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Tuesday, February 26, 2002

This being the first Day of the Second 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, C.M., Lieutenant Governor, dated the twenty-third day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand two;

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...

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2002

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.

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The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer he invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a tribute in recognition of Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

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

Her Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

### **Speech From the Throne**

Fellow Albertans, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Second Session of the 25th Alberta Legislature. It is again an honour to deliver the Speech from the Throne.

To begin, I want to take this opportunity to express to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to all members of the royal family the heartfelt condolences of Albertans for the loss of Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. Throughout her life Princess Margaret showed a genuine fondness for Canada and Alberta. All Albertans were saddened to hear of her passing and share the sense of loss felt across the Commonwealth.

While Albertans mourn for Princess Margaret, they are also remembering the late Honourable H.A. "Bud" Olson. His Honour, who passed away earlier this month, served with grace and dignity as Alberta's Lieutenant Governor from 1996 to 2000. He also served Alberta for many years as a Member of the House of Commons and earned several distinctions throughout his lifetime for his many achievements on behalf of the Province and the nation. To Mr. Olson's family and to those who knew him, I extend the condolences of all Albertans.

In memory of Her Royal Highness and His Honour I ask you to join me in a moment of silent prayer and remembrance. (A moment of silence was observed.) Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

I also wish to express the great support that Albertans have for the men and women of Canada's armed forces who are serving in Afghanistan. For thousands of Albertans these soldiers are husbands or wives, sons or daughters, fathers or mothers, friends or neighbours. For all Albertans they are living symbols of courage and high principle. We send them our prayers and our hopes for a safe and speedy return. We also extend our deepest thanks to the families of these men and women. They, too, are contributing to the future safety and security of the nation, and to them we owe the most solemn of debts.

Fellow Albertans, 2002 is a notable year. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty Elizabeth II ascending to the Throne of the United Kingdom and Canada and assuming her rightful position as head of the Commonwealth. This is an auspicious anniversary that Albertans recognize with gratitude and love. Her Majesty has been a symbol of peace and stability for half a century. Long may she reign.

In honour of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, the Government of Alberta will introduce legislation this session that will officially commemorate the anniversary. The legislation will establish a new Premier's citizenship award that will recognize achievements of high school students in the areas of citizenship, community participation, and leadership. Each year, five recipients of the Premier's citizenship award will be honoured with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal which will be accompanied by a \$5,000 award. As well, the Queen's Golden Jubilee scholarship for the visual and performing arts will be established. These awards and scholarships will together serve as a permanent remembrance of this historic anniversary.

As the Golden Jubilee reminds us, 50 years is an impressive length of service. The world has certainly changed over the past half century. That's definitely true in Alberta. But what has remained constant over the years has been the unique character and record of accomplishment that the people of Alberta have shaped through hard work, concern for each other, and the sharing of common goals for their province.

I don't think there is a prouder person than an Albertan. Whether a citizen's roots can be traced back for generations in this province or whether that Albertan just moved here from elsewhere, the pride that goes with being an Albertan is immeasurable and irrepressible. This Alberta pride is based on respect, mutual achievement, gratitude for our good fortune, caring for others, and people coming together despite their differences to confront the challenges of the day for the betterment of tomorrow.

Nowhere was Alberta pride more evident than at the recently concluded Future Summit. At the summit Albertans were asked to look five, 10, and even 20 years beyond today to imagine what their Alberta of the future could and should look like. Though the detailed results of summit discussions are still being compiled, the general theme of the summit is clear. Summit participants said that Albertans are focussed on the future. They are determined to build an Alberta for their children that is prosperous, caring, secure, and that above all maintains a positive, healthy outlook to meet the challenges it will invariably face.

Indeed in 2002, Albertans perceive health and health care to be a top priority. They have told their Government that the health system they have built together must be maintained and that it must not be lost or impaired due to inaction or fleeting comfort with the status quo.

Albertans go further than that. When Albertans speak about health, they don't only mean services provided in hospitals or prescription drugs or ambulance services. They know that people's health status is affected by their lifestyles, their socioeconomic status, their education, their sense of inner security and external security, their feeling of being part of a larger community, their access to jobs and safe and healthy foods and cultural experiences, and by many other factors that exceed the scope of the conventional health system.

Albertans know that people's health can be improved by events as complex as a redesign of an ambulance system or as simple as a comforting hand to hold during an ambulance trip. Albertans know that health status can be affected by forces as impersonal as monthly labour statistics or gestures as personal as a person hearing the words, "You're hired. Welcome to the team." Albertans know that healthy approaches to life are developed by institutions as comprehensive as a well-funded school system or by individuals as dedicated as the teacher who takes a student aside to say, "Good work."

It is to the betterment of people's health and the Province's health that the Government of Alberta dedicates itself in 2002. The Government will work toward improving the Province's health system itself so that Albertans can be confident the system will be there for them and their children at an affordable cost.

But because there's more to healthy Albertans than the health system itself, the Government will focus this coming year on improving all the factors and forces that come together to create a healthy Alberta. Factors contributing to a healthy Alberta are the same as those that contribute to a healthy Albertan. They are economic growth, fiscal stability, good schools, safe children receiving parenting in a caring and nurturing manner, strong communities, secure seniors, clean air and water, and confidence that the future is bright. It is these areas, all essential to the Province's health, from which the Government draws its goals and objectives for the new year.

**Sustainable Health Care System for All Albertans**

Ensuring the continued stability of the Province's health care system is without a doubt at the top of the Government's agenda in 2002. Sustainable health care is a formidable challenge that will test the leadership and ingenuity of Albertans. Albertans enjoy a very good health system but change is needed if Albertans tomorrow are to have the same level of health care.

In January our Government announced that it will implement the 44 recommendations of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health for improving the health system and keeping it affordable. Based on the Council's recommendations, this Government will work harder to build a healthier Alberta. This work will be assisted by an implementation team led by the former registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Government will also launch a campaign to give Albertans reliable health information and encourage them to make healthy lifestyle choices. New 10-year targets will be established to reduce diabetes, obesity, chronic heart and lung disease, and preventable injuries.

In 2002 a task force will examine options for new revenues and to provide stable, long-term funding for health care with recommendations on funding made to the Government by September. Government will give consideration to raising tobacco taxes and health care premiums with the goal of using these revenues to improve health, and later this year an expert advisory panel will recommend which services should be covered by Alberta health care insurance and which services, if any, should be de-insured.

Our Government will also abide by the Council's recommendations in taking measures so that Alberta's health care professionals are able to practise to the full extent of their training and education. In the next year it will work with physicians and health authorities to explore new options in physician compensation. It will also develop a plan to ensure that Alberta has the right number and types of health professionals, all working to their maximum potential to the benefit of Albertans.

This Government will work to improve Albertans' access to the health services they need. This work includes moving toward an access guarantee for selected services and a web site with detailed information on waiting lists for selected services.

Other initiatives to ensure that these priorities are met include implementing a province-wide organ donation and transplant program, expanding the pharmaceutical information network to improve drug therapy and reduce costs, developing community-based health projects under the aboriginal health strategy, and providing better care for people with Alzheimer disease and dementia.



**A Healthier Alberta Through Learning**

Along with health care, education is a key priority of this Government and a key factor in individual health and the health of the Province. The Government recognizes the vital role of Alberta's learning system in giving people the technical skills and the life skills essential to personal growth and good health. A good education system also gives the Province the gift of a population ready and capable to shape the Province's future in positive and meaningful ways. That is why the Government will ensure that Alberta's learning system continues to be one of the best in the world.

In the past year, the quality of the system was proven by the number one placement of Alberta students in international reading tests and their third-place finish in math and science. These results reflect the value of Alberta's educators and the commitment of this Government to maintaining an effective system.

In the coming year the Government will share and discuss a renewed vision for the kindergarten to grade 12 learning system which emphasizes building basic skills in the early grades and more specialized skills as students move through the system. It is an important time for all parties in the public education system to work together for the betterment of students. The Government believes there is a great deal of good will on all sides. This good will guarantees that the long-term health of the public education system will be protected. Educators will be key to that long-term health. Government will do its best to ensure that Albertans' hopes and dreams for students are given every chance to be made real.

Post-secondary education is also very vital to the economic and social health of Albertans. The Government will continue to work closely with students and institutions to ensure that high quality post-secondary learning opportunities remain accessible and affordable for all Albertans.

**A Strong, Resilient Economy**

Underpinning the health of Albertans is, of course, the health of the Province's economy and of the Government's fiscal plan. Alberta remains in the best position of any province to take the lead in responding to today's stagnant global economy. Alberta's economy is healthy and continues to grow. Economic growth is forecast to be about 2 percent this year, significantly higher than the Canadian average. This fundamental strength of Alberta will allow Government to invest in spending increases in Albertans' priority areas, including health, learning, and children's services, increases that will be greater than the inflation and population growth rates and which will all contribute to people's health.

At all times Government will stick to its fiscal principles. This year provincial revenues have fallen, affected by the aftermath of September 11th and other global forces, leaving Government without the high windfall revenues of recent years. Therefore, in its 2002 budget, Government will present a plan that balances priorities with accountability. Government will not spend more than it takes in. It will not leave a legacy of deficits for tomorrow's Albertans to pay. It will continue to put in place fiscal policies that encourage investment, job creation, and consumer confidence. It will also limit spending in some areas without reducing the quality of priority services.

For many years the Government's fiscal policies have helped Alberta be recognized across Canada as the leader in government openness and accountability. This recognition began in 1993 when the Alberta Financial Review Commission recommended steps that fundamentally changed the way that Government managed and reported its finances. In 2002 the Minister of Finance will establish a financial management commission to once again review and assess current fiscal and accounting policies to ensure that Alberta remains a leader in fiscal planning.

In the coming year, development of Alberta's energy resources will continue to contribute to the Province's economy and to the delivery of critical public programs. In an energy marketplace where short-term prices can be volatile, Alberta must continue to look to the longer term. Our Government will continue to promote investment in Alberta's oil sands. It will continue to work with industry and the Governments of Alaska, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories on proposed pipelines that will bring gas from the north to markets in Canada and the United States.

Trade is the lifeblood of the Alberta economy with 1 in 3 jobs depending on international trade. The Government will ensure that Alberta's interests are well represented by building stronger relationships with key trading partners, establishing formal ties in emerging markets, and working on improving access for our agriculture and service industries.

In cooperation with other provinces and the Government of Canada, the Alberta Government will continue to take an aggressive approach in international trade negotiations to improve trade rules for our exporters and to open access for softwood lumber exports to the United States.

Our Government will also continue to look for opportunities to strengthen and diversify Alberta's tourism industry, which is expected to generate \$6 billion of economic activity by the end of 2005.

### **A Growing Agricultural Sector**

Agriculture is an important part of Alberta's economic health and a vital component of its rural landscape. Our province is Canada's second-largest agricultural producer, and despite higher farm operating expenses and the worst drought in 130 years in 2001, our province saw farm cash receipt levels reach a record of approximately \$8.3 billion.

This Government will work with Albertans in 2002 to implement mechanisms that will ensure that agriculture continues to thrive. It will strengthen its support for the growth of profitable businesses involved in farming, agriculture services, and processing, and it will increase support for producers and processors who are looking at new products, new markets, and better ways of doing business.

The merger of the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation and the Alberta Opportunity Company will provide additional support to the industry by creating a one-window approach to commercial financing for the agri-industry and for small businesses.

Albertans want to be sure that their food is safe and safely produced. In response, the Government is working with other governments and industry groups on programs to help the agriculture industry meet international standards and to ensure that the industry continues to excel in food safety, innovation, and environmental performance.

Alberta's agriculture industry is well positioned for continued growth and is working toward achieving \$10 billion in primary production and \$20 billion in value-added processing by 2010. The Government is committed to helping the industry meet these goals by continuing to stimulate economic development in agricultural communities.

It will also help protect agricultural communities through implementation of the agriculture drought risk management plan. This plan will allow more timely and accurate assessment of drought impacts on the farm economy and more targeted, timely, and cost-effective response measures if needed.

### **Healthy Communities**

Our Government is committed to ensuring that Albertans continue to live, work, and raise their families in safe, secure, diverse communities. Given new and sombre concerns about security, the Government will introduce legislation this session to improve the Province's ability to protect Albertans, their property, their infrastructure, and their environment from potential security risks. It will also work with other governments to ensure a coordinated approach to security and emergency response.

Alberta's aboriginal peoples are key members of the Province's communities. This year Government will continue to implement the aboriginal policy framework with the goal of increasing the well-being and self-reliance of First Nations, Métis, and other aboriginal peoples.

There is no group for whom a healthy Alberta is more important than Alberta's children. They are the leaders of tomorrow's communities, but today they are our children, and their health in the broadest sense of the word is an uppermost concern. In 2002, Government will take many steps to enhance the health of children, especially those who are most vulnerable. Consultation on the Child Welfare Act will continue in early 2002, followed by recommendations that will be shared with stakeholders this spring. New child welfare legislation will be drafted this year.

The Government will join other provinces and territories in introducing legislation to make it easier for families living in different regions of the country to obtain court orders for child maintenance. This legislation will help ensure that children receive the financial support to which they are entitled regardless of where they live in Canada.

Through its youth in transition initiative, Government will work to ensure that youth acquire the skills and attitudes to live happy, healthy, and productive lives, are safe, supported, and connected to caring peers and adults, and have access to services that meet their diverse needs.

Alberta's seniors are also a key component of the Province's health. Our Government will continue to ensure that lower income seniors have the supports they need to enjoy their lives in security and dignity.

Housing is fundamental to the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. This year Government expects to complete negotiations of a bilateral agreement with the Federal Government that will give Alberta access to approximately \$67 million for low-cost housing initiatives over a five-year period. Government will also review the unique housing pressures in remote and northern communities.

In the area of workplace safety, the Alberta Government will work with employers, workers and their families to ensure that people are safe while on the job. This spring, a forum on workplace health and safety will bring together policy experts, enforcement professionals, workers, and employers to examine measures to reduce workplace injuries. The Government will also bring forward amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act to improve service delivery, enhance clarity, and increase confidence in Alberta's workers' compensation system.

### **A Clean and Sustainable Environment**

The health of Alberta's unmatched natural environment is also critical to the Province's overall health and to individual health and well-being. In 2002 the Government will further encourage practices that prevent pollution and other environmental problems. Be assured however, that Government will continue to move firmly to punish offenders who fail to live up to their environmental obligations. This Government is committed to ensuring that Alberta's environmental standards and regulations are, and will continue to be, among the most stringent in North America.

Like many provinces, Alberta has grave concerns about the impact of the Kyoto accord on Canada's economy. However, the Alberta Government is committed to acting on climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

One of the most important challenges Alberta may face in the years ahead is continuing to ensure a safe and secure water supply. With Albertans' input, the Government will develop a comprehensive provincial water strategy that will look at means to ensure safe and secure drinking water while maintaining healthy rivers and lakes. Government will also continue to work with small Alberta municipalities to upgrade their water and wastewater systems.

**Conclusion: A Healthy Alberta for the Future**

Fellow Albertans, in all of its endeavours in 2002, this Government pledges to maintain its focus on the present and future health of Alberta in all its aspects. It is not a job that Government can do on its own. Maintaining Alberta's healthy outlook requires the good will and hard work of all Albertans.

Albertans accept that meaningful goals cannot be met without challenges. There is the challenge of building a sustainable health care system, of keeping the education system effective and responsive, of keeping the Province's children safe, of keeping on track with the Government's positive fiscal plan, and of keeping the environment clean. Albertans are up for the job. So, too, is this Government.

From the beginning of our Queen's reign, indeed from its first year as a province and even earlier, the unique destiny of Alberta has been charted by the leadership, character, and values of its people. Through today's changing times these qualities will guide Alberta to continued growth, peace, and good health.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and may God bless you all.

God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

The Speaker then invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members and guests in the singing of God Save the Queen.

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

**Government Bills and Orders**

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, it was Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition 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 1/2002

**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, February 27, 2002.

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) Legislative Offices,
- (3) Private Bills,
- (4) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, and
- (5) Public Accounts

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select Standing Committees:

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND (9 Members)

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (11 Members)

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

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2002

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 27, 2002

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. John Dubetz, Member for Redwater, 1959 to 1963, who passed away on February 12, 2002.

### Speaker's Statement

Honourable Members, before we progress too far in the proceedings, the Chair wants to remind everyone that today the Assembly will be operating under the amendments to the Standing Orders passed last November.

By looking at the front page of the Order Paper on desks today, Members will note that the Daily Routine has changed. Many of the items of business that took place before Oral Question Period will now occur after Question Period. I refer specifically to Presenting Reports by Committees of the Assembly, Presenting Petitions, Notices of Motions, Introduction of Bills, and Tabling Returns and Reports. Immediately after Question Period on Mondays and Wednesdays we will have Recognitions. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Members' Statements will follow Question Period. Consideration of points of order and privilege will be considered after the business in the Daily Routine but before the calling of Orders of the Day. With respect to petitions, Members will note that there is no longer an item of business for reading and receiving petitions. Under the amendments to Standing Order 83(3), petitions must now be approved by Parliamentary Counsel at least one sitting day prior to being presented. Only those petitions that are in order can be presented.

