned Miss Rodeo Canada 2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Pamela Paul Endowment Fund for the prevention of family violence

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Dedicated teachers across Alberta and their commitment to children

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Mai Ponath, who passed away on September 26, 2001

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted:

**WQ5.** Moved by Mr. Mason:

Of the \$690 million the Government receives annually for health care premiums, what portion is paid by Government and Government-funded agencies such as school boards, universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, regional children's authorities, and other Government boards and agencies on behalf of their employees?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ7.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR14.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of the April 30, 1997 document entitled "Advice to the Provincial Treasurer re. Alberta Treasury Branches" as prepared by Alberta Treasury.

**MR15.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of the nine-page document sent by the President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the Provincial Treasurer on December 23, 1997 relating to a change in status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

**MR16.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of the memorandum and supporting documents entitled "ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) Options" sent by the Deputy Provincial Treasurer to the President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Alberta Treasury Branches on December 16, 1997.

**MR17.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of the document entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: Alternative Business Outcomes" prepared by Alberta Treasury on December 22, 1997.

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR18.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, on November 20, 2001, that Bill 207 be amended as follows:

- A The title is amended by striking out "Deductions" and substituting "Credit".
- B Section 2 is amended by striking out the proposed section 10.1(2) and substituting the following:

(2) For the purpose of computing the tax payable under this Act for a taxation year by an individual, if the individual is employed as a tradesperson and, as a condition of the individual's employment was required to provide tools for a period of the year, there may be deducted an amount determined by the formula

A x (B - \$500)

where

A is the specified percentage for the year;

B is an amount of not more than \$5 000 that is equal to the tradesperson's total expenditure for the purchase, maintenance, rental or insurance of the tools that are proven by filing receipts for the expenditures with the Provincial Treasurer that were not included in determining an amount under this section for a preceding taxation year and that were paid by the tradesperson.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 42

Blakeman	Goudreau	Marz
Boutilier	Hancock	Maskell
Calahasen	Hlady	Mason
Cao	Horner	Massey
Cardinal	Hutton	Oberg
Cenaiko	Jablonski	O'Neill
Coutts	Jonson	Ouellette
Danyluk	Klapstein	Pham
DeLong	Knight	Rathgeber
Doerksen	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lord	Strang
Fischer	Lougheed	Taft
Fritz	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Gordon	Magnus	Yankowsky

Against the amendment: 7

Amery	Herard	Nelson
Graydon	Melchin	Vandermeer
Haley		

The question was put that Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Gordon	Mason
Boutilier	Hancock	Massey
Calahasen	Hlady	Nicol
Cao	Hutton	O'Neill
Cardinal	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Klapstein	Pham
Coutts	Knight	Rathgeber
Doerksen	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Strang
Forsyth	Marz	VanderBurg
Fritz	Maskell	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	Haley	Nelson
DeLong	Herard	Taft
Graydon	Magnus	Vandermeer

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

Mr. Klapstein, 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 207 (introduced by Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster on November 20, 2001) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 477/2001

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates: General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 478/2001

### **Government Motions**

**18.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**19.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**20.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Tarchuk (Chair)	Friedel	Pannu
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Graham	Taft
Blakeman	O'Neill	Tannas

for the purpose of inviting applications for the positions of Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner and to recommend to the Assembly the applicants it considers most suitable for appointment to those positions.

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens:**

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended as follows:

**1 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**4(1)** If at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 8 p.m.

**(2)** If at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, the committee shall rise and report immediately.

**(3)** If at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 8 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned until the next sitting day.

(4) If at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, the Chairman leaves the Chair until 8:00 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the next sitting day.

(5) At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday the Speaker adjourns the Assembly, without question put, until Monday.

**2 Standing Order 5 is amended by adding the following after suborder (1):**

(1.1) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the division bells shall be sounded for one minute and if a quorum is then not present, the Speaker may declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

**3 Standing Order 7 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:**

7(1) The ordinary daily routine business in the Assembly shall be as follows:

*O Canada* (First sitting day of each week)  
Introduction of Visitors  
Introduction of Guests  
Ministerial Statements  
Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes  
Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)  
Members' Statements (Tuesday and Thursday)  
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees  
Presenting Petitions  
Notices of Motions  
Introduction of Bills  
Tabling Returns and Reports  
Projected Government Business (Thursday)

**4 Standing Order 8 is amended**

(a) **by striking out suborders (1) to (3) and substituting the following:**

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001

**8(1)** On Monday afternoon, after the daily routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Written Questions  
 Motions for Returns  
 Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders

**(2)** On Monday evening, from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Motions other than Government Motions

**(3)** On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, on Monday evening commencing at 9 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Government Motions  
 Government Bills and Orders  
 Private Bills

**(b) in suborder (4) by striking out “55 minutes of debate” and substituting “60 minutes of debate and 5 minutes for the mover of the motion to close debate.”**

**(c) by adding the following after suborder (4):**

**(4.1)** Before the mover closes debate on a motion under suborder (4), a member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that provides for the motion under consideration to be moved to the bottom of that item of business on the Order Paper.

**(d) by striking out suborder (6) and substituting the following:**

**(6)** Before the mover of a motion for second or third reading of a Public Bill other than a Government Bill closes debate, or the time limit is reached for consideration at Committee of the Whole under suborder (5)(a)(ii), a member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that the votes necessary to conclude consideration at that stage be postponed for 10 sitting days or the first opportunity after that for the consideration of the Bill, unless there are other Bills awaiting consideration at that stage in which case the Bill will be called after the Bills at that stage have been considered.

**5 Standing Order 18 is amended**

**(a) in suborder 1(h) by adding “, except as provided under Standing Order 49” after “committee”;**

**(b) by adding the following after suborder (2):**

**(3)** In this Standing Order, “adjournment motion” includes daily adjournment motions and any motion to adjourn the proceedings of the Assembly for a specified or unspecified period.

**6 Standing Order 20 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:**

**20(1)** In a debate on a motion, if a member moves an amendment, that member may only speak to the amendment and the main question in one speech.

**7 Standing Order 21 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**21(1)** A member of the Executive Council may, on at least one day’s notice, propose a motion for the purpose of allotting a specified number of hours for consideration and disposal of proceedings on a Government motion or a Government Bill and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment except as provided in suborder (3).

**(2)** A motion under suborder (1)

(a) that applies to a Government Bill shall only refer to one stage of consideration for the Bill;

(b) shall only apply when the Bill or motion that is the subject of the time allocation motion has already been debated in the Assembly or been considered in Committee of the Whole.

**(3)** A member of the Executive Council may outline the reasons for the motion under suborder (1) and a member of the Official Opposition may respond but neither speech may exceed 5 minutes.

**8 Standing Order 23 is amended by striking out clause (g) and substituting the following:**

(g) refers to any matter pending in a court or before a judge for judicial determination

(i) of a criminal nature from the time charges have been laid until passing of sentence, including any appeals and the expiry of appeal periods from the time of judgment, or

(ii) of a civil nature that has been set down for a trial or notice of motion filed, as in an injunction proceeding, until judgment or from the date of filing a notice of appeal until judgment by an appellate court,

where there is probability of prejudice to any party but where there is any doubt as to prejudice, the rule should be in favour of the debate;

**9 Standing Order 29 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**29(1)** Time limits on speaking in debate in the Assembly on Government motions, Government Bills and orders and private Bills shall be as follows:

- (a) (i) the Premier,
- (ii) the Leader of the Official Opposition, and
- (iii) the mover on the occasion of the Budget Address

shall be limited to 90 minutes' speaking time;

(b) the mover in debate on a resolution or on a Bill shall be limited to 20 minutes' speaking time in opening debate and 15 minutes in closing debate;

(c) the member who speaks immediately following the mover in debate on a resolution or on a Bill shall be limited to 20 minutes;

(d) except as provided in clauses (a) to (c), no member shall speak for longer than 15 minutes in debate.

**(2)** (a) Subject to clause (b), following each speech on the items in debate referred to in suborder (1), a period not exceeding 5 minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses to each member's questions and comments;

(b) the 5 minute question and comment period referred to in clause (a) is not available following the speech from

- (i) the mover of the resolution or the Bill in opening or closing debate, and
- (ii) the member who speaks immediately after the mover.

(3) Time limits on speaking in debate on motions other than Government motions, public Bills and orders other than Government Bills and orders, written questions and motions for returns shall be as follows:

(a) the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition shall be limited to 20 minutes' speaking time;

(b) the mover in debate of a resolution or a Bill shall be limited to 10 minutes' speaking time and 5 minutes to close debate;

(c) all other members shall be limited to 10 minutes' speaking time in debate.

**10 Standing Order 30(4) is amended in clause (a) by adding "the debate proceeds and" before "the Speaker".**

**11 Standing Order 32 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(2.1) When a division is called in Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply, a member may request unanimous consent to waive suborder (2) to shorten the 10 minute interval between division bells.

**12 Standing Order 34 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(2.1) Amendments to written questions and motions for returns must

(a) be approved by Parliamentary Counsel on the sitting day preceding the day the amendment is moved, and

(b) be provided to the mover of the written question or motion for a return no later than 11 a.m. on the day the amendment is to be moved.

**13 Standing Order 37 is amended by adding the following after suborder (3):**

(4) For the purposes of this Standing Order and Standing Order 37.1, a tabling must be in paper form.

**14 The following is added after Standing Order 37:**

**37.1(1)** Documents may be tabled by providing the required number of copies to the Clerk before 11 a.m. any day the Assembly sits.

(2) When the Clerk receives a tabling under suborder (1) that is in order, the Clerk shall read the title of the tabling when Tabling Returns and Reports is called in the daily routine.

**15 Standing Order 39.1 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 39.2 and adding the following before Standing Order 39.2:**

**39.1(1)** The sequence of motions other than Government motions shall be determined by a random draw of names of members who have submitted written notice to the Clerk no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the motions are expected to be moved.

(3) Prior to a motion other than a Government motion being moved, members may switch the positions in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

(4) A member who has a motion other than a Government motion on the Order Paper may, upon providing 4 sitting days' notice, withdraw the motion before it is to be moved in the Assembly.

(5) When a motion is withdrawn under suborder (4), the Order Paper shall indicate "withdrawn" next to the motion number.

**16 Standing Order 48 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 48(1) and by adding the following after suborder (1):**

(2) Dissolution has the effect of nullifying an order or address of the Assembly for returns or papers.

**17 The following is added after Standing Order 48:**

**48.1** A member of the Executive Council may, on one day's notice, move a motion to reinstate a Government Bill from a previous session of the current Legislature to the same stage that the Bill stood at the time of prorogation and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

**18 Standing Order 49 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**49(1)**At the commencement of each session, standing committees of the Assembly must be established for the following purposes:

- (a) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, consisting of 21 members,

- (b) Public Accounts, consisting of 17 members,
  - (c) Private Bills, consisting of 21 members,
  - (d) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, consisting of 9 members,
  - (e) Legislative Offices, consisting of 11 members.
- (2) At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature, the Assembly must establish the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services consisting of 11 members.
- (3) The Assembly must determine the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order by resolution which shall not be subject to debate or amendment.
- (4) The composition of the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order must be proportionate to the number of seats held by each party in the Assembly.
- (5) The proportionate membership of committees as prescribed under suborder (4) may be varied by an agreement among all House Leaders.
- (6) The Clerk of the Assembly shall post in the Legislature Building lists of members of the several standing and special committees appointed during each session.

**19 Standing Order 52 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**52** The Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund shall report to the Assembly on the Fund as prescribed in the *Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act*.

**20 Standing Order 56 is amended by striking out suborders (2) to (8).**

**21 Standing Order 57 is amended by striking out suborders (1) to (6).**

**22 Standing Order 58 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**58(1)** In this Standing Order, "sitting day" means any afternoon or evening that the Committee of Supply considers estimates for not less than 2 hours unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

- (2) The number of sitting days that the Committee of Supply is called to consider the main estimates shall equal the number of members of the Executive Council with portfolio.
- (3) The Committee of Supply shall consider estimates in the following manner:
- (a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, and members of the opposition may speak during the first hour, and
  - (b) any member may speak thereafter.
- (4) Subject to suborder (5), the vote on an estimate before the Committee of Supply shall be called after it has received not less than 2 hours of consideration unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.
- (5) On Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, during the consideration of the main estimates, the Committee of Supply shall be called immediately after Orders of the Day are called and shall rise and report no later than 5:15 p.m.
- (6) The Leader of the Official Opposition may, by giving written notice to the Clerk and the Government House Leader prior to noon on the day following the Budget Address, designate which department's estimates are to be considered by the Committee of Supply on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during the period in which the main estimates are to be considered by Committee of Supply.
- (7) When the Leader of the Official Opposition fails to provide notice in accordance with suborder (5), the Government House Leader shall designate the department for consideration by Committee of Supply for that afternoon.
- (8) The estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature shall be the first item called in the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates and the Chairman shall put the question to approve the estimates forthwith which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(9) In respect of the supplementary estimates and interim supply estimates, a member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day's notice, make a motion to determine the number of days that the Committee of Supply may be called, and the question shall be decided without debate or amendment.

**23 Standing Order 59 is amended**

(a) **in suborder (1)**

(i) **by striking out** "Monday," **and**

(ii) **by striking out** "midnight" **and substituting** "11 p.m.";

(b) **by striking out suborder (2).**

**24 Standing Order 60 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**60** Committees of the whole Assembly shall rise and report prior to the time of adjournment.

**25 The following is added after Standing Order 68:**

**68.1(1)** The sequence of Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders shall be determined by a random draw of the names of members who have submitted written notice to Parliamentary Counsel no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the Bills are expected to be introduced.

(3) Members may switch their positions in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

**26 Standing Order 83 is amended**

(a) **in suborder (2) by striking out** "received, shall be read by the Clerk if the member so requests" **and substituting** "presented during the daily routine";

(b) **by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(3) Petitions must be submitted for approval by Parliamentary Counsel at least one sitting day prior to the petition being presented in the Assembly.