The fact that Tablings now follow Question Period in the Daily Routine may require some adjustments in how Members conduct themselves. The Chair does not want to see Question Period become the time for Tablings. If Members have items that they want to table, it should be done under Tablings, not during Question Period. If there are documents referred to during Question Period then they should be tabled but at the appropriate time in the Routine. The Chair realizes that it may work an unfairness for Members not to have the ability to review a document referred to by another Member in a question or answer. It should be pointed out that the Chair did not set these rules but must try to enforce them as passed by the Assembly. As with all new procedures, Members and the Chair will have to see how they work.

The Chair would also remind Members that the amendments to the Standing Orders make it clear that items tabled must be in printed form. Under the new Standing Order 37.1, any Member, not simply Cabinet Ministers, may table a document by providing it to the Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on any day the Assembly sits. However, the document will not be considered tabled until the Clerk reads the title of the document at the appropriate time in the Daily Routine.

The Chair will have some additional comments concerning the operation of business when we proceed to Orders of the Day.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding the athletes who participated in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 8-24, 2002, and Trent Evans, ice maker at the Games, who is the son of Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Children's Services.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.



## Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Town of Lacombe on being named one of the ten prettiest towns in Canada by Harrowsmith Country Life magazine

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Peter Mercer of Edmonton on his retirement from the Downtown Business Association on March 1, 2002

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Olympic athletes from Red Deer on their accomplishments at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Canadian Forces Battle Group, consisting of the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, 1 Reconnaissance Squadron from the Lord Strathcona's Horse, and the logistics group from the No. 1 Service Battalion, all from Edmonton, on their deployment to Afghanistan as part of Operation Apollo

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Walt Healy, who passed away on January 12, 2002

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: 750 men and women stationed at the Canadian Forces Base Namao on joining other members from Canada's armed forces on a mission to Kandahar, Afghanistan

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Scott family of Vermilion and especially Beckie Scott who won Canada's first ever cross-country skiing Olympic medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City

## Notices of Motions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the actions needed to resolve the problems currently faced by Alberta's schools.

## Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber
- Bill 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein

- Bill 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans  
Bill 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove  
Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang

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

- Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland  
Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber  
Bill 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein  
Bill 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove  
Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier:

21 letters dated February 25, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Alberta athletes who won medals at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City and to Kevin Lowe, Assistant Executive Director, Men's Canadian Olympic Hockey Team, congratulating them on their accomplishments

Sessional Paper 3/2002

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

Alberta Universities Animal Welfare Inspection Visit 2001 Report, prepared by John Church, Animal Welfare Specialist

Sessional Paper 4/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2001, Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2001-02 Quarterly Budget Report  
Sessional Paper 5/2002

Budget 2001, Third Quarter Activity Report, 2001-02 Quarterly Budget Report  
Sessional Paper 6/2002

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

Report dated February 27, 2002, entitled "Premier's Advisory Council on Health Expenses" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 7/2002

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

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Annual Report 2000  
Sessional Paper 8/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 9/2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated February 15, 2002, from Barrie Schulha of St. Albert to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the recent teachers' labour dispute in Alberta and requesting the Alberta Government meet the Alberta Teachers' Association's demands in this dispute  
Sessional Paper 10/2002

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 27, 2002, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Michael A. Chambers, President, Canadian Olympic Association, congratulating Canadian Olympic athletes on their success at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City  
Sessional Paper 11/2002

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

Revised Members' Services Committee Orders No. 7/01 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 9), and No. 8/01 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 10)  
Sessional Paper 12/2002

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(7), 28(1):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by the Ethics Commissioner into allegations involving Robert Fischer, Member for Wainwright, dated January 9, 2002, prepared by the Office of the Ethics Commissioner  
Sessional Paper 13/2002

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosures Act, cE-2, s4(2):

The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the Calendar Year 2000 and the 2001 General Election  
Sessional Paper 14/2002

### **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the actions needed to resolve the problems currently faced by Alberta's schools.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

### **Speaker's Statement**

Before we proceed to the business under the Orders of the Day, the Chair wants to remind Members of some of the changes to the Standing Orders adopted last November that will affect the operation of the Assembly. As a result of those amendments, this will be the first time since September 1993 that a Wednesday afternoon is not devoted to Private Members' Business. Monday afternoons will now be spent addressing Written Questions, Motions for Returns, and Private Members' Public Bills. Commencing Monday evening at 8:00 p.m., one hour will be devoted to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

In terms of planning speeches, Members should refer to Standing Order 29 concerning speaking times in the Assembly. The mover of a Government Bill or Motion will still have 20 minutes speaking time but will be limited to 15 minutes in closing debate. The Member who speaks immediately following the mover will also have 20 minutes. All other participants will be limited to 15 minutes speaking time. The Premier, the Leader of the Official Opposition and the mover on the occasion of the Budget Address will still have 90 minutes.

The five minute reduction in Members' speaking time is replaced by a question and comment period which is a new feature of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. This period will be available at Second and Third Reading following every Member's speech except for those of the mover in opening and closing debate and the Member who speaks immediately following the mover. This question and comment period will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Member who has just spoken, or make a statement about that speech. Participation in the question and comment session must be relevant to the preceding Member's speech and will be governed by the normal rules of the Assembly concerning the content of speeches as, for example, found in Standing Order 23. The Canadian House of Commons has a 10 minute question and comment period where this rule of relevance applies. Members may wish to review Chapter 13 of House of Commons: Practice and Procedure edited by Marleau and Montpetit, particularly pages 530-31.

The difficulty with the question and comment session comes in determining how the five minute period will be apportioned. Of course for every person who wishes to ask questions to or comment on a Member's speech, there must be an opportunity for the Member to respond. What if three Members want to participate? When combined with the three responses allowed the Member, that would be five minutes divided by six. The Chair is always a time keeper of sorts but unless the Assembly decides to get a time clock in the Chamber like the one found at sporting events, it will be difficult for the Chair to calculate the apportionment of time for Members. Furthermore, the Chair would be so intent on making sure he or she had caught all Members who wish to participate and had calculated the time correctly that the Chair would not be able to focus on the Member's speech.

Therefore, the Chair will allot 30 seconds to each Member who wishes to participate in the question and comment session. The Member whose speech has generated the questions or comments will have 30 seconds to respond. As many Members as possible can participate for up to 30 seconds in the five minute period. Unless participating Members use considerably less than 30 seconds, it will mean that five Members may participate in addition to the original speaker. If there are not enough Members who wish to participate, then a Member can be recognized more than once.

The new rules concerning speaking times and the question and comment session will apply to the debate on the Address in Reply. They will go into effect this afternoon.

This question and comment period is not available for Private Members' Business. The time limit on speaking for Members on Private Members' matters is now 10 minutes, except for the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition who have 20 minutes each. The Chair will review these matters on Monday, the first day of Private Members' Business under the amended Standing Orders.

The Chair wants to take this opportunity to note a few other matters not related to the Standing Order amendments. The first is that the new Committee rooms are now operational. They are located on the 4th floor of the Legislature Annex. Of course, they form part of the precincts of the Assembly. For those Members that have not had a meeting there yet, I would encourage you to go and look at these exceptional facilities.

On another matter, Members are aware that the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 are now in effect. I want to let Members know that when the Legislative Assembly Office received notice of the cost of purchasing the Revised Statutes, the Chair wrote the Honourable Minister of Justice and Attorney General to say, basically, as the Assembly is the body that makes the laws for the Province of Alberta, shouldn't Members be able to find out what the law is without having to pay for it? The Minister of Justice wholeheartedly agreed and, on behalf of the Government of the Province of Alberta, donated three sets of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 for use by Members and Table Officers in the Chamber. On behalf of the Assembly, the Chair wants to take this opportunity to thank the Minister and also remind him that in previous days and on previous occasions all Members of the Legislative Assembly, the lawmakers of the Province of Alberta, were provided with the complete revised Statutes of the Province of Alberta from the Minister of Justice in a gratuitous fashion. Thank you very much.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

Moved by Mr. Horner and seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), debate adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Mr. Horner and seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:36 p.m. until Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, February 28, 2002

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the annual Viking Cup Hockey Tournament that has taken place in Alberta for the past 22 years.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding provincial fiscal policies.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding athletes Jennifer Heil and Don Bartlett, both of Spruce Grove, who participated in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

### **Notices of Motions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the importance of open access to reading material by recognizing February 24 to March 2, 2002 as Freedom to Read Week.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with on Monday, March 4, 2002:

Written Questions:       None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns:    None appearing on the Order Paper.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 203 Gas Flaring Elimination Act — Mr. Mason

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Third Quarter Update 2001-02 Quarterly Report

Sessional Paper 15/2002

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

Map showing the 2002 grasshopper forecast for Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 16/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Article entitled "Enron for Dummies" outlining questions and answers relating to the Enron Corporation

Sessional Paper 17/2002

Article entitled "Now Who, Exactly, Got Us Into This?" relating to the Enron Corporation

Sessional Paper 18/2002

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

Several recent e-mail messages between Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Greg Balanko-Dickson, Dianne Gazdewich, R. Moore and family, and Jeff Goth, all expressing concern regarding the teachers' strike, teachers' salaries, and class sizes

Sessional Paper 19/2002

Discussion paper entitled "Making Medicare Better" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 20/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Several recent e-mail messages between Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Norman Blais, Pat Eckel, Lyle Weis, and David Sloan, a letter dated October 23, 2001, from Corinne Whelan, Counsellor, St. Francis Xavier School, and a letter dated February 6, 2002, from Lorie Welk of Edmonton, both to Ms Carlson, all expressing concern regarding the teachers' strike, teachers' salaries, and class sizes

Sessional Paper 21/2002



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

Bookmark containing information regarding public education in Alberta, prepared by the Alberta Teachers' Association

Sessional Paper 22/2002

Flyer listing 3 conditions of support shown to Edmonton Public teachers by Edmonton Catholic teachers

Sessional Paper 23/2002

Advertisement soliciting students attendance at the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Science at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 24/2002

Advertisement to attend a public forum held on February 15, 2002, to discuss the teachers' strike

Sessional Paper 25/2002

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Library Association of Alberta article dated February 2002, entitled "Help Celebrate Freedom to Read Week"

Sessional Paper 26/2002

Letter dated February 28, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Rick Leach, President, Library Association of Alberta, extending thanks for bringing Freedom to Read Week to his attention and for the Association's support and participation of the freedom to read principle

Sessional Paper 27/2002

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(3):

Financial Addendum to the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer 2000 Provincial Confirmation Process and Monday March 12, 2001 Provincial General Election of the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly, prepared by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 28/2002

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

Letter dated February 13, 2002, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding the composition of the Energy and Utilities Board Advisory Committee and its mandate

Sessional Paper 29/2002

Letter dated November 21, 2000, from David Moule, President, Board of Directors, King Edward Child Care Society, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the daycare operating allowance

Sessional Paper 30/2002

## 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 March 4 to March 7, 2002:

Monday, March 4	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Supplementary Estimates (Day 1 of 1) <b>Revert to Introduction of Bills</b> Bill 8 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 5	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 And as per the Order Paper
	8:00 p.m.	- <b>Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne</b> (Day 3 of 10) <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 1, 8 And Second Readings not completed during the afternoon And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 6	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 7, 9, 10, 11 And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2002

8:00 p.m. - **Address in Reply to the Speech  
From the Throne** (Day 4 of 10)

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 1, 8

**Second Reading**

Bills not completed Tuesday or  
Wednesday afternoon

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 7

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

Bill 8

**Second Reading**

Any outstanding Second Readings

**Address in Reply to the Speech  
From the Throne** (Day 5 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

**Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the importance of open access to reading material by recognizing February 24 to March 2, 2000 as Freedom to Read Week.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**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 Estimates (No. 2): General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 31/2002

### **Government Motions**

4. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do 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.

5. 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 (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.

6. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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.

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Horner and seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:07 p.m. until Monday, March 4, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 4, 2002

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

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Dr. Andries Botha of Grimshaw for his community involvement

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Preston Manning on his retirement from Canadian politics

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Jarome Iginla and Ken Tralnberg, both of St. Albert, medal winners at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Annual India Day celebration, February 3, 2002, sponsored by the Council of India Societies

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Carter Rycroft of Grande Prairie, medal winner at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Tom Charbonneau and Lawrence Lathe, operators of the Keep It Simple Club restaurant, who provide rental facilities for addiction recovery programs

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Hana Kadri, Mary Fares, and Anees Amr, Almadina Charter School students, for calling 9-1-1 to report that their school bus driver appeared to be impaired

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Corporation, 2000 Annual Review

Sessional Paper 32/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Document, undated, entitled "Essay Writing Contest" containing the essays of first prize winners Manoj Kumar Saraswat and Vishesh Kumar of Old Scona Academic High School, second prize winner Angela Sharma of J. Percy Page High School, and third prize winner Anuj Saraswat of Old Scona Academic High School

Sessional Paper 33/2002

Petition signed by 4,549 Albertans requesting the Government stop the pursuit of the proposed forest management agreement for the Kananaskis, Ghost/Waiparious, and Burnt Timber forests

Sessional Paper 34/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 19, 2002, from Janice Paproski, B.Sc., B.Ed., to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding classroom conditions and the lack of funding for schools

Sessional Paper 35/2002

E-mail message dated February 14, 2002, from Dallas Becker of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Government's role in the teachers' strike and funding cuts to Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 36/2002

Letter dated February 18, 2002, from Janet E. Thomas of Edmonton to Neil Wilkinson, Chairman, Capital Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the poor treatment her father received at the University of Alberta Hospital

Sessional Paper 37/2002

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

Program from the International Human Rights Day ceremony that took place on December 10, 2001 at Edmonton City Hall

Sessional Paper 38/2002

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Chief Justice Allan H.J. Wachowich dated March 1, 2002, between the Alberta Teachers' Association and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, the Honourable Dr. Lyle Oberg in his capacity as the Minister of Learning, and the Honourable Clint Dunford in his capacity as Minister of Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 39/2002

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated February 28, 2002, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, to Michael Phair, Councillor, City of Edmonton, in response to Mr. Phair's comments in the Edmonton Journal on February 26, 2002, relating to the Ma'mōwe Capital Region Child and Family Services Authority

Sessional Paper 40/2002

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

Report dated March 2002, entitled "Requirements for Proposals for Insured Surgical Services Agreements" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 41/2002

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

Letter dated October 10, 2001, from Fern Olson of Olds to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the education system and large class sizes

Sessional Paper 42/2002

E-mail message dated February 21, 2002, from Colleen Cassady St. Clair of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the condition of public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 43/2002

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

E-mail message dated February 28, 2002, from Stan Halluk of Calgary to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, reprinting a letter to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, expressing concern regarding the western Canada study on animal and human health effects associated with exposure to emissions from oil and natural gas field facilities

Sessional Paper 44/2002

E-mail message dated February 28, 2002, from Stan Halluk of Calgary to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing support for Bill 203, Gas Flaring Elimination Act

Sessional Paper 45/2002

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

E-mail message dated February 15, 2002, from Clarice Chrisp of Edmonton to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing concern regarding the lack of funding for schools and for special needs students  
Sessional Paper 46/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Speaker's Statement**

Last Wednesday, the Chair made a statement about the changes to the business of the House brought about by the amendments to the Standing Orders approved by the Assembly last November.

Before the Assembly considers Private Members' business for the first time this session, the Chair would like to review briefly how the changes will affect the operation of this important component of the Assembly's business.

First, Private Members' Public Bills will now be considered exclusively on Monday afternoons. The Bills will be considered after Written Questions and Motions for Returns.

Today, as there are no Written Questions or Motions for Returns, Bill 202 will be considered at Second Reading stage. If there is time this afternoon then Bill 203 will be considered as well. Private Members' Public Bills start at Bill 202 as there was not a Bill 201 introduced.

Starting this evening at 8:00 p.m., there will be one hour's consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions on Monday evenings. Under Standing Order 8(4), these motions retain their places on the Order Paper until they are given 60 minutes of debate plus 5 minutes for the mover to close debate unless the debate concludes before those limits are reached.

Under Standing Order 29(3), the time limits for speaking on Private Members' Public Bills, Motions Other Than Government Motions, and Written Questions and Motions for Returns are 20 minutes for the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition, 10 minutes speaking time and 5 minutes to close debate to the mover, and 10 minutes to all other Members.

There is no question and comment session for Private Members' business.

The Chair would also note that the amendments to the Standing Orders may result in a different pace for consideration of Private Members' Public Bills which should be interesting to monitor.