- 27 Standing Order 83.1 is amended**
- (a) **in suborders (1) and (2) by striking out “read and received” and substituting “presented”;**
  - (b) **by striking out suborder (3).**
- 28 Standing Order 102 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 102(1) and adding the following after suborder (1):**
- (2) The Clerk shall be responsible for the printing of the Votes and Proceedings and the Journals of the Assembly.
- 29 Standing Order 109 is struck out and the following is substituted:**
- 109** The Speaker shall, after the end of the fiscal year, prepare an annual report on the Legislative Assembly Office and lay the report before the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.
- 30 Standing Order 114 is amended by striking out suborder (2).**
- 31 This motion supersedes the House Leader Agreement for the 25th Legislature dated April 10, 2001.**
- 32 This motion comes into force on the first day of the Second Session of the 25th Legislature.**

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a point of order requesting that Government Motion 21 be divided. Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, responded to the point of order.

The Speaker ruled that Government Motion 21 will be debated as one motion, and will be divided into three separate parts, as follows, for the purposes of voting:

- Part 1: Sections 1, 3, 4, 26, 27
- Part 2: Sections 20, 21, 22, 23
- Part 3: Sections 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, moved on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, that the motion be amended by striking out section 7.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 22, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 22, 2001

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

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children under the Alberta Health Care Plan and provide financial assistance to parents to enable them to meet their children's necessary dietary requirements and cover costs incurred in travelling to diabetes education and treatment centres outside their own communities in Alberta.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue:

Alberta Securities Commission, Annual Report 2000  
Sessional Paper 479/2001  
Alberta Securities Commission, Annual Report 2001  
Sessional Paper 480/2001

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 481/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2000  
Sessional Paper 482/2001

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Financial statements for all public and separate school jurisdictions in Alberta including charter schools, universities, colleges, and foundations and subsidiaries of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 483/2001

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2000-2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 484/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated June 13, 2001, from Elke Blodgett of St. Albert to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, Inland Cement's conversion to coal-burning cement production, with an attached second e-mail message dated July 17, 2001, asking for a response to her e-mail message of June 13, 2001

Sessional Paper 485/2001

Letter dated June 26, 2001, from Vorona Goodwin of Edmonton to Jillian Flett, Director, Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division, Alberta Environment, expressing health and environmental concerns regarding Inland Cement's conversion to coal-burning cement production

Sessional Paper 486/2001

Letter dated October 5, 2001, from The Edmonton Friends of the North Environmental Society to Edmonton residents requesting support in their campaign against Inland Cement's conversion to coal-burning cement production

Sessional Paper 487/2001

E-mail message dated October 11, 2001, from Mike Nelson of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, with an attached letter from Mary Griffiths of Edmonton to Jillian Flett, Director, Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division, Alberta Environment, both expressing concerns regarding Inland Cement's conversion to coal-burning cement production

Sessional Paper 488/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

41 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 489/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 13, 2001, from Christopher Rymes of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the lack of discussion regarding class sizes in the current contract negotiations between Alberta Learning and the Alberta Teachers' Association  
Sessional Paper 490/2001

Letter dated September 24, 2001, from Al Johnson of Carstairs to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding decreased funding for Alberta students and public education  
Sessional Paper 491/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

31 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system  
Sessional Paper 492/2001

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

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system  
Sessional Paper 493/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system  
Sessional Paper 494/2001

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

Chart, undated, entitled "Crossroads House Occupancy Summary (January - October 2001)" listing the age and number of days of care of residents at Crossroads House  
Sessional Paper 495/2001

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

Copy of a SpeakOut.com web page article entitled "Pro and Con: Don't Let Medical Savings Accounts Derail the American Healthcare Revolution" written by John Bury Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Ohio  
Sessional Paper 496/2001

21 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 497/2001

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

Letter dated November 22, 2001, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Alberta Official Song Act, be given early consideration in Third Reading in the event it passes Committee of the Whole consideration

Sessional Paper 498/2001

Letter dated November 22, 2001, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001, be given early consideration in Third Reading in the event it passes Committee of the Whole consideration

Sessional Paper 499/2001

Letter dated November 22, 2001, from Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Credit) Amendment Act, 2001, be given early consideration in Third Reading

Sessional Paper 500/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and their Red Ribbon campaign to raise the awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the erosion of the usefulness and integrity of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Dr. Noor Jaffer on being presented the Canada Peace Medal by the Calgary YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) on November 21, 2001.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding philanthropist Robert Stollery, and National Child Day, November 20, 2001.

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 26 to November 29, 2001:

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| Monday, November 26  | Aft.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 30</li> <li><b>Government Motions</b></li> <li>Motion 21</li> <li><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 28</li> </ul>   |
|                      | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Motions</b></li> <li>Motion 21</li> <li><b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Committee of the Whole</b></li> <li>Bill 28</li> <li><b>Third Reading</b></li> <li>as per the Order Paper</li> <li><b>Second Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 30</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul> |
| Tuesday, November 27 | (1:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Introduction of Bills</b></li> <li>Bill 31</li> </ul>  |
|                      | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Third Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29</li> <li>And as per the Order Paper</li> </ul>  |
|                      | Eve.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></li> <li><b>Third Reading</b></li> <li>Bill 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29</li> </ul>  |

			<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
			Bill 30
			And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, November 28	Eve.	-	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
			<b>Second Reading/ Committee of the Whole</b>
			Bill 31
			<b>Third Reading</b>
			Bill 30
			And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, November 29	Aft.	-	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
			<b>Third Reading</b>
			Bill 31
	(5:15)		<b>Royal Assent</b>
			And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Health and Wellness, the question was called to grant the following sum:

#### **Health and Wellness**

\$118,743,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

to her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the resolution: 37

Bonner	Klapstein	O'Neill
Calahasen	Lord	Ouellette
Cardinal	Lougheed	Pham
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Rathgeber
Fischer	Lund	Renner
Forsyth	Mar	Stelmach
Friedel	Marz	Stevens
Fritz	Masyk	Taft
Gordon	McFarland	Tarchuk
Graydon	Melchin	Taylor
Hancock	Nelson	VanderBurg
Hutton	Norris	Vandermeer
Jonson		

Against the resolution: 2

Blakeman	Carlson
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Pursuant to Standing Order 59(3) and Government Motion 19 agreed to on November 21, 2001, at 5:15 p.m., the Chair put the question on all Supplementary Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, not yet voted upon.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$129,519,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Health and Wellness**

\$118,743,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Justice**

\$9,018,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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**Learning**

\$80,000,000 Non-Budgetary Disbursements

**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$97,691,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

\$142,000 Operating Expense

Amount to be transferred from the  
**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**  
to **Support to the Legislative Assembly**

\$2,797,000 Operating Expense

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Monday, November 26, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, November 26, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,273 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 1,243 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier:

Letter dated November 26, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Wally Buono, Coach and General Manager, Calgary Stampeders, congratulating the organization on winning the Canadian Football League Grey Cup on November 25, 2001  
Sessional Paper 501/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-4.06, s22(4):

Persons With Developmental Disabilities, 2000-2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 502/2001

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated November 21, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing concerns regarding the negative impact of the softwood lumber disputes between Canada and the United States  
Sessional Paper 503/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 2000  
Sessional Paper 504/2001

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Response to questions raised on May 24, 2001, Department of Environment, 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate  
Sessional Paper 505/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Booklet entitled "X-treme Safety, survival tips for rookies in the workplace" prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment  
Sessional Paper 506/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system  
Sessional Paper 507/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

108 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 508/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated September 7, 2001, from Jeanette O'Brien of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the status of education in Alberta, the teachers' pension plan, and inadequate funding for education

Sessional Paper 509/2001

E-mail message dated September 24, 2001, from Carol Marcellus to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the under-funding of education and teachers' pensions and recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding rising health care costs

Sessional Paper 510/2001

E-mail message dated September 14, 2001, from Arlene Sittler of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the Government's lack of understanding of conditions in Alberta classrooms

Sessional Paper 511/2001

Letter dated October 22, 2001, from Steve Baba of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting information on the process for applying for Special Needs Assistance for Seniors' benefits and the length of time it takes to process an application

Sessional Paper 512/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 22, 2001, from Marcel Tremblay of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the Government's and the public's disdain toward the teaching profession

Sessional Paper 513/2001

Letter dated September 26, 2001, from Penni Kiss of Raymond to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding the retention of teachers in Alberta and teachers' salaries

Sessional Paper 514/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Report dated November 26, 2001, entitled "Parent Fundraising Survey" prepared by the Liberal Official Opposition of Alberta

Sessional Paper 515/2001

40 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 516/2001

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

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Sessional Paper 517/2001

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

Letter dated November 19, 2001, from Heather Fraser of Calgary to all MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly), expressing concerns regarding budget cutbacks to child and family services

Sessional Paper 518/2001

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

Backgrounder document dated September 13, 2001, entitled "Teacher Compensation" prepared by the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

Sessional Paper 519/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Report dated April 2001, entitled "Post-Secondary Accessibility Study" prepared by the Ipsos-Reid Corporation

Sessional Paper 520/2001

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Calgary Stampeders on winning the Canadian Football League Grey Cup, November 25, 2001

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: The Crystal Kids at the Gordon Russell Youth Centre in Edmonton

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton Viets Association

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Dr. Fawzi Morcos on the occasion of his retirement

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Cam Tait of the Edmonton Journal

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Old Strathcona Youth Co-op

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended as follows:

**1 Standing Order 4 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**4(1)** If at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 8 p.m.

**(2)** If at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, the committee shall rise and report immediately.

**(3)** If at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, the Speaker leaves the Chair until 8 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned until the next sitting day.

**(4)** If at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole and the business of the committee is not concluded, the Chairman leaves the Chair until 8:00 p.m. unless, on a motion of the Government House Leader made before 5:30 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the next sitting day.

(5) At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday the Speaker adjourns the Assembly, without question put, until Monday.

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(1.1) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the division bells shall be sounded for one minute and if a quorum is then not present, the Speaker may declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

**3 Standing Order 7 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:**

7(1) The ordinary daily routine business in the Assembly shall be as follows:

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Notices of Motions  
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Tabling Returns and Reports  
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**4 Standing Order 8 is amended**

(a) **by striking out suborders (1) to (3) and substituting the following:**

8(1) On Monday afternoon, after the daily routine, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Written Questions  
Motions for Returns  
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Motions other than Government Motions

(3) On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, on Monday evening commencing at 9 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

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(b) **in suborder (4) by striking out** “55 minutes of debate” **and substituting** “60 minutes of debate and 5 minutes for the mover of the motion to close debate.”

(c) **by adding the following after suborder (4):**

(4.1) Before the mover closes debate on a motion under suborder (4), a member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that provides for the motion under consideration to be moved to the bottom of that item of business on the Order Paper.

(d) **by striking out suborder (6) and substituting the following:**

(6) Before the mover of a motion for second or third reading of a Public Bill other than a Government Bill closes debate, or the time limit is reached for consideration at Committee of the Whole under suborder (5)(a)(ii), a member may move a motion, not subject to debate or amendment, that the votes necessary to conclude consideration at that stage be postponed for 10 sitting days or the first opportunity after that for the consideration of the Bill, unless there are other Bills awaiting consideration at that stage in which case the Bill will be called after the Bills at that stage have been considered.

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(a) **in suborder 1(h) by adding** “, except as provided under Standing Order 49” **after** “committee”;

(b) **by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(3) In this Standing Order, “adjournment motion” includes daily adjournment motions and any motion to adjourn the proceedings of the Assembly for a specified or unspecified period.

**6 Standing Order 20 is amended by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:**

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(b) the 5 minute question and comment period referred to in clause (a) is not available following the speech from

- (i) the mover of the resolution or the Bill in opening or closing debate, and
- (ii) the member who speaks immediately after the mover.

**(3)** Time limits on speaking in debate on motions other than Government motions, public Bills and orders other than Government Bills and orders, written questions and motions for returns shall be as follows:

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(b) the mover in debate of a resolution or a Bill shall be limited to 10 minutes' speaking time and 5 minutes to close debate;

(c) all other members shall be limited to 10 minutes' speaking time in debate.

**10 Standing Order 30(4) is amended in clause (a) by adding “the debate proceeds and” before “the Speaker”.**

**11 Standing Order 32 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(2.1) When a division is called in Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply, a member may request unanimous consent to waive suborder (2) to shorten the 10 minute interval between division bells.

**12 Standing Order 34 is amended by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(2.1) Amendments to written questions and motions for returns must

(a) be approved by Parliamentary Counsel on the sitting day preceding the day the amendment is moved, and

(b) be provided to the mover of the written question or motion for a return no later than 11 a.m. on the day the amendment is to be moved.

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(4) For the purposes of this Standing Order and Standing Order 37.1, a tabling must be in paper form.

**14 The following is added after Standing Order 37:**

**37.1(1)** Documents may be tabled by providing the required number of copies to the Clerk before 11 a.m. any day the Assembly sits.

(2) When the Clerk receives a tabling under suborder (1) that is in order, the Clerk shall read the title of the tabling when Tabling Returns and Reports is called in the daily routine.

**15 Standing Order 39.1 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 39.2 and adding the following before Standing Order 39.2:**

**39.1(1)** The sequence of motions other than Government motions shall be determined by a random draw of names of members who have submitted written notice to the Clerk no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the motions are expected to be moved.

(3) Prior to a motion other than a Government motion being moved, members may switch the positions in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

(4) A member who has a motion other than a Government motion on the Order Paper may, upon providing 4 sitting days' notice, withdraw the motion before it is to be moved in the Assembly.

(5) When a motion is withdrawn under suborder (4), the Order Paper shall indicate "withdrawn" next to the motion number.

**16 Standing Order 48 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 48(1) and by adding the following after suborder (1):**

(2) Dissolution has the effect of nullifying an order or address of the Assembly for returns or papers.