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

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions)  
Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski

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

Bill 203 Gas Flaring Elimination Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald 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., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**501.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in the interests of fiscal prudence and tax equity, to not increase health care premiums and instead cancel the scheduled reductions in corporate income taxes for fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Hon. Mrs. Nelson speaking.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates No. 2)

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 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**

\$848,000      Operating Expense

**Children's Services**

\$500,000      Operating Expense

**Environment**

\$8,296,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Justice**

\$1,500,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Solicitor General**

\$4,369,000      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. Zwozdesky, 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 8      Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:36 p.m. until Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 5, 2002

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding Sid Hansen on his retirement from the Edmonton Airports board of directors on December 31, 2001.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the education system.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding adoption records.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Native Awareness Week.

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

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices recommending the reappointment of the Ethics Commissioner and the Chief Electoral Officer  
Sessional Paper 47/2002

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Cellular Phone) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Herard on behalf of Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 205 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. McFarland on behalf of Mr. Hlady
- Bill 208 Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act — Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Nicol
- Bill 209 Electoral Fairness Commission Act — Dr. Pannu
- Bill 210 Matrimonial Property (Division of Property on Death) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Ms Graham

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 48/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-3, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 49/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2), the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3) and Alberta Regulation 286/94:

Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 50/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 51/2002

Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 52/2002

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 53/2002

Calgary Health Region, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 54/2002

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 55/2002

East Central Health, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 56/2002

Westview Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 57/2002

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 58/2002

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 59/2002

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 60/2002

Peace Health Region, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 61/2002

Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 62/2002

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 63/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 64/2002

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Petition signed by 154 Albertans requesting the Government provide necessary financial resources to school boards to allow boards to conduct meaningful negotiations with their employees

Sessional Paper 65/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 15, 2002, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding childcare funding and early childhood educator salaries and requesting additional funding in these areas

Sessional Paper 66/2002

Report dated September 2001, entitled "The Shame of Canada's Nursing Homes, A Testimony of the Experiences of Older Persons in Care Facilities in Canada" prepared by Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare

Sessional Paper 67/2002

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

Copy of a petition signed by 256 Albertans requesting that positions and programs cancelled at the Canmore Hospital be reinstated and various letters in support of the petition

Sessional Paper 68/2002

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

Letter dated February 19, 2002, from Mary Ann Sanderson, Executive Director, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, commenting on, and expressing concern regarding, the Alberta Children's Services Survey

Sessional Paper 69/2002

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Responses to questions asked during Oral Question Period on March 4, 2002, by Members of the Official Opposition regarding a child in the care of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 70/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Stevens 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 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 8 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Mr. Horner and seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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. Johnson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 1 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:29 p.m. until Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 6, 2002

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

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: University of Alberta Golden Bears volleyball team and Pandas hockey team, both winning the 2002 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Norman Rodseth on being inducted into the Alberta Order of the Bighorn

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Bill Bouchard Memorial Hockey Tournament

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Stan Schalk, Peter Leyen, and George Berry who build affordable transitional housing in Red Deer

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Dave Powell, Murray Mackay, Norm Rodseth, Bill Turnbull, Edgar T. Jones, Jeanne Jones, and Andy Russell, inductees into the Alberta Order of the Bighorn

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Linda Bull, guest speaker at the 2002 International Women's Day program

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Barbara Jean Fraser, on being appointed a Member of the Order of Canada

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 115 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

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

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

Bill 6 Student Financial Assistance Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 14 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 15 Dairy Industry Omnibus Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan



Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act,  
2002 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 6, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Howie Draper, Coach, University of Alberta Pandas, extending congratulations to the athletes, coaches, and training staff on winning the 2002 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Women's Hockey Championship  
Sessional Paper 71/2002

Letter dated March 6, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Richard Schick, Coach, University of Alberta Golden Bears, extending congratulations to the athletes, coaches, and training staff on winning the 2002 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Men's Volleyball Championship  
Sessional Paper 72/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated February 19, 2002, from His Worship Bill Smith, Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's intention to allow a commercial development to proceed on municipal reserve land

Sessional Paper 73/2002

Letter dated March 5, 2002, from C.D. Radke, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs, to Al Maurer, City Manager, City of Edmonton, expressing concern regarding a land use dispute between the City of Edmonton and the Catholic School Board

Sessional Paper 74/2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Petition signed by 1 St. Albert 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

Sessional Paper 75/2002

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Letter dated February 11, 2002, from David Cross of Okotoks to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 76/2002

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

Pamphlet entitled “Seniors Action and Liaison Team Submission to the Romanow Commission” approved at a general meeting on November 8, 2001, prepared by SALT (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 77/2002

Pamphlet entitled “The Seniors Action and Liaison Team’s Analysis of the Report of the Premier’s Advisory Council on Health” prepared by SALT (Seniors Action and Liaison Team)

Sessional Paper 78/2002

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

E-mail message, undated, from Maria David-Evans, Deputy Minister, Learning, to several school board officials, providing information to assist the school boards in answering questions regarding negotiations between the school boards and the Alberta Teachers’ Association

Sessional Paper 79/2002

## **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 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang

#### **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)

#### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 1 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein  
Bill 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans  
Bill 8 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 4)

Moved by Mr. Horner and seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber

#### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:14 p.m. until Thursday, March 7, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, March 7, 2002

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding International Women's Day, March 8, 2002.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Alberta Winter Games held in Medicine Hat, February 16-19, 2002.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Alberta's public health care system.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding International Women's Week, March 3-9, 2002.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Canadian health care system.

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

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the First Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature

Sessional Paper 80/2002

### **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 on Monday, March 11, 2002:

Written Questions:       None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns:     None appearing on the Order Paper.

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill, Monday, March 11, 2002:

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

20 letters dated March 7, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Alberta athletes who won medals at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, congratulating them on their accomplishments

Sessional Paper 81/2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

3 letters, undated, from Gisele Durand-Smith, Trevor L. Smith, and Claude J. Durupt, all of Calgary, to Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 82/2002

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

City of Edmonton newsletter entitled "Edmonton This Quarter, Winter 2001-02, News and Information From the City of Edmonton"

Sessional Paper 83/2002

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

Document, undated, entitled "Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, Appendix 1" proposing amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act

Sessional Paper 84/2002

Document dated January 29, 2002, entitled "Workers' Compensation Amendment Act" proposing amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act

Sessional Paper 85/2002

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

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta's Physician Achievement Review (PAR) Program: A Review of the First Three Years" prepared by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, with attached report dated June 2001, entitled "Final Report, Evaluation of the Physician Achievement Review Program (PAR)" prepared by Nichols Applied Management for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 86/2002

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

E-mail message dated March 1, 2002, from Stan Halluk of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting that Mr. Mar support Bill 203, Gas Flaring Elimination Act

Sessional Paper 87/2002

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

E-mail message dated February 18, 2002, from Neil Evans of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 88/2002

Letter dated January 26, 2002, from Pam Head to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and making recommendations regarding the health care report entitled "A Framework for Reform"

Sessional Paper 89/2002

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Massey, Acting 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 March 11 to March 14, 2002:

Monday, March 11	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Interim Supply (Day 1 of 2) And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 12	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 1, 2 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 12 <b>Committee of Supply</b> Interim Supply (Day 2 of 2) <b>Revert to Bill Introduction</b> Bill 17 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 13	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 5, 9 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 12 And Second Readings not completed on Tuesday afternoon And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11,12 <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 17 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 14	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 1, 2, 12 And Third Readings based on progress Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 17 And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### 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 Interim Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

2002-03 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly,  
Government and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 90/2002

## Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2002-2003 Interim Supply 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:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2002-2003 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to the following Committee be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Rev. Abbott replace Mr. Yankowsky.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the March 5, 2002 Report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Robert C. Clark be reappointed as Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta for a 5-year term, commencing April 1, 2002.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the March 5, 2002 Report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Olaf Brian Fjeldheim be reappointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

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 6 Student Financial Assistance Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg  
Bill 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans  
Bill 13 Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor  
Bill 15 Dairy Industry Omnibus Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 8 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:44 p.m. until Monday, March 11, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 11, 2002

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

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding the 6-month anniversary of the disaster of September 11, 2001.

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the statement.

## **Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 5th anniversary of 21 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

## **Recognitions**

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Park interpreters and the Interpretation Canada National Awards of Excellence

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: 1st anniversary of 23 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 12, 2001

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

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Kids Kottage Foundation and the 7th Annual Breakfast held March 6, 2002

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Nick Fylypiuk and Ron Tomyn who are retiring from volunteer services for the Balwin Community League

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Great Kids Awards and the 2002 award recipients

## **Notices of Motions**

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 73(2), Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, may be advanced two or more stages in one day.

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

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Government Motion 13 is resumed, not more than 1 (one) hour shall be allotted to any further consideration, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Motion shall be put forthwith.

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

Be it resolved that, when an adjourned debate on Second Reading of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, is resumed, not more than 1 (one) hour shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

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

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, is resumed, not more than 1 (one) hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

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

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, is resumed, not more than 1 (one) hour shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

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

Oral notice having been given Thursday, March 7, 2002:

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2001  
Sessional Paper 91/2002

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

Letter dated February 21, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Larry Booi, President, Alberta Teachers' Association, providing notice of a declared emergency regarding the labour disputes with an attached document entitled "Teachers' Dispute Resolution Tribunal Terms of Reference"

Sessional Paper 92/2002

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

Letter dated September 28, 2001, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to Deborah Chan-Yan, Golder Associates Ltd., regarding the New Democrat Opposition's submission on the Meridian Dam preliminary feasibility study

Sessional Paper 93/2002

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

Report, undated, entitled "Where is the Outrage? The Power of Politics and the Politics of Power" prepared by Keith Provost, B.Sc., M.Sc., P.Eng.

Sessional Paper 94/2002

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

Arizona Republic article dated February 25, 2002, entitled "Dialysis workers under fire"

Sessional Paper 95/2002

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

Information brochure from the Kids Kottage Foundation

Sessional Paper 96/2002

## **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 203 Gas Flaring Elimination 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: 6

Bonner  
MacDonald

Mason  
Massey

Pannu  
Taft

Against the motion: 45

Abbott	Hutton	Nelson
Cao	Jablonski	Norris
Cardinal	Jonson	Ouellette
Danyluk	Klapstein	Pham
DeLong	Kryczka	Rathgeber
Evans	Lord	Renner
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Shariff
Friedel	Mar	Smith
Fritz	Marz	Snelgrove
Gordon	Maskell	Strang
Goudreau	Masyk	Tarchuk
Graydon	McClellan	VanderBurg
Haley	McClelland	Vandermeer
Herard	McFarland	Woloshyn
Hlady	Melchin	Zwozdesky

### **Point of Privilege**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, during Oral Question Period on February 28, 2002, and the subsequent introduction of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky and Mr. MacDonald.

Pursuant to Standing Order 15(2), the Speaker invited Mr. Mason to submit written notice of a question of privilege to his office by March 12, 2002.

### **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 Traffic Safety (Cellular Phone) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

Mr. Herard 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., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

**501.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in the interests of fiscal prudence and tax equity, to not increase health care premiums and instead cancel the scheduled reductions in corporate income taxes for fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

**502.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take on a leadership role to encourage Albertans of all ages to assume personal responsibility for planning their financial security in retirement.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Bonner speaking.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Interim 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 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, 2003, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

#### **Support to the Legislative Assembly**

\$8,735,000    Operating Expense

#### **Office of the Auditor General**

\$2,700,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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**Office of the Ombudsman**

\$400,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

\$500,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

\$95,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

\$805,000 Operating Expense

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$11,005,000 Operating Expense

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$102,155,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Children's Services**

\$121,930,000 Operating Expense

**Community Development**

\$125,310,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Economic Development**

\$8,565,000 Operating Expense

**Energy**

\$40,525,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Environment**

\$34,140,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Executive Council**

\$3,765,000 Operating Expense

**Finance**

\$15,325,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

\$15,260,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Gaming**

\$51,115,000	Operating Expense
\$234,685,000	Lottery Fund Payments

**Government Services**

\$48,945,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Health and Wellness**

\$1,529,985,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Human Resources and Employment**

\$318,435,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Infrastructure**

\$279,530,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Innovation and Science**

\$64,000,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$1,825,000	Operating Expense
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**Justice**

\$47,240,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Learning**

\$588,420,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$27,125,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Municipal Affairs**

\$65,480,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Revenue**

\$6,845,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Seniors**

\$47,620,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Solicitor General**

\$46,510,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$101,915,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Transportation**

\$139,000,000    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 10:09 p.m. until Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 12, 2002

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

**Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 1st anniversary of 23 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 12, 2001.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding his participation in the Calgary Regional Health Authority's Day With a Doc program.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the importance of ministerial responsibility in a democracy.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Alan Anderton who passed away on March 10, 2002.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the renovation of the Warner Civic Centre and the volunteers and businesses who made the renovation possible.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

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

Bill 17    Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 12, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Corinne Anderton of Red Deer expressing condolences on the loss of Mrs. Anderton's husband, Alan Anderton, Chair, Persons With Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board, who passed away on March 10, 2002

Sessional Paper 97/2002

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Real Estate Foundation, 2001 Annual Report, with attached report entitled "Building on the Foundation, Reflections on the First 10 Years, 1991-2001" prepared by the Alberta Real Estate Foundation

Sessional Paper 98/2002

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated March 7, 2002, from Brad Wuetherick, President, Graduate Students' Association, University of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 6, Student Financial Assistance Act

Sessional Paper 99/2002

2 web pages, undated, the first containing an excerpt from the Alberta Teachers' Association position papers index page and the second containing Alberta Teachers' Association strike updates

Sessional Paper 100/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated November 19, 2001, from Clifford E. Hansen of Exshaw to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that the Evan Thomas Provincial Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 101/2002

E-mail message dated January 11, 2002, from David J. Parker of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, requesting that the Chinchaga wilderness area be designated as a protected area

Sessional Paper 102/2002

Statement, undated, addressed to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding clear-cut logging in the boreal forest, prepared by David Donahue, President, Society of Trappers and Hunters Conserving our Wilderness

Sessional Paper 103/2002

Letter dated January 27, 2002, from David Donahue, President, Society of Trappers and Hunters Conserving our Wilderness, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, giving Ms Carlson permission to table Mr. Donahue's statement addressed to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, and expressing concern regarding clear-cut logging in the boreal forest

Sessional Paper 104/2002

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

Document, undated, setting out current Alberta Health Care premiums paid by teachers in each school division and total amounts of Alberta Health Care premiums based on a variety of potential increases in the premiums, and the impact on teachers

Sessional Paper 105/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, setting out current Alberta Health Care premiums paid by teachers in each school division and total amounts of Alberta Health Care premiums based on a variety of potential increases in the premiums, and the impact on school boards

Sessional Paper 106/2002

### **Point of Privilege**

The Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands made additional comments to those made when raising his purported question of privilege on March 11, 2002. The Government House Leader responded to the comments by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands.

### **Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege**

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands.

As the Chair understands it, the Member's purported question of privilege is that the Premier deliberately misled the Assembly in connection with comments he made about what would or would not be in Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act.

The Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands raised this purported question of privilege yesterday, March 11, following the division on Second Reading of his Bill 203. At page 235 of Hansard he indicates that he had just "perused" Bill 12 and was raising the matter at the first opportunity under Standing Order 15(5).

The Chair invited the Member to provide fuller written notice prior to today's proceedings and to give the notice to the Premier if he was to be the subject of the purported question of privilege, which the Member has done. The thrust of the Member's letter, which he elaborated on today in the Assembly, is that there were deliberately misleading statements giving rise to a prima facie breach of privilege.

First, the Chair wants to emphasize that deliberately misleading the House is one of the most serious charges that can be levelled against another Member. The authorities are clear that such a charge proceeds like a contempt which in turn proceeds like a question of privilege.

Erskine May (22nd Edition) at pages 111-112 discusses this issue and states

“The Commons may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as a contempt. In 1963 the House resolved that in making a personal statement which contained words which he later admitted not to be true, a former Member had been guilty of a grave contempt.”

More senior Members in this House may recall that the Profumo affair in the United Kingdom is the basis for the reference.

The Chair has also reviewed recent allegations in the Canadian House of Commons on similar charges and found that they were advanced as matters of contempt.

As the Chair indicated, an allegation of deliberately misleading the House is a very, very serious matter which should not be made lightly or for purely partisan reasons. In this case, the allegation made by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands focuses on a certain subjective interpretation of Bill 12.

Such an allegation is at best a disagreement between Members and hardly meets the test of a point of order, let alone a contempt of the Assembly.

Differing interpretations of Bills are properly the subject of debate. It should not be necessary for the Chair to remind Members that it is the Assembly, not the Government, that passes the laws of this Province and where the debates on those laws take place.