**17 The following is added after Standing Order 48:**

**48.1** A member of the Executive Council may, on one day's notice, move a motion to reinstate a Government Bill from a previous session of the current Legislature to the same stage that the Bill stood at the time of prorogation and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

**18 Standing Order 49 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**49(1)** At the commencement of each session, standing committees of the Assembly must be established for the following purposes:

- (a) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, consisting of 21 members,
- (b) Public Accounts, consisting of 17 members,
- (c) Private Bills, consisting of 21 members,
- (d) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, consisting of 9 members,
- (e) Legislative Offices, consisting of 11 members.

(2) At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature, the Assembly must establish the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services consisting of 11 members.

(3) The Assembly must determine the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order by resolution which shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

(4) The composition of the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order must be proportionate to the number of seats held by each party in the Assembly.

(5) The proportionate membership of committees as prescribed under suborder (4) may be varied by an agreement among all House Leaders.

(6) The Clerk of the Assembly shall post in the Legislature Building lists of members of the several standing and special committees appointed during each session.

**19 Standing Order 52 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**52** The Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund shall report to the Assembly on the Fund as prescribed in the *Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act*.

**20 Standing Order 56 is amended by striking out suborders (2) to (8).**

**21 Standing Order 57 is amended by striking out suborders (1) to (6).**

**22 Standing Order 58 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**58(1)** In this Standing Order, "sitting day" means any afternoon or evening that the Committee of Supply considers estimates for not less than 2 hours unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

(2) The number of sitting days that the Committee of Supply is called to consider the main estimates shall equal the number of members of the Executive Council with portfolio.

(3) The Committee of Supply shall consider estimates in the following manner:

(a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, and members of the opposition may speak during the first hour, and

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(b) any member may speak thereafter.

(4) Subject to suborder (5), the vote on an estimate before the Committee of Supply shall be called after it has received not less than 2 hours of consideration unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

(5) On Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, during the consideration of the main estimates, the Committee of Supply shall be called immediately after Orders of the Day are called and shall rise and report no later than 5:15 p.m.

(6) The Leader of the Official Opposition may, by giving written notice to the Clerk and the Government House Leader prior to noon on the day following the Budget Address, designate which department's estimates are to be considered by the Committee of Supply on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during the period in which the main estimates are to be considered by Committee of Supply.

(7) When the Leader of the Official Opposition fails to provide notice in accordance with suborder (5), the Government House Leader shall designate the department for consideration by Committee of Supply for that afternoon.

(8) The estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature shall be the first item called in the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates and the Chairman shall put the question to approve the estimates forthwith which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(9) In respect of the supplementary estimates and interim supply estimates, a member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day's notice, make a motion to determine the number of days that the Committee of Supply may be called, and the question shall be decided without debate or amendment.

**23 Standing Order 59 is amended**

(a) **in suborder (1)**

(i) **by striking out "Monday," and**

(ii) **by striking out "midnight" and substituting "11 p.m.";**

(b) **by striking out suborder (2).**

**24 Standing Order 60 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**60** Committees of the whole Assembly shall rise and report prior to the time of adjournment.

**25 The following is added after Standing Order 68:**

**68.1(1)** The sequence of Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders shall be determined by a random draw of the names of members who have submitted written notice to Parliamentary Counsel no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

**(2)** The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the Bills are expected to be introduced.

**(3)** Members may switch their positions in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

**26 Standing Order 83 is amended**

**(a)** in suborder (2) by striking out “received, shall be read by the Clerk if the member so requests” and substituting “presented during the daily routine”;

**(b)** by adding the following after suborder (2):

**(3)** Petitions must be submitted for approval by Parliamentary Counsel at least one sitting day prior to the petition being presented in the Assembly.

**27 Standing Order 83.1 is amended**

**(a)** in suborders (1) and (2) by striking out “read and received” and substituting “presented”;

**(b)** by striking out suborder (3).

**28 Standing Order 102 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 102(1) and adding the following after suborder (1):**

**(2)** The Clerk shall be responsible for the printing of the Votes and Proceedings and the Journals of the Assembly.

**29 Standing Order 109 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**109** The Speaker shall, after the end of the fiscal year, prepare an annual report on the Legislative Assembly Office and lay the report before the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

**30 Standing Order 114 is amended by striking out suborder (2).****31 This motion supersedes the House Leader Agreement for the 25th Legislature dated April 10, 2001.****32 This motion comes into force on the first day of the Second Session of the 25th Legislature.**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by striking out section 8.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended in section 18, in the proposed Standing Order 49(1), by adding the following after clause (e):

- (f) Justice and Government Services, consisting of 11 members,
- (g) Learning and Employment, consisting of 11 members,
- (h) Energy and Sustainable Development, consisting of 11 members,
- (i) Agriculture and Municipal Affairs, consisting of 11 members,
- (j) Health and Community Living, consisting of 11 members, and
- (k) Economic Development and Finance, consisting of 11 members.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the motion be amended in section 18 by adding the following after the proposed order 49(1)(e):

- (f) Law and Regulations, consisting of 21 members.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing for discussion and that the Committee be instructed to report to the Assembly no later than 15 sitting days into the spring session in 2002.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 6

Blakeman	Massey	Pannu
MacDonald	Nicol	Taft

Against the motion: 39

Abbott	Hutton	McFarland
Ady	Jablonski	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Johnson	Ouellette
Coutts	Jonson	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Klapstein	Renner
DeLong	Kryczka	Snelgrove
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Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Haley	Lund	Taylor
Hancock	Maskell	VanderBurg
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## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:44 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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(3) Prior to a motion other than a Government motion being moved, members may switch the positions in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

(4) A member who has a motion other than a Government motion on the Order Paper may, upon providing 4 sitting days' notice, withdraw the motion before it is to be moved in the Assembly.

(5) When a motion is withdrawn under suborder (4), the Order Paper shall indicate "withdrawn" next to the motion number.

**16 Standing Order 48 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 48(1) and by adding the following after suborder (1):**

(2) Dissolution has the effect of nullifying an order or address of the Assembly for returns or papers.

**17 The following is added after Standing Order 48:**

**48.1** A member of the Executive Council may, on one day's notice, move a motion to reinstate a Government Bill from a previous session of the current Legislature to the same stage that the Bill stood at the time of prorogation and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

**18 Standing Order 49 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**49(1)** At the commencement of each session, standing committees of the Assembly must be established for the following purposes:

- (a) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, consisting of 21 members,
- (b) Public Accounts, consisting of 17 members,
- (c) Private Bills, consisting of 21 members,
- (d) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, consisting of 9 members,
- (e) Legislative Offices, consisting of 11 members.

(2) At the commencement of the first session of each Legislature, the Assembly must establish the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services consisting of 11 members.

(3) The Assembly must determine the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order by resolution which shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

(4) The composition of the membership of the committees established under this Standing Order must be proportionate to the number of seats held by each party in the Assembly.

(5) The proportionate membership of committees as prescribed under suborder (4) may be varied by an agreement among all House Leaders.

(6) The Clerk of the Assembly shall post in the Legislature Building lists of members of the several standing and special committees appointed during each session.

**19 Standing Order 52 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**52** The Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund shall report to the Assembly on the Fund as prescribed in the *Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act*.

**20 Standing Order 56 is amended by striking out suborders (2) to (8).**

**21 Standing Order 57 is amended by striking out suborders (1) to (6).**

**22 Standing Order 58 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**58(1)** In this Standing Order, “sitting day” means any afternoon or evening that the Committee of Supply considers estimates for not less than 2 hours unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

(2) The number of sitting days that the Committee of Supply is called to consider the main estimates shall equal the number of members of the Executive Council with portfolio.

(3) The Committee of Supply shall consider estimates in the following manner:

(a) the Minister, or the member of the Executive Council acting on the Minister’s behalf, and members of the opposition may speak during the first hour, and

(b) any member may speak thereafter.

(4) Subject to suborder (5), the vote on an estimate before the Committee of Supply shall be called after it has received not less than 2 hours of consideration unless there are no members who wish to speak prior to the conclusion of the 2 hours.

(5) On Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, during the consideration of the main estimates, the Committee of Supply shall be called immediately after Orders of the Day are called and shall rise and report no later than 5:15 p.m.

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(6) The Leader of the Official Opposition may, by giving written notice to the Clerk and the Government House Leader prior to noon on the day following the Budget Address, designate which department's estimates are to be considered by the Committee of Supply on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during the period in which the main estimates are to be considered by Committee of Supply.

(7) When the Leader of the Official Opposition fails to provide notice in accordance with suborder (5), the Government House Leader shall designate the department for consideration by Committee of Supply for that afternoon.

(8) The estimates of the Legislative Assembly, as approved by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, and the estimates of the Officers of the Legislature shall be the first item called in the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates and the Chairman shall put the question to approve the estimates forthwith which shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(9) In respect of the supplementary estimates and interim supply estimates, a member of the Executive Council may, with at least one day's notice, make a motion to determine the number of days that the Committee of Supply may be called, and the question shall be decided without debate or amendment.

**23 Standing Order 59 is amended**

(a) in suborder (1)

(i) by striking out "Monday," and

(ii) by striking out "midnight" and substituting "11 p.m.";

(b) by striking out suborder (2).

**24 Standing Order 60 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**60** Committees of the whole Assembly shall rise and report prior to the time of adjournment.

**25 The following is added after Standing Order 68:**

**68.1(1)** The sequence of Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders shall be determined by a random draw of the names of members who have submitted written notice to Parliamentary Counsel no later than 3 days prior to the date of the draw.

(2) The draw referred to in suborder (1) shall be held on a date set by the Speaker in the July preceding the session that the Bills are expected to be introduced.

(3) Members may switch their positions in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Speaker.

**26 Standing Order 83 is amended**

(a) **in suborder (2) by striking out** “received, shall be read by the Clerk if the member so requests” **and substituting** “presented during the daily routine”;

(b) **by adding the following after suborder (2):**

(3) Petitions must be submitted for approval by Parliamentary Counsel at least one sitting day prior to the petition being presented in the Assembly.

**27 Standing Order 83.1 is amended**

(a) **in suborders (1) and (2) by striking out** “read and received” **and substituting** “presented”;

(b) **by striking out suborder (3).**

**28 Standing Order 102 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 102(1) and adding the following after suborder (1):**

(2) The Clerk shall be responsible for the printing of the Votes and Proceedings and the Journals of the Assembly.

**29 Standing Order 109 is struck out and the following is substituted:**

**109** The Speaker shall, after the end of the fiscal year, prepare an annual report on the Legislative Assembly Office and lay the report before the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

**30 Standing Order 114 is amended by striking out suborder (2).**

**31 This motion supersedes the House Leader Agreement for the 25th Legislature dated April 10, 2001.**

**32 This motion comes into force on the first day of the Second Session of the 25th Legislature.**

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put on sections 1, 3, 4, 26, and 27, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Abbott	Jablonski	Ouellette
Ady	Jonson	Rathgeber
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
Cenaiko	Lord	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lougheed	Stelmach
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Ducharme	Lund	Strang
Evans	Masyk	Tannas
Forsyth	McClellan	Tarchuk
Fritz	McClelland	Taylor
Hlady	McFarland	Vandermeer
Horner	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hutton		

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	Mason	Nicol
Bonner	Massey	

The question being put on sections 20, 21, 22, and 23, the motion was agreed to.

The question being put on sections 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

Mr. Lougheed, 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 28 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 521/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 522/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 523/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Debate adjourned  
Sessional Paper 524/2001

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:56 p.m. until Tuesday, November 27, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 27, 2001

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 3 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 2 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 3 Lethbridge residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 1 Edmonton resident requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to support the establishment of the Chinchaga wilderness as a legislated protected area.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to support the establishment of the Chinchaga wilderness as a legislated protected area.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 28, 2001:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s81:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 525/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Authorized Accredited Agency Annual Report Summary Statistics, April 1, 1999  
to March 31, 2000  
Sessional Paper 526/2001

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR), 2002 Calendar  
Sessional Paper 527/2001

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR), Programs and  
Financial Highlights 2000/2001  
Sessional Paper 528/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Child Welfare Act Review, Discussion Guide 2001, prepared by Alberta  
Children's Services  
Sessional Paper 529/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child Welfare Act,  
cC-8.1, s2.1(3.1):

Children's Advocate, 2000-2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 530/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Document, undated, entitled "Substantiated Investigation Summaries" setting out  
summaries of investigations conducted regarding children receiving child welfare  
services in 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 531/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 27, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of  
Community Development, to Hon. Hedy Fry, Secretary of State - Status of  
Women, stating that Mr. Zwozdesky had provided information and white ribbons  
to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the National Day of  
Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2001  
Sessional Paper 532/2001

Letter dated November 26, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, supplementing Mr. Zwozdesky's answer to Ms Blakeman's question raised on November 14, 2001, during Oral Question Period regarding the Alberta Public Library Electronic Network (APLEN)

Sessional Paper 533/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Response to questions raised on May 14, 2001, Department of Finance, 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 534/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Government of Alberta, 2000-2001 Annual Report: Report to Albertans on Budget 2000 - New Century, Bold Plans, Includes: Consolidated Financial Statements, Measuring Up - Performance Results

Sessional Paper 535/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Service Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 536/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 537/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2000-01, Section One

Sessional Paper 538/2001

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2000-01, Section Two

Sessional Paper 539/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 540/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Alberta Economic Development, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 541/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 2000-2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 542/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 543/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Gaming, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 544/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 545/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 546/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2000/2001, Section I  
Sessional Paper 547/2001

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2000/2001, Section II  
Sessional Paper 548/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Annual Report 2000/2001  
Sessional Paper 549/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 550/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; the Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act, cO-6, s18(2); the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2); and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2000-2001, including the Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, Alberta Energy Research Institute, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Foundation for Health Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research  
Sessional Paper 551/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations (Also responsible for Aboriginal Affairs), 28th Annual Report 2000-2001 to March 31, 2001  
Sessional Paper 552/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 2000/2001

Sessional Paper 553/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 554/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; and the Alberta Housing Act, cA-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 555/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Resource Development, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 556/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Treasury, Annual Report 00/01, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 557/2001