Accordingly, there is no prima facie question of privilege. As the Chair has indicated before, questions of privilege should not be raised lightly. The rights and immunities as well as the responsibilities of Members are matters that should be treated with the utmost seriousness and respect.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002

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

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

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

**Adjournment**

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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	O'Neill
Ady	Herard	Ouellette
Cao	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Johnson	Shariff
Coutts	Knight	Smith
Danyluk	Kryczka	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lord	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lougheed	Stevens
Dunford	Lund	Strang
Evans	Masyk	VanderBurg
Forsyth	McClelland	Vandermeer
Friedel	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Fritz	Oberg	

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Bonner	Mason	Taft
Carlson	Massey	

### 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 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 2 is amended by striking out subsection (3);
- B. Section 23 is struck out.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

Against the amendment: 37

Abbott	Fritz	McFarland
Ady	Hancock	Oberg
Broda	Herard	O'Neill
Cao	Horner	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Renner
Coutts	Lord	Shariff
Danyluk	Lougheed	Smith
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Dunford	Maskell	VanderBurg
Evans	Masyk	Vandermeer
Forsyth	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Friedel		

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved that the Committee rise and report progress. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Abbott	Hancock	Oberg
Ady	Herard	O'Neill
Cao	Horner	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Renner
Coutts	Lord	Shariff
Danyluk	Lougheed	Smith
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Ducharme	Lund	Stelmach
Dunford	Maskell	Stevens
Evans	Masyk	VanderBurg
Forsyth	McClelland	Vandermeer
Friedel	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2.1), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Committee to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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 12 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division  
Sessional Paper 107/2002

## Government Motions

16. Oral notice having been given Monday, March 11, 2002, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when further consideration of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, is resumed, not more than 1 (one) hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Abbott	Fritz	Oberg
Ady	Hancock	O'Neill
Broda	Herard	Ouellette
Cao	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Shariff
Coutts	Lord	Smith
Danyluk	Lougheed	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Dunford	Maskell	VanderBurg
Evans	Masyk	Vandermeer
Forsyth	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Friedel	McFarland	

Against the motion: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 11:28 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg



Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved the Bill be amended in section 1(1)(f) by striking out subclause (iii).

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

Against the amendment: 35

Abbott	Fritz	McFarland
Ady	Hancock	Oberg
Broda	Herard	O'Neill
Cao	Horner	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Renner
Coutts	Lord	Smith
Danyluk	Lougheed	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Ducharme	Lund	VanderBurg
Dunford	Maskell	Vandermeer
Evans	Masyk	Zwozdesky
Friedel	McClelland	

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the Bill be amended in section 3(2) by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:

- (c) appoint one additional member as chair of the tribunal whose appointment has been agreed to by the ATA and ASBA members of the tribunal, and

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

Against the amendment: 35

Abbott	Hancock	Oberg
Ady	Herard	O'Neill
Broda	Horner	Ouellette
Cao	Kryczka	Renner
Cenaiko	Lord	Smith
Coutts	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
DeLong	Lund	Stevens
Ducharme	Maskell	VanderBurg
Dunford	Masyk	Vandermeer
Evans	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Friedel	McFarland	

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the Bill be amended in section 6 by striking out subsection (2).

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 12, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:28 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act.

The amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

Against the amendment: 36

Abbott	Fritz	McFarland
Ady	Hancock	Oberg
Broda	Herard	O'Neill
Cao	Horner	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Renner
Coutts	Lord	Smith
Danyluk	Lougheed	Snelgrove
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Dunford	Maskell	VanderBurg
Evans	Masyk	Vandermeer
Friedel	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 12, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:33 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Abbott	Fritz	Oberg
Ady	Hancock	O'Neill
Broda	Herard	Ouellette
Cao	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Kryczka	Smith
Coutts	Lord	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lougheed	Stelmach
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Ducharme	Lund	VanderBurg
Dunford	Masyk	Vandermeer
Evans	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Friedel	McFarland	

Against the motion: 5

Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	

Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 12, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:38 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 16, agreed to on March 12, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:39 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — 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 12 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —  
Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on behalf  
of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 109/2002

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated on division  
Sessional Paper 110/2002

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:41 a.m. until Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 13, 2002

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

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Honourable Tommy Douglas, founder of medicare in Canada

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Joanne Myrol of Sunset House, recent recipient of a best new recording artist award

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Mill Woods Cultural and Recreational Facility Authority, on celebrating 25 years of service to the community

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Catholic Conference, held March 8-10, 2002, sponsored by the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Alberta Conference of Catholic Bishops

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: 2002 Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, and 7 Alberta athletes who are competing at the Games

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Mike Hudema, on being elected President, and Anand Sharma, on being elected Vice-President External of the University of Alberta Students' Union Council

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Tony Yusak of the Edmonton-Norwood constituency, on celebrating his 83rd birthday

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

5 proposed amendments to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 111/2002

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

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Dan Huot to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, and Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 112/2002

E-mail message dated March 11, 2002, and associated attachments, from Gerald Dumontier of Calgary to Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, expressing concern regarding current classroom conditions and opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 113/2002

E-mail message dated March 11, 2002, from Carolynne Bouey-Shank to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, and requesting that the Bill be amended to broaden the scope of the arbitration process in terms of salary increases and classroom conditions

Sessional Paper 114/2002

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

Alberta Teachers' Association web page, undated, entitled "Basic Instructional Grant and Alberta Consumer Price Index, 1994/95 to 2001/02"

Sessional Paper 115/2002

Letter dated March 4, 2002, from Frank J. Work, Q.C., Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commenting on the applicability of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to Bill 11, Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 116/2002

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

Copy of a petition signed by 420 Fort McMurray residents urging the Legislative Assembly to remedy the cost of living problems faced by teachers living in Fort McMurray

Sessional Paper 117/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 23, 2002, from Karen Marciniuk of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for the classroom conditions aspect of the teachers' labour dispute and expressing concern surrounding the Alberta Teachers' Association salary demands for teachers

Sessional Paper 118/2002

Letter dated November 15, 2001, from L. Clarke-Lesiuk, Assistant Principal, Edmonton Catholic Schools, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding lack of resources in the Alberta education system

Sessional Paper 119/2002

E-mail message dated November 14, 2001, from Craig Mathieson to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the disrespect from the Government Mr. Mathieson feels as a teacher

Sessional Paper 120/2002

E-mail message dated February 15, 2002, from Gail Fournier to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, urging the Legislative Assembly to provide more financial resources to the Alberta education system

Sessional Paper 121/2002

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 300 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to stop funding cuts to supports for children and adults with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 122/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

#### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

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

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Debate continued on the 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 amendment: 5

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Mason	

Against the amendment: 33

Ady	Goudreau	Maskell
Amery	Hancock	McClelland
Broda	Hlady	Melchin
Calahasen	Horner	Oberg
Cao	Hutton	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Jacobs	Ouellette
Coutts	Johnson	Rathgeber
DeLong	Knight	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lougheed	Stevens
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Strang
Dunford	Magnus	VanderBurg

The question for Third Reading of Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Hancock	McClelland
Amery	Hlady	Melchin
Broda	Horner	Oberg
Calahasen	Hutton	O'Neill
Cao	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Jacobs	Rathgeber
Coutts	Johnson	Stelmach
DeLong	Knight	Stevens
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	VanderBurg
Dunford	Magnus	Yankowsky
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 5

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Mason	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Education Services Settlement Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:03 p.m. until Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2002

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

## Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Nokia Brier, March 9-17, 2002, in Calgary.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, read a letter from teacher Robin Kinasevich.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the teachers' labour dispute.



Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding health care in Alberta's rural communities.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General:

Letter dated March 1, 2002, unsigned, from C. Paulsen, Chair, Community Corrections Review of Practices Implementation Committee, to all probation officers regarding recommendations made by probation officers concerning workload issues and the implementation of options addressed at a meeting with the Solicitor General on February 27, 2002

Sessional Paper 123/2002

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

Several Calgary Sun, Calgary Herald, and Edmonton Journal articles expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 124/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Heather Zwick, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 125/2002

E-mail message dated March 12, 2002, from Kathie Tourangeau of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 126/2002

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

News release dated March 14, 2002, entitled "Members Named to the Electoral Boundaries Commission"

Sessional Paper 127/2002

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Taft, Acting 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 March 18 to March 21, 2002:

- Monday, March 18
- 1:30 p.m. - **Prince Michael of Kent**  
Address to the Assembly
- 5:15 p.m. - **Throne Speech**  
Engrossed and Presented to  
Her Honour  
And as per the Order Paper
- 9:00 p.m. - **Government Motions**  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Third Reading (or Committee of  
the Whole)**  
Bill 17  
And as per the Order Paper
- Tuesday, March 19
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 14, 16, 18
- 3:30 p.m. - **Assembly to Recess**
- 4:00 p.m. - **Budget Address**  
**Government Motions**  
And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal  
Opposition, Response to the Budget  
Address  
**Third Reading** (if necessary)  
Bill 17  
**Committee of the Whole**  
Bill 3, 6, 7, 9, 13  
And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 20
- Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
Legislative Assembly Estimates  
Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24)  
Seniors (Designated)  
And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2002

	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24) Transportation And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 21	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24) Government Services (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

#### 18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that in this Her Majesty the Queen of Canada's Golden Jubilee Year, that this Assembly invite His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, KCVO, to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 18, 2002, and that this address be the first order of business after the National Anthem is sung. The ordinary business of the Assembly will resume upon the conclusion of His Royal Highness's address and the singing of God Save the Queen.

Be it further resolved that His Royal Highness's address become part of the permanent record of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

#### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

**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 Bills were reported:

Bill 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until Monday, March 18, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 18, 2002

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

**Prince Michael of Kent, KCVO, Address to the Assembly**

Following the singing of the National Anthem and pursuant to Government Motion 18 agreed to on March 14, 2002, the Speaker welcomed and invited Prince Michael of Kent, KCVO, onto the floor of the Assembly. His Royal Highness then addressed the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker,

I'd like to thank you and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for your kind invitation to address you today. I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that I will convey to Her Majesty the loyal message of good wishes which you have expressed on behalf of the Assembly.

I have the fondest memories of my last visit to this province nearly 10 years ago when I came to Edmonton for the Canadian Finals Rodeo and subsequently I visited Calgary. I'm delighted to tell you that I was presented with my black hat before my white one.

This time my stay will be brief, but I'm happy to be meeting such a variety of Albertans. Yesterday, in Calgary, I reviewed a Joint Services Jubilee Parade of hundreds of Cadets. They, along with youth leaders from Edmonton area high schools whom I met at lunch today, promise a future for Alberta no less impressive than its past.

First thing this morning, I visited the Salvation Army Headquarters and then spent time with volunteers and veterans at the Colonel Mewburn Pavilion. And later on I'll be fortunate to join with your distinguished Lieutenant Governor in honouring bravery and dedication at a Life Saving Canada Awards Ceremony. The common element of each of these stops on my tour is service.

Standing here at the heart of democratic institutions within Alberta, a province named after Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, the fourth daughter of the Mother of Confederation, Queen Victoria, I am especially pleased to be addressing you in the year when a second Queen of Canada celebrates her Golden Jubilee.

Her Majesty The Queen is herself the great exemplar of service to others. And one of the themes of Jubilee celebrations throughout the Commonwealth this year centres on honouring our Sovereign. The unnumbered acts of kindness and the gift of volunteer hours may not be the stuff of headlines, but they are surely the basis of civil society, and of the peace of mind and heart that so characterizes this Maple Kingdom.

By happy coincidence, Canadians also celebrate this year the 50th Anniversary of the appointment of Canadian Governors General. The first such representative of Her Majesty, The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, wrote "that it is to the Crown we look to encourage the spirit of nationhood, and to warn against its neglect."

The distinct evolution of the Canadian Crown points to the capacity of the constitutional monarchy to be a system of government that is infinitely adaptable. In this federal system, the Crown is actually an eleven-fold diadem, assuring the provinces that they are as fully sovereign in their areas of jurisdiction as is the national government in its own compass of responsibility.

The Golden Jubilee is not only a time to pay tribute to The Queen to whom you and I are proud to give our allegiance. It also offers an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the way nation and province are governed, and so to bolster patriotic sentiment with a grounded knowledge of the basis of Canadian parliamentary democracy, institutions, and symbols.

With identity rooted in knowledge, and heartened by the beauty of mountains, prairies, and lakes, "Fortis et liber" - strong and free, as the Alberta motto reads, will surely continue to be the proud and true boast of this energetic and loyal province.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker thanked Prince Michael.

The Speaker then invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members of the Assembly and His Royal Highness in singing God Save the Queen.

Prince Michael then left the Chamber.

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie, held March 11-14, 2002

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: W.R. Myers Rebels on winning the 2002 4A Boys' Provincial Basketball championship

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, and Marcel Rocque, on winning the 2002 Nokia Brier

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: University of Alberta Golden Bears Basketball Team on winning their third Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, and Marcel Rocque, on winning the 2002 Nokia Brier

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta Sports Teams on winning several recent championships

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege prior to Orders of the Day today.

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, gave notice of her intention to raise a purported point of contempt on March 19, 2002.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Marriage (Preparation Course) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 212 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 214 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Residential Land Disclosure) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Cao

Bill 215 Fair Trading (Cost of Credit) Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 216 False Claims Act — Mr. Lord

Bill 220 Water (Transfer Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2002 — Ms Carlson

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald on May 9, 2001:

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).

Sessional Paper 128/2002

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

Copies of 180 postcards signed by Albertans expressing support for increasing AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits while keeping medical benefits intact

Sessional Paper 129/2002

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to funding cutbacks for people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 130/2002

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

Letter dated December 3, 2001, from George Ghitan, Executive Director, Hull Child and Family Services, to an unknown addressee, advising of the termination of services under the Cottage Seven Day program due to cost containment measures

Sessional Paper 131/2002

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 132/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 21, 2002, from Brian Hardy, General Manager, Brandt Tractor Ltd., to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, advising that Brandt Tractor Ltd. will lose revenue and therefore be forced to lay-off employees due to a reduction in Government funding for highway work

Sessional Paper 133/2002

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

Letter dated February 2, 2002, from Alex Lockton, President, Top Notch Construction Ltd. to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, advising that Top Notch Construction Ltd. will not be able to re-hire previously terminated employees due to a reduction in Government funding for highway work

Sessional Paper 134/2002

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

Letter dated February 15, 2002, from Mervyn Pidherney, Pidherney's Trucking, to Whom it May Concern, enclosing a list of 87 people whose employment was terminated in 2001 who will not be re-hired due to a reduction in Government funding for highway work

Sessional Paper 135/2002

### **Point of Privilege**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the membership of the Electoral Boundaries Commission announced on March 14, 2002.

The Speaker also heard from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader.

### **Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege**

The Chair would like to thank Members for their contributions on this issue.

To review the matter, last Thursday, March 14, 2002, the Chair issued a news release appointing four individuals to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Section 2(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act stipulates that a Commission is to consist of a Chair appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two persons appointed by the Speaker on the nomination of the Executive Council and, in clause (b)

“2 persons, who are not members of the Legislative Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on the nomination of the Leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition in consultation with the leaders of the other opposition parties represented in the Legislative Assembly...”



Mr. Robert C. Clark was appointed Chair by Order in Council 99/2002 issued March 12, 2002. The Chair wrote the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Premier on March 13, 2002, asking for their nominees and reciting the appropriate sections of the Act. The names of the nominees were received and those individuals were appointed on March 14.

It should be pointed out that the Chair assumes that Members are aware of their responsibilities and does not want to start a practice of cross-examining Members on whether they have met the necessary preconditions on this or any other matter.

On the same day as the appointments were announced, the Member for Edmonton-Highlands stood in this Assembly and raised his purported question of privilege based on his understanding that the New Democrat Opposition was not consulted about the nominees to the Commission as required by section 2(1)(b) of the Act.

As recorded at page 374 of Hansard for that day, the Chair invited the Member and his Leader to have certain discussions about whether there was any consultation, and if not, to provide the appropriate notice two hours before the opening of the Assembly today as required by Standing Order 15(2) which he did.

The Chair must first consider whether the objection falls within the scope of parliamentary privilege. This is a very, very difficult question on which long articles will surely and can be written about.

The question focuses on whether the Leader of the Official Opposition's statutory duty to consult before nominating individuals to the Speaker falls within the accepted categories of privilege or whether it constitutes a contempt. Let there be no doubt that in the Chair's mind this is a very serious matter, whether it is technically a *prima facie* question of privilege or not.

During the debate on this purported matter, few relevant citations were provided as to how this matter would breach a Member's individual privilege or the collective privileges of the Assembly. In fact, the Assembly is not involved in the appointment process. The Assembly, through the Act, has delegated that responsibility to the Speaker, who appoints people on the recommendation of the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition. A condition precedent for the nominations of the Leader of the Official Opposition is that they must be done "in consultation" with the opposition parties represented in the Assembly. This, as has been identified today by the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition, was not done.

The Assembly itself is not involved in the appointment process. Actors in the Assembly are definitely involved by virtue of their offices. Accordingly, while it is difficult to see how this would constitute a *prima facie* question of privilege, it is something that is appropriate to be brought to the attention of the Speaker and there is no better place to do this than in the Assembly itself. In fact, the Chair welcomes the opportunity for these matters to be brought forward in an open and transparent manner. Furthermore, if the Chair did not address this issue then it might invite the courts to become involved in the matter and in matters that seem more appropriate for the Assembly to consider.