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association (ARPFA), Annual Report 2000-01

Sessional Paper 558/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

21 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 559/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated September 20, 2001, from Rod Olstad of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns that the Alberta foothills ecosystem is not being protected by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 560/2001

Letter dated May 28, 2001, from David Montgomery of Spruce Grove to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting the Government of Alberta be lobbied to legislate the use of recycling bins in fast food restaurants

Sessional Paper 561/2001

E-mail message dated August 14, 2001, from Pamela Dittrich of Canmore to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding the proposed closure of hiking trails in the Canmore area

Sessional Paper 562/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

101 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 563/2001

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

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 564/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 13, 2001, from Elizabeth Esaiw of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the costs associated with managing diabetes

Sessional Paper 565/2001

Letter dated November 23, 2001, from June Mowers, Edmonton-Centre constituent, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding proposed health care user fees

Sessional Paper 566/2001

Letter dated November 17, 2001, from John Shepherd of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the termination of funding for the Welcome Home Community, a long-term community approach to working with families at risk, and requesting that funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 567/2001

Petition signed by 2 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program

Sessional Paper 568/2001

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

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 569/2001

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

Letter dated November 21, 2001, from Theresa Driediger, M.A., R.M.F.T., Chartered Psychologist, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the termination of funding for the Welcome Home Community, a long-term community approach to working with families at risk, and requesting that funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 570/2001

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

Document dated November 21, 2001, entitled "Open Letter to Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Housing" expressing concerns regarding the lack of affordable rental housing in Canada, prepared by Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus

Sessional Paper 571/2001

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

School at the Legislature, Report Card 2000/2001, a Legislative Assembly educational program for grade 6 students, co-sponsored with three community partners, Shaw Communications, Capital City Savings, and the Quality Group

Sessional Paper 572/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 10th National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on December 6, 2001.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Urvashi Sabharwal, a teacher in the art of Kathak, a unique form of Indian dance using story-telling techniques.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding provincial fiscal policies.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the history and accomplishments of the Calgary Public Library.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Speaker's Statement - Order of Private Members' Public Bills**

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to clarify what the order of business will be for considering Private Members' Public Bills this afternoon. As Members might recall, last Thursday, November 22, 2001, the Chair tabled letters from the sponsors of Bills 207, 208 and 209, all asking for early consideration of their respective Bills. To be clear, Bill 207 has been reported out of Committee of the Whole and must come up for Third Reading consideration by tomorrow, Bill 208 is still being considered by Committee of the Whole, and Bill 209 is awaiting consideration by Committee of the Whole.

Although not part of the Standing Orders, Speaker Schumacher ruled on the process for Members to have their Private Members' Public Bills considered earlier than the deadlines imposed under Standing Order 8(5). This process was laid out in the February 11, 1997 ruling by Speaker Schumacher and has been followed by this Speaker. Essentially Members who want their Bills to be considered early must write the Speaker to that effect no later than the day before they want the Bill to be considered. The practice followed is that the Bill which is the subject of the request will be considered after debate has concluded on the Bill then before the Assembly or the Committee assuming that no other Bills have reached their due dates under Standing Order 8(5).

Given that Bill 208 is currently before the Committee and that Bill 209 is passed its due date for consideration by the Committee and that Bill 207 must be considered at Third Reading tomorrow under Standing Order 8(5)(d), the order of business today will be: consideration of Bill 208 in Committee, then Bill 209 in Committee and, if the Assembly gets through that, Bill 207 at Third Reading.

The Chair also notes that the requests for early consideration of Bills 208 and 209 at Third Reading came before those Bills actually reached that stage. Taken to the extreme, this practice could jeopardize the legitimacy of the draw by considering one Member's Bill early by virtue of one request thereby prejudicing other Members. Interestingly enough, the only other time the Chair recalls a request for early consideration for a Bill not at that stage was by the Member for Calgary-Cross by a letter tabled in the House on April 28, 1998, for her Bill 212.

The order of business tomorrow on these Bills will depend on the progress today but the Chair will endeavour to give effect to the requests of Members for early consideration of their Bills while preserving the integrity of the system.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. Fritz

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**509.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Regional Health Authorities to collect and publicly release information on private health care providers whom they contract with, including details regarding services provided, public funding received and charges to individuals.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Blakeman  
Carlson

MacDonald  
Mason

Pannu

Against the motion: 40

Abbott	Haley	McClellan
Ady	Horner	McClelland
Boutilier	Jablonski	Nelson
Broda	Johnson	O'Neill
Calahasen	Klapstein	Shariff
Cenaiko	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lord	Stelmach
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Tannas
Dunford	Lund	VanderBurg
Friedel	Mar	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Marz	Yankowsky
Graham	Maskell	Zwozdesky
Graydon		

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the 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, NOVEMBER 27, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

The question was put that Bill 28, Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Abbott	Dunford	Lukaszuk
Ady	Fischer	Magnus
Amery	Friedel	Marz
Boutilier	Goudreau	Maskell
Broda	Graham	McClellan
Calahasen	Graydon	McClelland
Cao	Horner	Oberg
Carlson	Hutton	Rathgeber
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Strang
Coutts	Johnson	VanderBurg
DeLong	Jonson	Vandermeer
Doerksen	Knight	Yankowsky
Ducharme	Lord	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

MacDonald	Pannu	Taft
Mason		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

Mr. Johnson, 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 28 (introduced by Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on November 26, 2001) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 573/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 574/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 575/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 576/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 577/2001

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord

### 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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 28, 2001

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

## Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 447 Albertans requesting that the Government of Alberta provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children and financial assistance to parents for costs associated with the special dietary requirements of their diabetic children.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 578/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 579/2001

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Report dated November 23, 2001, entitled "Lobbyist Registration Research Study" prepared by Alberta Government Services

Sessional Paper 580/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 581/2001

Letter dated November 28, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, responding to questions raised by Mr. Bonner during Oral Question Period on November 27, 2001

Sessional Paper 582/2001

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Report dated July 2001, entitled "Parlement Francophone des Jeunes - Chartre du jeune citoyen francophone du XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle" prepared by the Francophone Youth Parliament and sponsored by the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie

Sessional Paper 583/2001

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 23, 2001, from His Worship Richard H.M. Plain, Ph.D., Mayor, City of St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, outlining the St. Albert Royal Canadian Mounted Police Community Advisory Committee's resolution endorsed by the St. Albert City Council, and requesting changes to the regulations of the Traffic Safety Act

Sessional Paper 584/2001

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Document, undated, entitled "Women's Shelters: Did You Know..." listing statistics relating to women's shelters, prepared by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

Sessional Paper 585/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Millwoods Welcome Centre for Immigrants" prepared by Catholic Social Services, Indo Canadian Women's Association, and the Mennonite Centre for Newcomers

Sessional Paper 586/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Newsletter dated September 2001, prepared by the Terra Association of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 587/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Leduc Representative article dated November 23, 2001, entitled "An Open Letter from the Principals of Black Gold Regional Schools"

Sessional Paper 588/2001

Copy of Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission licensing information with an application for casino eligibility

Sessional Paper 589/2001

41 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 590/2001

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

40 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 591/2001

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

E-mail message dated November 18, 2001, from Natasha Wiebe, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding Government funding for the Welcome Home Community

Sessional Paper 592/2001

News release dated November 27, 2001, entitled "Community meeting over cuts to programming and the effect to children and families" prepared by the Edmonton Aboriginal Coalition for Children and Families

Sessional Paper 593/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated September 14, 2001, from Penny Davis, R.N., B.Sc.N., also signed by 44 individuals, expressing support for Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 594/2001

E-mail message dated June 22, 2001, from Steve Papp of Edmonton to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns regarding education funding and the Government's apathy toward teachers

Sessional Paper 595/2001

## **Recognitions**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Official opening of the Webber Academy in Calgary-West

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Mill Woods Welcome Centre for Immigrants

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Lindsay Thurber High School women's volleyball team on winning the Provincial 4A championship

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: International Human Rights Day, December 10, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Citizens of Alberta who are living with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), and the organizations providing support to these citizens

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: Town of Drayton Valley on being the first municipality in Canada to implement the Character Cities Initiative

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Opening of the Big Smoky Bridge

## **Recognitions - Pages of the Legislative Assembly**

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, made a special presentation on behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly, to Brent Shewchuk, Head Page, and all the Pages of the Legislative Assembly in recognition of their dedication and tireless efforts.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ7.

### Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR18.

### Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Credit) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The question was put that Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Amery	Goudreau	Mar
Blakeman	Graydon	Maskell
Bonner	Hlady	Massey
Boutilier	Horner	Oberg
Calahasen	Hutton	O'Neill
Cao	Jablonski	Pham
Cardinal	Kryczka	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Lord	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Fritz	Magnus	Zwozdesky
Gordon		

Against the motion: 11

Ady	Dunford	Marz
Coutts	Fischer	Snelgrove
DeLong	Haley	Vandermeer
Doerksen	Knight	

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. Fritz

### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. Fritz

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

### Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Coutts:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act as provided in Section 91 of that Act consisting of the following Members, namely:

Rathgeber (Chair)	DeLong	MacDonald
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Jacobs	Mason
Carlson	Lukaszuk	Masyk

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most recent Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.

3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may undertake limited travel within Alberta to consult with interested Albertans.
5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly or the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.
6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
7. The Committee must submit its report, including any proposed amendments to the Act, within one year after commencing its review.
8. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 26 Trustee Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Mr. Magnus
- Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

**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 Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2)— Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Maskell, 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 31 (Hon. Minister of Community Development) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 596/2001

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:21 p.m. until Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 29, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 2 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

### Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide health care coverage for medical supplies for diabetic children under the Alberta Health Care Plan and provide financial assistance to parents to enable them to meet their children's necessary dietary requirements and cover costs incurred in travelling to diabetes education and treatment centres outside their own communities in Alberta.

### Notices of Motions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 40.

### Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2001  
Sessional Paper 597/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act Review prepared pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-4.06, s24

Sessional Paper 598/2001

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Letter dated November 29, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, in response to a question asked by Ms Blakeman during Oral Question Period on November 20, 2001

Sessional Paper 599/2001

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

E-mail message dated November 29, 2001, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Don Mazankowski requesting an advance briefing for the New Democrat Opposition caucus on the Mazankowski Report

Sessional Paper 600/2001

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

Letter, undated, from Marleen Cowan, President, Riverside Meadows Community Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting Dr. Pannu table in the Assembly an attached letter dated October 23, 2001, from Ms Cowan to Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, expressing concerns regarding the proposed closure of the John Howard Youth Group Home in Red Deer, and requesting that the decision to close the group home be reconsidered  
Sessional Paper 601/2001

E-mail message dated November 17, 2001, from Gary Martin to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concerns regarding the proposed termination of funding for the Welcome Home Community, and requesting that this decision be reconsidered

Sessional Paper 602/2001

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 8, 2001, from the President, Lewis Estates Community League, to Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, commenting on the proposed casino project on the Enoch lands at the corner of 215th Street and 79th Avenue, and requesting information on the approval process for the project

Sessional Paper 603/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated August 26, 2001, from Lise and Dave Riffel of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting that natural medicine treatments be covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

Sessional Paper 604/2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Petition signed by 2 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program

Sessional Paper 605/2001

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

E-mail message dated November 25, 2001, from Catherine Roth of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concerns regarding the proposed termination of funding for the Welcome Home Community, and requesting that this decision be reconsidered

Sessional Paper 606/2001

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 607/2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

E-mail message dated June 22, 2001, from Brent Jeffery to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing concerns regarding compensation for teachers

Sessional Paper 608/2001

E-mail message dated June 21, 2001, from Michael Benoit, teacher, to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing concerns regarding the Alberta Advantage as it relates to compensation for teachers

Sessional Paper 609/2001

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

Brochure entitled "Protecting or neglecting groundwater? Whose future is at stake?" prepared by the Sombrilla Refugee Support Society, advertising a community conference to be held on November 30 and December 1, 2001 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 610/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 611/2001

### **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, tabled the following:

Document, undated, entitled "Children's Services Budget Realignments" prepared by Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 612/2001

### **Revert to Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ5 asked for by Mr. Mason on November 21, 2001:

Of the \$690 million the Government receives annually for health care premiums, what portion is paid by Government and Government-funded agencies such as school boards, universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, regional children's authorities, and other Government boards and agencies on behalf of their employees?

Sessional Paper 613/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the unveiling of the Volunteer Wall of Fame in the Alberta Government Centre Pedway Mall, Edmonton, by the Wild Rose Foundation and Alberta Community Development on International Volunteer Day, December 5, 2001.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the protection of Alberta's forests.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the coal industry in Alberta and its importance to the West Yellowhead constituency.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Alberta teachers' contract negotiations.

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice that when the Assembly adjourned today it would do so pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to on April 24, 2001.

## **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly address a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the need for a full debate on the cuts to the Children's Services budget which threaten the well-being and future of Alberta's children.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2)— Hon. Mr. Hancock

#### Royal Assent

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

The Speaker addressed Her 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:

- Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner
- Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord
- Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 26 Trustee Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2)— Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Credit) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mr. Lougheed

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 —  
Mrs. Fritz

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

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

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

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to by the Assembly on April 24, 2001,  
and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called  
5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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# **PROROGATION**

FEBRUARY 25, 2002

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**Prorogation**

[GREAT SEAL]  
CANADA  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS E. HOLE  
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada,  
and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth,  
Defender of the Faith

**PROCLAMATION**

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of  
Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you, GREETING...

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with  
the advice and consent of Our Executive Council  
of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the First  
Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Alberta:

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,  
Deputy Minister of Justice  
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective  
February 25, 2002, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain  
causes and considerations to convene the  
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta  
for the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth  
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of  
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on  
TUESDAY, the 26th day of February, 2002, at the  
hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our  
City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for  
the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and  
conclude upon those things which, in the  
Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the  
Common Council of Our said Province, may, by  
the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and  
the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE LOIS E. HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of  
Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this  
Twenty-third day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Two in the Fiftieth  
Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK  
Provincial Secretary.