On this specific issue, the Chair is not convinced that the omission by the Leader of the Official Opposition constitutes a prima facie question of privilege but this does not end the matter.

As the statutory requirement for the Leader of the Official Opposition to nominate individuals in consultation with the Leader of the other official parties was, by his own admission, not met, the Chair will today rescind the appointments of Ms Bauni McKay and Mr. Ernie Patterson made last Thursday. These appointments are therefore a nullity. The Chair sincerely regrets any inconvenience or embarrassment to those individuals and to the Chair and other members of the Commission. However, in the interest of fairness and compliance with legislation, the Chair must do so. In the interests of ensuring that the Commission can commence its work on a timely basis, the Chair invites the Leader of the Official Opposition to follow the statutorily required process and nominate two individuals at the earliest possible opportunity and to advise the Speaker as soon as convenient.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

The Speaker advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), 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**

#### **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 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions)  
Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski

Mr. Marz, 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.

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Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Red Deer-North) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 136/2002

Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 137/2002

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Cellular Phone) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Gordon

A debate followed.

Mrs. O'Neill moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Horner and seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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**

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens 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. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

**502.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take on a leadership role to encourage Albertans of all ages to assume personal responsibility for planning their financial security in retirement.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

**503.** Moved by Mrs. O'Neill:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to offer free admission to Albertans one day each month to the Province's museums and historic sites.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

### **Government Motions**

**20.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 8, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, 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 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 17 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 14 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

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

Bill 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 19, 2002

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

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Constable Christine Diotte, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who was killed in the line of duty on March 12, 2002.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding National Farm Safety Week, March 13-20, 2002.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Calgary Aquamums Synchronized Swimming Team who will be competing at the World Aquatic Masters Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 28 to April 4, 2002.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the quality of life in rural Alberta.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

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

Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Return to Order of the Assembly MR12, asked for by Ms Carlson on May 23, 2001:

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.

Sessional Paper 138/2002

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

Canadian Medical Association Journal article dated February 5, 2002, entitled "Outcomes of planned home births versus planned hospital births after regulation of midwifery in British Columbia"

Sessional Paper 139/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 425 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to stop funding cuts to supports for children and adults with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 140/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

8 letters from Albertans to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 141/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 15, 2002, from Denis Chalifoux of Spruce Grove to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, outlining the text of a message sent to Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, Lieutenant Governor, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the processes used to pass Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, inadequate funding for special needs students, reduced funding to Children's Services, and issues relating to the Alberta School Boards Association and the recent teachers' strike

Sessional Paper 142/2002

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

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 18, 2002

Sessional Paper 143/2002

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

Letter dated January 30, 2002, from Don Hargrave of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, enclosing several research documents relating to the effects of Alberta Health Care premiums on Alberta provincial tax rates, in particular to seniors and lower income earners

Sessional Paper 144/2002

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

Letter dated March 12, 2002, from Doug Heckbert of Fort Saskatchewan to Kelvin Hussey, Chair, Alberta Attendance Board, advising of his resignation from the Alberta Attendance Board and outlining the reasons for his resignation

Sessional Paper 145/2002

E-mail message dated January 8, 2002, from Elizabeth Wall of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting Dr. Pannu's support to ensure that midwifery becomes a funded service under the provincial health care system

Sessional Paper 146/2002

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

Report dated March 18, 2002, entitled "Advantaged No More: How Low Taxes Flattened Alberta's Future" prepared for the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 147/2002

### **Point of Privilege - Contempt**

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported point of privilege and contempt of the House under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, during Oral Question Period on March 13, 2002, relating to the frequency of reporting for sex offender parolees.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, and Hon. Mr. Stevens.

The Speaker commented that he would consider further information on the matter and provide a ruling at the conclusion of the Daily Routine on March 20, 2002.

During the comments on the point of privilege and contempt, Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, tabled the following:

Several documents and articles quoted from by Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, as research for her comments on the purported point of privilege  
Sessional Paper 148/2002

During the comments on the point of privilege and contempt, Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 1, 2002, unsigned, from C. Paulsen, Chair, Community Corrections Review of Practices Implementation Committee, to all probation officers regarding recommendations made by probation officers concerning workload issues and the implementation of options addressed at a meeting with the Solicitor General on February 27, 2002

Sessional Paper 149/2002

### **Speaker's Ruling - House Business**

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to follow-up on a few items of business.

Yesterday, 6 Private Members' Public Bills were introduced. The Members who held positions 217, 218 and 219 have chosen not to sponsor Private Members' Public Bills this session. Accordingly, the next Bill to be considered by the Assembly after Bill 216 will be Bill 220. The Member for Calgary-McCall has Bill 213 on notice but has not introduced it as of yet.

Also, Members will note that standing on the Order Paper are Government Motions 13, 14, 15 and 17 all relating in some way to Bill 12. As Bill 12 has now received Royal Assent, the Chair will have these motions removed from subsequent versions of the Order Paper as they are now not capable of being moved.

Finally, when the copies of the Private Members' Public Bills were distributed yesterday, the front pages of Bills 211 and 212 were reversed by the printer. A point of order was raised about this obvious printing error in Committee of the Whole. Although the Chair does not usually comment on what occurs in Committee, on this rare occasion the Chair will comment as the matter should have been raised in the Assembly in the first place.

The printing error was quickly noted and the printer ensured that replacements for Bills 211 and 212 were available to the Assembly by the time the evening sitting commenced last night. It is the Chair's understanding that the replacement copies were distributed at that time. This matter should now be resolved.



## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon.  
Ms Evans

A debate followed.

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

#### Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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The Speaker resumed 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

21. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Messages of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2002-2003 Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

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-7, s3, s4:

2002-03 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates

Sessional Paper 150/2002

2002-03 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates

Sessional Paper 151/2002

Government of Alberta Budget 2002 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 152/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Government of Alberta Budget 2002 Business Plans

Sessional Paper 153/2002

**22.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:32 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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### **Government Motions**

**22.** 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.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of 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, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland

Mr. Lord, 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 3 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 154/2002

**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:12 p.m. until Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 20, 2002

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

**Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 13th anniversary of 7 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989.

**Recognitions**

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2002, presented in Gujarati

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2002, presented in Arabic

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2002, presented in Polish

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2002, presented in Vietnamese

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: A variety of Ethnic cultures co-existing while maintaining individual culture, language, and traditions, presented in Ukranian

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Albertans for a Wild Chinchaga

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Brian McKeever and Robin McKeever both of Canmore, medal winners at the 2002 Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah

### **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, was not in order to be presented.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 21 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Report, undated, entitled "Lobbyist Report III" prepared by Allan P. Jobson, Lobbyist, regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 155/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2002 Canadian Business Leader Award program, sponsored by the University of Alberta, School of Business, honouring Brian F. MacNeill, Chairman, Petro-Canada

Sessional Paper 156/2002

Report entitled "Building on our Strengths, Annual Review 2001" prepared by the University of Alberta, School of Business

Sessional Paper 157/2002

Copy of a petition signed by over 1,500 Albertans requesting that the Chinchaga wilderness area be designated as a protected area

Sessional Paper 158/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Brochure entitled "Greetings from Edmonton's Downtown Churches" setting out details regarding six churches located in downtown Edmonton

Sessional Paper 159/2002

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

20 recent letters from Alberta and British Columbia residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding Government coverage rules surrounding the use of the drug cyclosporine as a treatment for aplastic anaemia

Sessional Paper 160/2002

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

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 19, 2002

Sessional Paper 161/2002

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

Statement dated March 20, 2002, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the recent increase in health insurance premiums, and the effect on senior citizens and low income Albertans, prepared by Nicholas J. Chamchuk

Sessional Paper 162/2002

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

Letter dated February 28, 2002, from Virginia Engel, Q.C., President, Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the lack of resources allocated to the Department of Justice

Sessional Paper 163/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 164/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4):

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 165/2002

**Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege - Contempt**

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised yesterday in the House by the Official Opposition House Leader. Before doing so, the Chair confirms that the Honourable Member has fulfilled the notice requirements under Standing Order 15(2) by providing 2 hours written notice to my office, which was received at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 18.

The Official Opposition House Leader alleges in her purported question of privilege that the Solicitor General has deliberately misled the House in connection with statements made on March 13 and 14 relating to reporting requirements for sex offenders. As was correctly pointed out yesterday by the Official Opposition House Leader in citing Erskine May (22nd edition at pages 111 and 112), the House may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as a contempt.

Members may recall from the Chair's ruling last week on a similar issue raised by the Member for Edmonton-Highlands that the authorities are very clear that a matter of contempt proceeds in the same manner as a question of privilege. If the Chair finds there is a prima facie question of privilege, any Member may bring forward a motion not later than the conclusion of the next sitting day. The matter then rests with the House as to how it wants to proceed.

Before ruling, the Chair would like to remind Members that alleging another Member deliberately misled the House is a very grave matter. The Chair takes an allegation of deliberate dishonesty very seriously. The test for determining whether a prima facie case has been made that a Member has deliberately misled the House as outlined in Joseph Maingot's work, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* (2nd edition at page 234) and the Chair quotes

"...before the House will be permitted by the Speaker to embark on a debate in such circumstances (i.e. find a prima facie case and permit a motion to be moved), an admission by someone in authority, such as a Minister of the Crown or an officer of a department, an instrument of government policy, or a government agency, either that a Member of the House of Commons was intentionally misled or an admission of facts that leads naturally to the conclusion that a Member was intentionally misled, and a direct relationship between the misleading information and a proceeding in Parliament, is necessary."

To be clear Members, it is not the Chair's role to scrutinize the accuracy of every word and statement uttered in this House. When statements made by a Member are so inconsistent as to lead to the natural conclusion that the Member has deliberately misled the House, then the Chair must find a prima facie case of privilege.

The Chair has carefully reviewed the Hansard transcripts for Question Period from March 13 and 14 and would like to highlight the following excerpts.

On March 13, in response to a question from the Member from Edmonton-Centre as to whether her department was planning to reduce the reporting requirements for convicted sex offenders, the Solicitor General made the following statement to the House as part of her reply (at page 316 of Hansard)

"...No, we are not letting sex offenders out early. They still will be considered a high-risk offender, number one. The probation officers determine what they will do and where they will go."

On March 14 the Solicitor General made the following comment on the same issue (at page 364 of Hansard)

"...First of all, most of the sex offenders in this province that are on probation, not parole, are considered high-risk or high-profile offenders. That categorization has not changed."

and

"The sex offenders designated as high risk or high profile will be reporting with the same standards as they always have. Let me repeat that it's the probation officers that make that determination, not the Solicitor General."

It is clear that the answer offered on March 13 indicates that sex offenders are considered high risk offenders and will not be let out early; whereas the answer offered on March 14 states that most sex offenders are considered high risk, and there would be no change in reporting requirements for those sex offenders who have that classification.

Clearly there is a distinction between the two statements. The question then becomes whether this distinction amounts to the Solicitor General deliberately misleading the House.

It would be difficult for the Chair to conclude that a contempt of the House arises every time a Minister misspeaks or misstates department policy. Exactness in all answers to questions in Question Period would also require exactness in all questions. This would seem to amount to an impossible standard of perfection that would certainly go beyond the standard expected in any Westminster-style Parliament.

It is the Chair's view that the statements on March 13 and 14 are inconsistent and it would appear that the answer on March 13 was a misstatement regarding department policy. However, it is difficult to conclude that this amounts to a case of deliberate dishonesty so as to meet the test of a charge of deliberately misleading the House, particularly given that we have the word of the Honourable Minister yesterday in this House that this was not her intent. Accordingly, the Chair does not find that this matter constitutes a prima face case of contempt.

Before we proceed to Orders of the Day, the Chair would like to remind the Members of this House of a few basic parliamentary principles that seem appropriate in light of what has transpired over the past few days.

First, one of the practices of this Assembly is to allow for Ministers to supplement or to provide clarification to answers in Question Period at a later date. It is unfortunate that the Solicitor General did not avail herself of this opportunity before the matter led to a charge of contempt.

Finally, the Chair would like to remind the Members of this Assembly that there is a concept of ministerial responsibility in the Westminster model of Parliament. This principle is fundamental to our notion of responsible government where the actions of the Executive are scrutinized every day in this Assembly. The Chair would like to quote the following passage from page 29 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

"The principle of individual ministerial responsibility holds that Ministers are accountable not only for their own actions as department heads, but also for the actions of their subordinates; individual ministerial responsibility provides the basis for accountability throughout the system. Virtually all departmental activity is carried out in the name of a Minister who, in turn, is responsible to Parliament for those acts. Ministers exercise power and are constitutionally responsible for the provision and conduct of government; Parliament holds them personally responsible for it."

The Chair is continually hopeful that Members of Executive Council will continue to heed this principle in responding to questions regarding their areas of responsibility.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Seniors to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **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, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed reported as follows:



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002

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, 2003, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

\$34,930,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Auditor General**

\$16,716,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Office of the Ombudsman**

\$1,829,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

\$1,760,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

\$372,000 Operating Expense

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

\$3,220,000 Operating Expense

**Seniors**

\$275,654,000 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 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 2 — 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 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Transportation**

\$893,282,000      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 9:38 p.m. until Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, March 21, 2002

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2002.

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2002.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the teachers' labour dispute.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 2002.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding the civil war in Sudan and Talisman Energy.

**Presenting Petitions**

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

of Bishop Victoria Matthews and David Phillip Jones, Q.C., for the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition signed by 400 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 Monday, April 8, 2002:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment and Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Compliance Assessment and Enforcement Activities, Annual Report April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 166/2002

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 600 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to stop funding cuts to supports for children and adults with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 167/2002

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

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Amended Class Action Complaint filed by the Presbyterian Church of Sudan, Rev. John Sudan Gaduel, Nuer Community Development Services in U.S.A., Stephen Kuina, Fatuma Nyawang Garbang, and Daniel Wour, versus Talisman Energy, Inc., Republic of the Sudan

Sessional Paper 168/2002

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

Copies of 214 postcards signed by Albertans expressing support for increasing AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits while keeping medical benefits intact

Sessional Paper 169/2002

P.O.K.E.D. (Parents of Kids Experiencing Diabetes) February 2002 newsletter  
Sessional Paper 170/2002

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

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for March 20, 2002

Sessional Paper 171/2002

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Massey, Acting 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 8 to April 11, 2002:

Monday, April 8	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bill 14, 16, 19, 20, 21
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bill 11
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 9	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24)
		Health (Designated)
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24)
		Executive Council
		And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 10	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24) Children's Services (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 7 of 24) Economic Development And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 11	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 8 of 24) Human Resources and Employment (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Government Services to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 3 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Government Services**

\$218,021,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 agreed to on March 20, 2002, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, April 8, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 8, 2002

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. Michael Senych, Member for Redwater, 1963 to 1971, who passed away on March 27, 2002.

**Recognitions**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Ken Lamouche, member of the 2nd Commando Airborne Regiment, honoured with a Canadian Peacekeeper Service medal and a Nobel Peace Certificate

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Anne Keane who will be running from St. John's, Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, British Columbia to raise money for the Canadian Association of Community Care and the Hope Foundation

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Michael Senych, former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, who passed away on March 27, 2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 8th Annual Spring Into Spring Extravaganza

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Booklet entitled "Edmonton's Children, Let's Start at the Very Beginning" prepared by Success by Six

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: 19th anniversary of the Mill Woods Cultural Society of the Retired and Semi-Retired

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

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee, Part One dated April 8, 2002, recommending the appointment of Frederick James Dunn as Alberta's Auditor General  
Sessional Paper 172/2002

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 5, 2002, from Anne Fabris of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 173/2002

Letter dated February 5, 2002, from Bob Bartlett of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 174/2002

2 letters from Christyann Olson of Calgary, the first dated February 8, 2002, to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, and the second dated February 5, 2002, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 175/2002

2 e-mail messages, the first from Christina Chase-Warrier of Calgary and the second from R. Goth of Edmonton both dated February 20, 2002, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding education under-funding and undervalued teachers

Sessional Paper 176/2002

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

Letter dated March 15, 2002, from Wynn Kline of Calgary to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, expressing concern regarding education under-funding, classroom sizes, and the recent teachers' strike

Sessional Paper 177/2002

Petition signed by 59 Albertans requesting the Government increase education funding, address classroom conditions, and implement a fair arbitration process for teachers

Sessional Paper 178/2002

Petition signed by 12 Albertans expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work

Sessional Paper 179/2002

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

Letter dated February 21, 2002, from Brian Hardy, General Manager, Brandt Tractor Ltd., to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, advising that Brand Tractor Ltd. will lose revenue and therefore be forced to lay-off employees due to a reduction in Government funding for highway work

Sessional Paper 180/2002

Letter dated February 5, 2002, from Paul Bokowski to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the Alberta Labour Code

Sessional Paper 181/2002

Petition signed by 8 Albertans expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work

Sessional Paper 182/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 4, 2002, from Karen Pirie, Chair, Board of Directors, The Women's Centre, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the reinstatement of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program

Sessional Paper 183/2002

E-mail message dated March 24, 2002, from Wendy Passmore, Artistic Director, W.P. Puppet Theatre Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Calgary Community Lottery Board

Sessional Paper 184/2002

E-mail message dated April 1, 2002, from Melody Jacobsen of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the Government review its decision

Sessional Paper 185/2002

E-mail message dated April 5, 2002, from Dave Robinson of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the closure of the Calgary Community Lottery Board

Sessional Paper 186/2002

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

Report entitled "Students' Union Undergraduate Survey 2001" prepared by the University of Alberta Students' Union and Incite Solutions

Sessional Paper 187/2002



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

Letter dated March 13, 2002, from Charlotte Corothers, school principal to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, declining his invitation to attend a meeting with school principals in the Edmonton-Whitemud constituency and expressing concern regarding challenges faced by teachers

Sessional Paper 188/2002

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

Letter dated March 23, 2002, from Jim Wiesner of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the impact on seniors of the Government's 30% increase to health care premiums and requesting the Government reconsider its decision to discontinue funding for seniors' eye care and dental benefits

Sessional Paper 189/2002

Document, undated, listing 2,984 organizations, societies, associations, and institutions who received funds in 1999/2000 under the Community Lottery Board Grant Program

Sessional Paper 190/2002

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Petition signed by 52 Albertans requesting the Government provide school boards with financial resources necessary to conduct meaningful negotiations and end the labour disputes

Sessional Paper 191/2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Petition signed by 1 Calgary 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

Sessional Paper 192/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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

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

### Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions)  
Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski

### Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Cellular Phone) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Gordon

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: 12

Bonner	Herard	O'Neill
Carlson	MacDonald	Pannu
Cenaiko	Massey	Stelmach
Forsyth	McClelland	Tannas

Against the motion: 27

Abbott	Horner	Melchin
Ady	Hutton	Norris
Broda	Johnson	Renner
Coutts	Lord	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Strang
Friedel	Lund	Tarchuk
Haley	Magnus	VanderBurg
Hlady	Masyk	Vandermeer

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

Bill 205 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson 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., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

**503.** Moved by Mrs. O'Neill:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to offer free admission to Albertans one day each month to the Province's museums and historic sites.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Ady	MacDonald	Massey
Evans	Magnus	Masyk
Horner	Maskell	McClelland
Jablonski	Mason	O'Neill
Lukaszuk		

Against the motion: 26

Blakeman	Friedel	Rathgeber
Boutilier	Graydon	Renner
Broda	Herard	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Hlady	Stelmach
Coutts	Johnson	Stevens
Danyluk	Jonson	Strang
Ducharme	Lord	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lund	VanderBurg
Forsyth	Melchin	

**504.** Moved by Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the student loan system in place in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Rathgeber on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 21 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 9, 2002

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 9, 2002.

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the teachers' labour dispute.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Lew Hutchinson on being inducted into the Camrose County Agricultural Wall of Honour on March 8, 2002.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the women's movement over the past 35 years.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Alex Janvier of Cold Lake on receiving a lifetime achievement award at the 2002 National Aboriginal Achievement Awards held on March 10, 2002, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

### **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 petition that was presented Thursday, March 21, 2002, and can advise the House that the petition complies with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 182 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 22 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated April 3, 2002, from Terry D. Welty, C.A., C.F.P., Director, Treasurer, Western Walleye Council, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding a walleye stocking petition, with associated attachments

Sessional Paper 193/2002

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen,  
Minister of Innovation and Science:

Petition signed by 466 Canadians urging the Legislative Assembly to amend the  
Planning Act and the Municipal Government Act to provide municipalities the  
authority to prohibit certain forms of adult entertainment

Sessional Paper 194/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Arts Council 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 195/2002

Letter dated April 2, 2002, from Ken Cameron of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon.  
Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the elimination of the  
Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting its reinstatement

Sessional Paper 196/2002

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

Petition signed by 12 Albertans expressing concern regarding, and opposition to,  
the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work

Sessional Paper 197/2002

Letter, undated, unaddressed from Johnson Onesty Automotive Ltd. of Edmonton  
expressing support for Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction)  
Amendment Act, 2001, and requesting the Act be proclaimed into force

Sessional Paper 198/2002

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

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Dan Huot to Hon. Mr. Klein,  
Premier, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for  
Edmonton-Strathcona, Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, and Mr. Horner,  
Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing opposition to  
Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 199/2002

Letter dated March 14, 2002, from Mary Ann Kurucz of Calgary to Hon.  
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services  
Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 200/2002

Letter dated March 12, 2002, from Linda Leiren of Sexsmith to Hon. Dr. Oberg,  
Minister of Learning, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services  
Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 201/2002

Letter dated March 14, 2002, from Frances Schultz of Monarch to Hon.  
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the way the teachers' dispute has  
been handled by the Government and requesting that Bill 12, Education Services  
Settlement Act be repealed

Sessional Paper 202/2002

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

Letter dated April 2, 2002, from Don Fleming, Board Chairman, Edmonton Public Schools, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the recent 30% increase in health care premiums and the resulting financial impact on the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 203/2002

Report dated April 9, 2002, entitled "New Democrat Summary of Community Lottery Board and Community Facility Enhancement Program grants received by selected agencies" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition from information obtained on the Alberta Gaming website

Sessional Paper 204/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Health and Wellness to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **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 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

#### **Health and Wellness**

\$6,795,313,000      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, it was agreed at 5:15 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, APRIL 9, 2002 — 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. 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, 2003, for the Department and purpose indicated:

### **Executive Council**

\$15,044,000      Operating Expense

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 14    Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:



For the motion: 33

Ady	Horner	McFarland
Amery	Jacobs	Melchin
Broda	Johnson	O'Neill
Calahasen	Jonson	Rathgeber
Cenaiko	Knight	Renner
Coutts	Lord	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lougheed	Stevens
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Strang
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Goudreau	Maskell	VanderBurg
Graham	McClelland	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 3

Blakeman	Carlson	Taft
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## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:10 p.m. until Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 10, 2002

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

## Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding a recent child pornography case in British Columbia, issues relating to the Criminal Code of Canada, and Alberta's commitment to the protection of children.

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

## Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, who passed away on March 30, 2002, the loss of 3,600 Canadian soldiers during the battle of Vimy Ridge during World War I, and Canada's military contribution in Afghanistan

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Canadian Grandparents' Rights Association, Orphaned Grandparents Association, and Grandparents Unlimited

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 9, 2002

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: World Lebanese Cultural Union on opening the office of the Edmonton chapter in March 2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary Aquamums Synchronized Swimming Team on winning 5 gold medals at the World Aquatic Championships held in New Zealand March 28 to April 4, 2002

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: "Wild" Bill Hunter, founder of the Edmonton Oilers and the World Hockey Association on being honoured April 9, 2002 at the Winspear Centre

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Dr. Dwayne Elaschuk on being inducted into the County of Camrose's Agriculture Wall of Honour on March 8, 2002

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 204 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg

Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

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

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 8, 2002, from Joan Trettler, Chair for Board of Trustees, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 205/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 5, 2002, from Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding grandparents' access to children and requesting Mr. Hancock's assistance in strengthening current legislation

Sessional Paper 206/2002

Letter dated April 9, 2002, from Christine Cook of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 207/2002

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

Letter dated April 2, 2002, from Sandra R. Tessman, Manager, Sturgeon Foundation, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program, expressing concern regarding the effects of this decision on seniors, and requesting the funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 208/2002

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

Petition signed by 33 Albertans 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 209/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Children's Services to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 6 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, 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, 2003, for the Department and purpose indicated:

**Children's Services**

\$673,068,000    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. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:18 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, APRIL 10, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 7 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purpose indicated:

**Economic Development**

\$51,377,000    Operating Expense

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 18    Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Thursday, April 11, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 11, 2002

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

**Point of Privilege**

During Oral Question Period, Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, gave notice of a purported point of privilege.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Edson Atoms hockey team on winning a silver medal in the Sturgeon-Pembina Atom B2 League Playoffs in Sangudo, the Edson Credit Union Canadians hockey team on winning a gold medal in the Sturgeon-Pembina Atom B League Playoffs, and the Edson Legion Sabres hockey team on winning the Provincial Midget A Tournament, all in March 2002.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the fiscal management policies of the Progressive Conservative Government.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding National Wildlife Week, April 7-13, 2002.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Drayton Valley Thunder junior hockey team on winning the Alberta Junior A Hockey Championships held in Grande Prairie on April 10, 2002, and the Drayton Valley Council on being the first Canadian city to join the International Association of Character Cities.

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 535 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 115 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

## 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 Monday, April 15, 2002:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Pastoral letter, undated, from XF. B. Henry, Bishop of Calgary, commenting on and expressing concern regarding Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act  
Sessional Paper 210/2002

2 letters dated April 10, 2002, from Harry Urwin and Georgina Lawrence-Donald, both of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Chinook Health Region's funding difficulties and the potential closure or reduction in service at the hospital in Fort Macleod  
Sessional Paper 211/2002

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

Letter dated April 9, 2002, from J. Lawrence Tymko, Chair, ECLB (Edmonton Community Lottery Board) #71 Society, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, requesting that three applications for funding originally made in the 2001-2002 fiscal year be approved  
Sessional Paper 212/2002

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

Notice to Workers' Compensation Board employees regarding an information evening held on April 10, 2002, on how to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees, prepared by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Alberta Regional Office  
Sessional Paper 213/2002

Letter, undated, unaddressed from Johnson Onysty Automotive Ltd. of Edmonton, expressing support for Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001, and requesting the Act be proclaimed into force  
Sessional Paper 214/2002

Petition signed by 10 Albertans expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work  
Sessional Paper 215/2002

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

2 letters dated March 1, 2002 and March 12, 2002, from Joanne Cuthbertson of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern about the Government's handling of the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 216/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 60 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to alleviate funding constraints that impede support for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 217/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 3, 2002, from John C. Reid of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program, requesting the program be restored, and that funding be increased for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Sessional Paper 218/2002

Letter dated April 2, 2002, from Shauna Kennedy of Calgary to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting the funding be restored

Sessional Paper 219/2002

Letter dated April 3, 2002, from Edwin and Chris Callaghan of Edmonton to the Alberta Council on Aging expressing concern regarding the recent decrease in seniors' health benefits

Sessional Paper 220/2002

Pamphlet entitled "People Helping People Make a Difference" prepared by the CANDORA (CAN DO in Rundle and Abbottsfield) Society of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 221/2002

News release dated April 9, 2002, prepared by the Edmonton Community Lottery Board, announcing its dissolution effective May 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 222/2002

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

Letter dated April 10, 2002, from Con Duemler, Taxpro, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and an associated attachment, concerning a letter from Mr. Kowalski regarding Bill 207, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001

Sessional Paper 223/2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 8, 2002, from Joan Trettler, Chair for Board of Trustees, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act  
Sessional Paper 224/2002

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Copy of a speech delivered by Ed Kilroy, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, IBM Canada Ltd. at the IBM Centre for e-Business Innovation grand opening in Edmonton on April 10, 2002  
Sessional Paper 225/2002

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Letter dated April 3, 2002, from Angie Stober of Hays to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for the Government's position on the arbitration process relating to the teachers' labour dispute  
Sessional Paper 226/2002

## **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 15 to April 18, 2002:

Monday, April 15                      9:00 p.m.   -   **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Government Motions**  
Government Motion 23,  
Appointment of Auditor General  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 16, 20, 22  
**Committee of the Whole**  
Bill 11  
And as per the Order Paper



- Tuesday, April 16
- Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 9 of 24)  
 Sustainable Resource  
 Development (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 10 of 24)  
 Infrastructure  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 16, 20, 23  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 17
- Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 11 of 24)  
 Energy (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 12 of 24)  
 Agriculture, Food and Rural  
 Development  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 21, 23, 24, 25  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, April 18
- Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 13 of 24)  
 Environment (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper

**Point of Privilege - Contempt**

Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a question of privilege - contempt of the Assembly regarding the Government's involvement with the Swan Hills Treatment Centre and an alleged breach of the Financial Administration Act.

The Speaker heard briefly from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader who indicated that he would provide detailed comments on Monday, April 15, 2002.

The Speaker indicated that the point of privilege would be dealt with on Monday, April 15, 2002.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Human Resources and Employment to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**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, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Human Resources and Employment**

\$1,061,451,000      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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, April 15, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 15, 2002

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

**Recognitions**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Brandon Morris, Billy Staggs, Asher LaGrange, and Michelle Jensen, recipients of Leaders of Tomorrow Awards at a ceremony recently held in Camrose

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Nicholas Koch, Daniel Fuller, and Danny Doyle on receiving a Rescue Commendation Award for rescuing two people from drowning

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Spruce Grove Junior B Regals hockey team on winning the provincial title

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Pastoral letter written by Bishop Henry of Calgary and the determination of Albertans who stand up for what they believe in

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Radway STARS Ambulance fund-raiser held on April 13, 2002

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Air Spray Ltd. and the grand opening of the new hangar at the Red Deer Regional Airport

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Emergency Medical Services Awareness Week and the people who provide emergency medical services

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 682 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish the Chinchaga wilderness as a protected area.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 75 Edmonton residents requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

**Notices of Motions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege prior to Orders of the Day.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Letter dated April 12, 2002, from Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, to Reverend F.B. Henry, D.D., Bishop of Calgary, Office of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary, offering an apology for her comments made during Oral Question Period on April 11, 2002

Sessional Paper 227/2002

Copy of Section 42 of the Financial Administration Act

Sessional Paper 228/2002

Copy of the Special Waste Management Corporation Act

Sessional Paper 229/2002

Copy of the Special Waste Management Corporation Act Repeal Act

Sessional Paper 230/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Randy Ferbey and team members Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfiefer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2002 Men's World Curling Championship on April 14, 2002, held in Bismarck, North Dakota

Sessional Paper 231/2002

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Carolyn Dawn Johnston, Oscar Lopez, Jann Arden, and members of Nickelback, Chad Kroeger, Mike Kroeger, Ryan Peake, and Ryan Vikedal on winning a Juno Award on April 14, 2002, in St. John's, Newfoundland

Sessional Paper 232/2002

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Reverend F.B. Henry, D.D., Bishop of Calgary, Office of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary, responding to Reverend Henry's statement to his parishioners regarding the Government's handling of the teachers' labour dispute and offering further information to Reverend Henry

Sessional Paper 233/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Randy Ferbey, congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his team members, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk, on winning the 2002 Men's World Curling Championship on April 14, 2002, held in Bismarck, North Dakota

Sessional Paper 234/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

6 letters dated February 5, 2002, from Ted Mann, Katheryn Pennington, Janet Pennington, Ava Morasch, and Ian Farbis of Calgary, and Nora Maidman of Dalemead to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Government designate the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 235/2002

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

Petition signed by 13 Albertans expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work

Sessional Paper 236/2002

Document dated April 11, 2002, stating the Legislative Assembly's policy regarding Members' access to Alberta Hansard audio tapes

Sessional Paper 237/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Information package from the Zebra Child Protection Centre, prepared by the Zebra Child Protection Centre Society

Sessional Paper 238/2002

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) newsletter dated April 2002, entitled "The Federation News"

Sessional Paper 239/2002

E-mail message dated April 10, 2002, from Lisa J. Sierra of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing support for the Calgary Community Lottery Board

Sessional Paper 240/2002

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

Copy of a petition signed by 60 Calgary residents requesting the Government alleviate funding constraints and budget deficits that are undermining services to persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 241/2002

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

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding comments made by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, in the Assembly on April 11, 2002, and notifying Mr. Klein that he will be raising a point of order on April 15, 2002, regarding those comments

Sessional Paper 242/2002

E-mail message dated April 13, 2002, from Phillip and Eileen Walker of Edmonton to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding comments made by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, concerning Reverend Henry, Bishop of Calgary, and demanding Mrs. Nelson's resignation

Sessional Paper 243/2002

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

E-mail message dated April 14, 2002, from Dr. David Fleiger, Ph.D., of Edmonton to the Edmonton Journal and forwarded to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, and to comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, regarding Bishop Henry

Sessional Paper 244/2002

### **Point of Privilege - Contempt**

The Speaker heard comments from Ms Carlson, Official Opposition House Leader, and Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, regarding the purported question of privilege - contempt raised by Ms Carlson on April 11, 2002. The Speaker indicated he would review the comments and issue a statement on April 16, 2002.

### **Point of Privilege**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding his being denied access to audio recordings of Assembly proceedings and the accuracy of written transcripts from Alberta Hansard.

The Speaker also heard from Mr. Mason.

**Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege**

The Speaker thanked the two Members who participated in the purported question of privilege. He then ruled as follows:

The Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar provided written notice to the Speaker's Office more than the 2 hours prior to the start of this afternoon's sitting, and proper notice was therefore given pursuant to Standing Order 15(2). The notice is quite succinct in citing the issues to be raised which are: one, the right of all Members to access the audio recordings of this Assembly's deliberations, and two, the accuracy of written transcripts from Alberta Hansard. As the Member pointed out, these purported questions of privilege related to certain comments that were allegedly made on Thursday, April 11, 2002, which do not appear in Alberta Hansard.

With respect to the first point, Standing Order 107(1) clearly states that Alberta Hansard "shall be compiled, edited, printed, distributed and administered under the direction and authority of the Speaker". Furthermore, Standing Order 107(4) states

The Speaker shall be responsible for recording the deliberations and proceedings of the sittings of the Assembly, committees of the whole Assembly and such other committees as request recordings to be made, and for the custody of those recordings.

It is the Assembly that has written these rules. It is the Assembly that has delegated to the Speaker the responsibility to produce Hansard. It has made the Speaker responsible for the custody of the recordings from which Hansard is produced. The purported question of privilege raised a matter of the administration of the Assembly, and, quite frankly, is not a prima facie question of privilege. Having said that, the Chair will review the policy and access to recordings used in the production of Hansard.

This Assembly has had Hansard since 1972, and when Hansard was invented for this Assembly in 1972 a major report was written, which is available to any citizen in the province of Alberta. The Chair would have believed that Honourable Members who are Members of this Assembly would have availed themselves of the opportunity to understand the history of this Assembly and to find out what the historical precedents were with the formulation of any particular document we have.

Secondly, the Hansard people that we have work hand in hand with the Hansard people from around the world, those who use the British form of parliamentary debating, and the history is there.

The proceedings of this Assembly are recorded to enable the editor of Hansard and those employed by the director to produce Hansard. That's the purpose of the recording. As all Members are aware, the unedited transcripts of Hansard are known as the Blues and are available to Members so that they can suggest minor edits, and the Blues starting at Question Period and the Routine we had this afternoon are probably available now for review of all Honourable Members. Walk out of this room and you will find a document that's available to you, your first opportunity right here and the precincts associated with this.

As Marleau and Montpetit in their book *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* indicated on page 969, "A Member may correct the record of his or her statement, but may not correct that of another Member." That is the historical precedence with respect to the promotion and the conduct of Hansard. In keeping with underlying rationale, the policy with respect to access to the recordings held by Hansard is, and this is not a new policy contrary to the position put forward by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar which appears to be rather fictitious. This policy has been in place in this Assembly for nearly three decades, not invented in somebody's imagination in the last few days. Number one in the policy, "Members may listen to the audiotape of their own remarks any time after the Blues are posted." Members own remarks. Number two, "At no time can Members listen to somebody else's remarks without the authorization of the Speaker." I want to point out that the Chair would point out this permission would only be granted under the most exceptional of circumstances, and not once since I have been the Speaker since 1997 has that been provided to anyone. Thirdly, "At no time can Members listen to somebody else's remarks, again, without authorization." and the same policy applies to Members' authorized staff. Fourthly, "Blues may not be released to anyone, with the exception of the Table Officers, until they are posted." They are here, they are reviewed, they are posted, they are available to you to accept at any time.

The electronic version of what transpires in this Assembly is available on the Internet. It is several years ago we moved to this massive - It is live. It is real. It is available to anyone. All the feeds go into the Internet live. It's there at the Assembly's web site and are kept, and we even keep them in storage for several weeks on time for the availability of anyone. After 2 weeks, the electronic record is transferred to CD-ROM and is available in the Legislature Library. There is instant, instant access to all of the recordings of this Assembly, now. What I said one minute ago is available to anyone, anywhere. The video portion. Live television. The video portion of the daily proceedings is also recorded by the Legislature Library and it is too available in the Library.



The Chair also wants to note that when Members are involved in some investigation of a policy they should first address that request to the Speaker. The Chair will not tolerate, and I repeat, the Chair will not tolerate any attempt by a Member to seek second opinions from an Officer of the Assembly or an employee of the Legislative Assembly. These individuals serve the Assembly and any attempt to cast aspersions on their conduct in the Assembly will be dealt with swiftly by the Chair. There will be no harassment, no intimidation, and no second-guessing of what any Table Officer said to any Member, and Table Officers advise me that what the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar has stated is totally erroneous and incorrect, and this is a great difficulty for the Chair, and this is a great difficulty, I believe, for the Honourable Member from Edmonton-Gold Bar as well.

In keeping with the subject of Hansard, it is a well established principle that Hansard does not report interventions unless they elicit a response from the person who is recognized by the Chair. Such interjections are out of order. As Speaker Schumacher commented on a similar point on April 17, 1996, at pages 1184/85 of Hansard, these are the guidelines used at every other Assembly in this country, and to our knowledge, most of the Assemblies follow in the British form of parliamentary democracy, and, of course, as repeated earlier today, the Chair cannot comment on interjections when the Chair doesn't hear.

Beauchesne's paragraph 486(4) addresses this point. From this vantage point, there are 82 Members in this Assembly. When Members speak out of order and out of turn, and when they turn their heads away from the Chair, the voices go in different directions. There is no conceivable way that the Chair, from this vantage point, can hear, particularly when the Chair is speaking and recognizing a particular Member. The Chair would also point out that Erskine May 22nd edition states on page 230 that, and I quote "the official record that is their version of Hansard remains the authoritative record of what is said in the Commons, and the Speaker has stated that the tapes cannot be used for the purposes of casting doubts on the validity of the Official Report." That is a time-honoured tradition in Erskine May going back years and years and years.

Finally, the Chair has cautioned Members many times about the sensitivity of the recording devices used in this Assembly, and the most recent document I have provided to all Members before we reconvened here in this spring session pointed out again the sensitivity of the machines and the microphones in this particular Assembly. There is no question of a prima facie case of privilege, and the Chair is quite concerned about some of the statements made by one Member that are incorrect.

And the last one, the Honourable Member from Edmonton-Gold Bar in correspondence to me dated April 15, 2002, quotes "This question of privilege arises from dealings I had with the Speaker's Office." The Honourable Member from Edmonton-Gold Bar had no dealings with the Speaker's Office any time in the last several days in this matter. That is nonsense. There is no point.

**Point of Privilege**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding accusations made by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, today during Oral Question Period.

The Speaker advised that he would hear comments on this matter on April 16, 2002.

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

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4.

**Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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

**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 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Abbott	Goudreau	Masyk
Ady	Graham	O'Neill
Amery	Haley	Rathgeber
Broda	Hlady	Renner
Cao	Hutton	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Stelmach
Danyluk	Kryczka	Stevens
DeLong	Lord	Taylor
Doerksen	Lougheed	Vandermeer
Fritz	Lund	Zwozdesky
Gordon	Marz	

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	Graydon	Melchin
Bonner	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Mason	Taft
Friedel	Massey	

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

Bill 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

A debate followed.

Mrs. Fritz 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, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

**504.** Moved by Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the student loan system in place in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**505.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review and re-evaluate the delivery of provincial achievement testing.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Lord speaking.

## Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the April 8, 2002 Part One Report of the Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Frederick James Dunn be appointed Auditor General for an 8-year term, commencing June 1, 2002.

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 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 22 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:51 p.m. until Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 16, 2002

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

## Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding her respect for teachers and the teaching profession.

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the resignation of Mikko Nissinen as Artistic Director of the Alberta Ballet, and his accomplishments in that position.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Alberta Teachers' Association's Safe and Caring Schools Project in their efforts to promote violence prevention.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating Juno Award winners Jann Arden, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Oscar Lopez, and members of Nickelback, Chad Kroeger, Mike Kroeger, Ryan Peake, and Ryan Vikedal.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 115 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 245/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 12, 2002, from Dennis Knelsen of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the prohibition of the use of off-highway vehicles in the "west country"  
Sessional Paper 246/2002

2 letters, the first dated February 15, 2002, from Don Iwaschuk of Edson and the second dated January 17, 2002, from Marcus Lyon of Okotoks to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, both expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area  
Sessional Paper 247/2002

Letter dated January 4, 2002, from Duane Papke, Sunset Guiding and Outfitting Inc., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the use of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area and expressing support for the use of off-highway vehicles in restricted, less environmentally-sensitive areas  
Sessional Paper 248/2002

3 letters dated February 5, 2002, from Tamaini Snaith, Shirley Bray, and Nigel Douglas of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park  
Sessional Paper 249/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 10, 2002, from Deborah Evans, Acting Executive Director, Canadian Cancer Society, Alberta/NWT Division, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and outlining how the program has supported cancer education and patients

Sessional Paper 250/2002

Letter dated April 9, 2002, from Doug Easterbook, President, and Shirley Anne, Director, Communications and Development, Storybook Theatre, to Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program

Sessional Paper 251/2002

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Karen Pirie, Co-Chair, Board of Directors, Women's Centre, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting support for the reinstatement of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program

Sessional Paper 252/2002

Letter dated April 3, 2002, from Shauna Kennedy, Production Coordinator, Emmedia, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the closure of the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting the decision be reversed

Sessional Paper 253/2002

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Danielle French of Okotoks to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Boards

Sessional Paper 254/2002

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

E-mail message dated April 15, 2002, from Todd Tanasichuk of St. Paul to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requesting that Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, make an apology to all Catholic Albertans regarding her recent comments concerning Bishop Henry

Sessional Paper 255/2002

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

Petition signed by 13 Albertans expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work

Sessional Paper 256/2002

E-mail message dated April 13, 2002, from Phillip H. Walker of Edmonton to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding comments made by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, concerning Reverend Henry, Bishop of Calgary, and demanding Mrs. Nelson's resignation

Sessional Paper 257/2002

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

Letter dated March 21, 2002, from Diana Williams, President, Canadian Federation of University Women, Lethbridge Club, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the public education system and opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 258/2002

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

Document, undated, entitled "Message for Deputy Ministers to share with their staff" regarding Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 259/2002

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Copy of a petition signed by 444 Albertans requesting changes to the Mental Health Act, with several related attachments, prepared by the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta Legal Review Action Committee

Sessional Paper 260/2002

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

E-mail message dated April 16, 2002, from Lynn Berry, Chair, South Calgary High School Steering Committee, to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, expressing opposition to the suspension of capital projects funding for the South Calgary High School

Sessional Paper 261/2002

E-mail message dated April 16, 2002, from Mark McMillan, South Calgary High School Youth Committee, to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, expressing the need for a high school in south Calgary

Sessional Paper 262/2002

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

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Dr. Nicol's second supplemental question to his third main question asked on April 15, 2002, be withdrawn

Sessional Paper 263/2002

### **Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege - Contempt**

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Official Opposition House Leader and Member for Edmonton Ellerslie. In a nutshell, the Honourable Member alleges that the Government is in contempt of the Assembly for not complying with the terms of section 42 of the Financial Administration Act concerning certain arrangements about the Swan Hills waste treatment plant.

Notice was given by the Member last Thursday, April 11, 2002, after the first set of questions by the Leader of the Official Opposition on this subject. As Members should know, questions of privilege must be raised at the earliest opportunity. The Member followed the procedure in Standing Order 15(5) which provides that a question of privilege may be raised "after the words are uttered or the events occur giving rise to the question."

Frankly, the Chair cannot see what there was in the responses by the Premier or the Minister of Finance on that day giving rise to a question of privilege as opposed to the previous day but, in light of my ruling, it is not of much consequence.

In support of her application that day, the Honourable Opposition House Leader tabled some material concerning the financial activities surrounding the Government's involvement with the plant. She also tabled a page from the book by Marleau and Montpetit, House of Commons: Procedure and Practice concerning contempt.

Yesterday, the Minister of Finance provided some information on the plant and disputed the Member's interpretation of section 42 of the Act indicating that the section had not been breached.

At a minimum, for there to be a prima facie question of privilege, there would have to be some link to the proceedings of the Assembly to demonstrate how a Member's rights were interfered with. While there was much attention devoted to the financial arrangements of the plant, there was not much authority cited as to how the complaint would constitute a contempt.

The Chair will not read the entire section 42 of the Financial Administration Act but subsection (2) requires there to be specific authorization by legislation or regulation before entering into a joint venture, partnership or giving a loan or purchasing shares.

Subsection (3) restricts a member of Executive Council from introducing in the Assembly an appropriation Bill or estimates that would involve the Crown entering into any of the relationships the Chair just mentioned without specific authorization.

Clearly, the Chair is being asked to give a legal ruling on this matter. It is not a matter of procedure but rather a matter of deciding whether the Crown has met its legal obligations. The authorities are quite clear that it is not the Chair's role to interpret legislation that does not involve the procedures of the Assembly. Beauchesne's paragraph 31(9) states "The failure of the Government to comply with the law is not a matter for the Speaker but should be decided by the courts." The Chair would also refer Members to Joseph Maingot's book, Parliamentary Privilege in Canada (2nd edition) at page 180.

As Speaker Fraser said in the House of Commons on February 5, 1992 at page 6,426 of Debates, "Speakers do not interpret or enforce matters of statutory law."

Of course there is an exception when the statute refers to the procedures in the Assembly but that is not the case here.



Likewise, it is not the Chair's role to rule on the legality of the contents of the estimates in terms of whether they comply with statutory preconditions. That, too, is a question of law.

Accordingly, there is no prima facie question of privilege.

### **Point of Privilege**

The Speaker advised that Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, was away on official business and would not be in the Assembly today to respond to the purported point of privilege raised the previous day by the Hon. Deputy Premier.

Pursuant to Standing Order 15(4), the Speaker then invited Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier, to make comments on the issue.

The Speaker also heard from Mr. Mason.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 9 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

#### **Sustainable Resource Development**

\$184,476,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of documents tabled by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Sustainable Resource Development:

Letter dated January 21, 2002, from Tom Felt of Ferintosh to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and Bob Fessenden, Deputy Minister, Sustainable Resource Development, expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 264/2002

2 letters dated January 26, 2002, from Inga and Horst H. Witzler of Fallis, and 1 letter dated January 24, 2002, from J. Green of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the prohibition of motorized vehicles in wildland parks

Sessional Paper 265/2002

Letter dated February 5, 2002, from Margaret A. Main of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for the prohibition of motorized recreational vehicles in the Bighorn Wildland Area and requesting it be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 266/2002

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, it was agreed at 5:15 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002 — 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. 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Infrastructure**

\$847,109,000     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 11    Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 23    Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 17, 2002

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

**Recognitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 20th anniversary of the passage of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, April 17, 2002, and the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Thelma Melnichuk and Ed Feihle, members of the Edmonton North District Area Council Two

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: 20th anniversary of the passage of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, April 17, 2002, and the establishment of the Des Pardes Times newspaper

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Herb and Orval Belcourt, Georges Brosseau, and the Edmonton Community Foundation

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 20th anniversary of the passage of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, April 17, 2002, and the 86th anniversary of women being allowed to vote in Alberta, April 19, 2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Cheyenne Price of Swalwell on winning the 2002 Great Kids Award

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Dan McLean, an elder of the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who passed away on April 9, 2002

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 104 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

E-mail message dated March 21, 2002, from David Gainer of Seattle, Washington to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting on the education system in Alberta and expressing concern regarding the Government's handling of the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 267/2002

E-mail message dated March 20, 2002, from Theo van Vugt of Calgary to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, indicating he would be withdrawing his volunteer work at G.P. Vanier Junior High School and expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 268/2002

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

Letter dated March 16, 2002, from Jeff Goth, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, detailing the kind of volunteer services Mr. Goth provides to his students and school and expressing concern regarding the Government's handling of the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 269/2002

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

Petition signed by 13 Edmonton and area residents expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's public emergency declaration forcing teachers back to work

Sessional Paper 270/2002

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

Letter dated March 21, 2002, from Diane Tilma of Ponoka to Whom It May Concern, expressing concern regarding the Department of Children's Services' handling of a case involving Ms Tilma's step-children

Sessional Paper 271/2002

55 letters from parents of children attending Hillhurst Community Elementary School in Calgary, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, and its impact on the schooling of their children

Sessional Paper 272/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from Tunde Dawodu, Administrative Director, African Festival and Presentation Society of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the decision be reversed

Sessional Paper 273/2002

Letter dated April 5, 2002, from Ellen Busby, General Manager, PanCanadian WordFest, to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, describing the ways in which funding from the Calgary Community Lottery Board assisted PanCanadian WordFest, expressing concern regarding its closure and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 274/2002

Letter dated April 8, 2002, from Shauna Kennedy, Production Coordinator, Emmedia Gallery and Production Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, describing the ways in which funding from the Calgary Community Lottery Board assisted a variety of local organizations, expressing concern regarding its closure and requesting the decision be reversed

Sessional Paper 275/2002

E-mail message dated April 11, 2002, from Danielle French of Okotoks to Betty Hushlak and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, explaining how the Community Lottery Board Grant Program funding cuts affect Ms French

Sessional Paper 276/2002

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from Rick Curtis of St. Albert to Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the decision be reconsidered

Sessional Paper 277/2002

### **Point of Privilege**

The Speaker heard comments from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the purported question of privilege raised by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier, notice of which was given on April 15, 2002.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader.

### **Speaker's Ruling - Point of Privilege**

The Chair is prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege that was raised by the Deputy Premier yesterday afternoon.

The Chair confirms that proper notice was given by the Deputy Premier on Monday afternoon shortly after the incident in question transpired and, therefore, the requirements in Standing Order 15(5) have been met.

The Leader of the Official Opposition has had an opportunity over the last 24 hours to review the Deputy Premier's comments from yesterday where she clarifies the nature of her statements that were the focus of the Leader's questions on Monday afternoon. The Chair would like to say at the outset how it is regrettable that this matter has not already been resolved.

The events giving rise to this purported question of privilege stem from the Leader of the Official Opposition's third set of questions during Oral Question Period on Monday. During his preamble, the Leader stated "we believe" certain statements were made by the Minister of Finance and the Deputy Premier during Question Period on April 11, 2002.

The Deputy Premier unequivocally denied making the statements alleged by the Leader of the Official Opposition as reported in the April 15 Hansard at page 667. This reply to the first question should have ended the matter. However, the Leader of the Official Opposition ignored the Deputy Premier's response when he asked the question, "How do statements like that reflect policy decisions made by the Government?"

Typically in this Assembly one accepts the word of an Honourable Member. To quote from Beauchesne's 6th Edition at paragraph 494,

“It has been formally ruled by Speakers that statements by Members respecting themselves and particularly within their own knowledge must be accepted.”

I emphasize the word “must.”

The Chair is reluctant to report the exact words that the Leader attributed to the Deputy Premier. Had the Deputy Premier or any Member stated those words on the record, the Chair would have intervened as they most definitely impugn the reputations of individuals outside the House and would be out of order. The Leader of the Official Opposition used the device of asking the Deputy Premier, “Did she use the phrase?”

It is a well-established parliamentary principle that Members cannot do something indirectly that cannot be done directly. This is well stated in Erskine May at page 387 22nd Edition,

“A Member is not allowed to use unparliamentary words by the device of putting them in somebody else’s mouth.”

There was no doubt in the Chair’s mind that the Leader of the Official Opposition’s first supplementary question was a breach of the rules of this Assembly. This is a clear violation of Standing Order 23(h).

Now, whether this amounts to a *prima facie* question of privilege is another matter. The question is whether the words constituted an improper obstruction to the Member in performing her parliamentary work.

The Chair listened very attentively yesterday to the Deputy Premier’s comments that the Leader’s allegations have affected the dignity of the House and have called her reputation into question. These appeared to be heartfelt comments and the Chair takes this matter very seriously.

However, the Chair faces some difficulty in concluding that this constitutes a *prima facie* question of privilege. First, the alleged comments that were the subject of the Leader of the Official Opposition’s question were not recorded in the official records of the Assembly, nor did the Chair hear the remarks. As noted in paragraph 486 of Beauchesne’s and at page 526 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, private conversations not heard by the Chair do not invite the intervention of the Speaker. This may address the point made by the Member for Edmonton-Highlands yesterday.

Secondly, the weight of parliamentary authority indicates that allegations against a Member are very rarely held to be a breach of privilege. In previous rulings that have involved allegations against Members, on November 17, 1998 and on May 28, 2001, the Chair has cited the following passage from Joseph Maingot’s work, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* 2nd Edition 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.”

The Chair would also take note of the ruling from the House of Commons of former Speaker Fraser from May 5, 1987, where he held that an allegation of a purported conflict of interest against the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Otto Jelinek, did not amount to a prima facie question of privilege as the Member’s ability to perform his functions had not been impaired.

Finally, given that the Deputy Premier has had the opportunity to clarify her comments in the official records of this Assembly, it is very clear what in fact transpired last Thursday. As this is now part of the official records of this Assembly, it is difficult to see that this situation now falls into the group of rare examples where an allegation has impeded a Member’s parliamentary duties.

Although the Chair has not found a prima facie case of privilege, the Chair is very concerned about the statements in this Assembly that have given rise to the points of order and privilege over the last few days. As all Honourable Members know, points of privilege should arise very rarely in our Assembly. However, recent events in this House would suggest otherwise as this is the third privilege ruling in three days. What transpires in this Assembly receives wide attention and unsubstantiated accusations or allegations not only impugn the integrity of the particular Member but tend to diminish the respect and dignity that is given to the institution of Parliament. The Chair realizes that this is a serious place where serious words are used. The stakes are high, but at the end of the day, Members have to work together to do the work that the people of Alberta have elected them to do. Unsubstantiated allegations and accusations only serve to poison the environment we must all work in and bring no credit to the Member raising the unsubstantiated allegations and accusations.

The bottom line is that this is very clearly a violation of Standing Order 23(h) and failure by the Leader of the Official Opposition to withdraw his comments or apologize will result in the Chair calling the Member to order. The Chair would now call on the Leader of the Official Opposition who may wish to resolve this matter now or wait until this time Thursday to respond.

Dr. Nicol apologized and withdrew the question that gave rise to the purported point of privilege.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan accepted Dr. Nicol’s apology.



**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Energy to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 11 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Jablonski 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Energy**

\$101,993,000      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, it was agreed at 5:19 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Danyluk 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$305,290,000    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**

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 24    Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cardinal on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

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

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

Bill 21    Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m. until Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 18, 2002

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 April 17, 2002 deaths and injuries of soldiers from the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

### **Unanimous Consent - Statements by Party Leaders**

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow for statements by the Party Leaders regarding the April 17, 2002 deaths and injuries of soldiers from the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry stationed in Afghanistan.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, made a statement congratulating the Alberta North Junior Ladies' Curling Team on winning a gold medal at the 2002 Arctic Winter Games.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Law Day, April 20, 2002, to be held in Edmonton and Calgary, sponsored by the Canadian Bar Association, the Alberta Law Foundation, and the Law Society of Alberta.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding Gerald B. Art who passed away on March 3, 2002.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Earth Day, April 22, 2002.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 106 Edmonton residents requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **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 Monday, April 22, 2002:

Written Questions: WQ3, WQ4.

Motions for Returns: MR1.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Copy of page 467 of Alberta Hansard for March 20, 2002, outlining comments made during Committee of Supply consideration of the estimates for the Department of Seniors

Sessional Paper 278/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of a petition signed by 54 Albertans requesting the Government alleviate funding constraints and budget deficits that are undermining services to persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 279/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

10 letters dated February 5, 2002, from Shawna Nyberg, Brenda Everitt, Renee Huba, Kathryn Manry, Joanne Wyvill, Madalena Pinto, Connie Serelle, Fenella Hood, Marco Musiani, and D.G. Lavalee of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 280/2002

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

Letter dated July 13, 2001, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the lack of enforcement of trade qualifications for apprentice and journeyman tradespersons in Alberta

Sessional Paper 281/2002

Letter dated July 25, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 13, 2001, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, regarding the lack of enforcement of trade qualifications for apprentice and journeyman tradespersons in Alberta

Sessional Paper 282/2002

Letter dated July 27, 2001, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 13, 2001, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, regarding the lack of enforcement of trade qualifications for apprentice and journeyman tradespersons in Alberta

Sessional Paper 283/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Jennie Esdale of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the closure of the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 284/2002

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from Joan Farkas of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing opposition to the closure of the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 285/2002

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from Laurie Leier of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 286/2002

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

Letter dated April 6, 2002, from Mary A. Paranchych of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program

Sessional Paper 287/2002

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

Copy of a petition signed by 22 Fort McMurray residents requesting action be taken to remedy problems faced by teachers in Fort McMurray due to the high cost of living, with attached report dated February 18, 2002, entitled "The Fort McMurray (Dis)Advantage" prepared by Herb Belter, Dale Carpenter, Dave Maslen, Helen MacLeod, Gary Marcellus, and Martin Theriault

Sessional Paper 288/2002

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

E-mail message dated April 18, 2002, from Lori Nicholls of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, explaining the difficulties Mrs. Nicholls faces raising a daughter that suffers from daily seizures

Sessional Paper 289/2002

## **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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 22 to April 25, 2002:

- Monday, April 22                    9:00 p.m. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 23, 24, 25  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 6, 7, 9, 14  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Tuesday, April 23                    Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 14 of 24)  
 Justice (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 15 of 24)  
 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern  
 Development  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Any Bills remaining at Second  
 Reading  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 10, 13, 14, 15  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 24                    Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 16 of 24)  
 Revenue (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 17 of 24)  
 International and  
 Intergovernmental Relations  
**Private Bills**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill Pr1

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2002

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Any Bills remaining at Second Reading

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 16, 18, 20, 22

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 25

Aft.

**- Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 18 of 24)

Learning (Designated)

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Environment to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 13 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Environment**

\$103,450,000      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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until Monday, April 22, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 22, 2002

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

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Bill Warren on being named to the Canadian Olympic Association Canadian Olympic Order

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Canadian Armed Forces Reserves

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2002

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2002

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Hon. Peter Lougheed on being named to the Canadian Olympic Association Canadian Olympic Order

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Gary Bobrovitz on defending his title at the Canadian National Power Lifting Championship

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: John Owasoo, recipient of the 2002 United Way Jim Shewchuk Award

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had a certain Bill under consideration and wishes to report as follows:



The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 —  
Mr. Maskell

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 137 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 148 Albertans requesting the Government make safe affordable housing a priority in making policy decisions.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s658(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the Year Ending  
December 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 290/2002

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill  
Woods, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on March 20,  
2002, Department of Seniors, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 291/2002

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

Canadian Government Executive magazine, Issue 2, 2002, noting an article  
entitled "Alberta's Corporate HR Development Strategy"

Sessional Paper 292/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 19, 2002, entitled "Celebrate Experience Matters during National Volunteer Week, April 21 to 27" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 293/2002

2 letters dated April 22, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, P.C., C.C., A.O.E., Q.C. and Bill Warren of Calgary congratulating Mr. Lougheed and Mr. Warren on being named to the Canadian Olympic Association Canadian Olympic Order

Sessional Paper 294/2002

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) Corporate Business Plan, 2002/2003-2004/2005

Sessional Paper 295/2002

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

Letter dated April 8, 2002, from Ray Pinkoski, Director, Edmonton-Gold Bar Liberal Constituency Association, to Duncan Brook, President, Edmonton-Gold Bar Liberal Constituency Association, and Roy Romanow, Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, providing the Edmonton-Gold Bar Liberal Constituency Association's views on the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada

Sessional Paper 296/2002

Copy of a presentation dated April 19, 2002, entitled "Early Resolution Initiative" prepared by the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 297/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 3, 2002, from Lynn Chambers of Calgary to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching a copy of an e-mail message to Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 298/2002

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

Letter dated April 16, 2002, from Moe Hamdon, Mayor, Town of Drayton Valley, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 299/2002

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

Calendar of events taking place during the May Week Labour Arts Festival to be held April 28 to May 4, 2002

Sessional Paper 300/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ3.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How many Government departments have provided or sponsored, in part or in full, programs, shows, advertisements or other initiatives for use on Access Television, how many were there for each department and what was the cost of each for each of the fiscal years 1992-1993 to 2000-2001 and April 1, 2001 to March 13, 2002?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ4.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many provincial policing positions has the Government funded for each of the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and April 1, 2001 to March 13, 2002 through the Provincial Police Services Agreement and how many of these positions were filled?

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many provincial policing *officers* has the Government funded for each of the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and *projected for 2001-2002* through the Provincial Police Services Agreement and *what was the authorized number of officers for each of those years?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

## Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

**MR1.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of documents prepared by, or for, the Department of Justice and Attorney General and the Department of Solicitor General between April 1, 1999 and March 1, 2002, providing the number of provincial police positions funded by the Government under the Provincial Police Services Agreement and the number of positions filled under that agreement.

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of documents prepared by the Department of Justice and Attorney General and the Department of Solicitor General *for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002*, providing the number of provincial police *officers funded or projected* by the Government under the Provincial Police Services Agreement and the number of *officers authorized under that agreement for each of the fiscal years*.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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

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

### Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

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

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

Mr. Jacobs 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., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2002

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Motions Other Than Government Motions****505.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review and re-evaluate the delivery of provincial achievement testing.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**506.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to seriously address the impact of a growing and aging population on the Alberta labour market, taking into consideration the present culture that largely accepts disengagement or early retirement of older workers.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg

**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 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 14 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:55 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 23, 2002

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Apex Youth Awards sponsored by the Taber Rotary Club and award winners Mitch Allard, Nicole Kano, Lenny Millo, and Brittany Paun.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement regarding National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week, April 21-28, 2002.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Lacombe Economic Development Board on being the first organization in Canada accredited under the community economic development accreditation process.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the Government's priorities as they relate to supporting Alberta communities.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 135 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government make safe affordable housing a priority in making policy decisions.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 153 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government make safe affordable housing a priority in making policy decisions.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated April 2002, from Linda D'Angelo, Government Relations Chair, Arthritis Consumers Team (ACT), The Arthritis Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories Division, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, urging the Government to add the drugs Enbrel and Remicade, used for the treatment of arthritis, to the Alberta drug list

Sessional Paper 301/2002

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from John Mahon, Executive Director, Edmonton Arts Council, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program  
Sessional Paper 302/2002

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

Letter dated April 8, 2002, from Louis Perreault, Chair, Community Lottery Board #66, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the decision be reconsidered  
Sessional Paper 303/2002

Letter dated April 15, 2002, from Wes Dyck, Chairperson, Carbon and District Recreation Board, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the decision be reconsidered  
Sessional Paper 304/2002

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

Letter dated April 18, 2002, from Gordon Block, President, South East Edmonton Seniors Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated  
Sessional Paper 305/2002

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for April 22, 2002  
Sessional Paper 306/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

16 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area  
Sessional Paper 307/2002

17 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park  
Sessional Paper 308/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from Ray Christenson, Chair, Catalyst Theatre Board of Directors, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 309/2002

E-mail message dated March 20, 2002, from Mark Simpson, Department of English, University of Alberta, to the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Sun and forwarded to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act, and urging the Government to repeal Bill 12

Sessional Paper 310/2002

Letter dated January 16, 2002, from Guy Coulombe, Residential Aide Placement Services (RAPS) Board President, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding funding to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 311/2002

Letter dated April 16, 2002, from Dr. Marco L. Adria, Chair, Edmonton Public Library Board, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 312/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Justice to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 14 — 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:



TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2002

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Justice**

\$210,862,000    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, 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 15 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purpose indicated:

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$20,182,000    Operating Expense

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

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 25    Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin

**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 Bills were reported:

Bill 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 13 Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 15 Dairy Industry Omnibus Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2002

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

**Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement regarding an invitation from Brigadier General J.I. Fenton, Commander of the Land Force Western Area, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, to attend a memorial ceremony on April 28, 2002, commemorating the recent loss in Afghanistan of four soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group.

**Recognitions**

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Judy Wish Hamilton who passed away on April 13, 2002

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: 25th anniversary of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Administrative Professionals Week (formerly called Professional Secretaries Week), April 21-27, 2002

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Leif Orr who celebrated his 80th birthday on April 1, 2002

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Calgary Airport Authority's White Hat Volunteers, recipients of the 2001 Calgary White Hat Award

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: National Soil Conservation Week, April 21-27, 2002

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Accomplishments of Fred Brimacombe who celebrated his 88th birthday on April 23, 2002

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 90 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 39 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government reinstate funding to the Community Lottery Board Grant Program.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Report, undated, entitled "Children's Services Supports to Families With Children Diagnosed With Autism" prepared by Alberta Children's Services, Accountability and Program Support Branch

Sessional Paper 313/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for April 23 and 24, 2002, and attached Daily Energy Pricing Report dated Wednesday, April 24, 2002

Sessional Paper 314/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to His Worship David Bronconnier, Mayor of Calgary, expressing concern regarding municipal land use bylaws and attached document entitled "Advisory Land Use Planning Notes, Municipal Land Use Bylaws and Group Care Facilities" prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 315/2002

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

United States Food and Drug Administration web page article entitled "Full-Body CT (computed tomography) Scans: What You Need to Know"

Sessional Paper 316/2002

E-mail message dated March 31, 2002, from Ted Woynillowicz to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, listing several settlements reached in Civil False Claims Act cases in the United States since 1995

Sessional Paper 317/2002

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

Letter dated April 22, 2002, from His Worship Bill Smith, Mayor of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 318/2002

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

Letter dated April 12, 2002, from Mertella Montague, President, Edmonton Multicultural Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and funding cutbacks to health care assistance for seniors

Sessional Paper 319/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Revenue to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report. 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Revenue**

\$40,244,000      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, it was agreed at 5:18 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, APRIL 24, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 17 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purpose indicated:

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$6,084,000      Operating Expense

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

**Private Bills**

**Second Reading**

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

Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

## Private Bills/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 Bills were reported:

Bill 6 Student Financial Assistance Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cardinal on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Amery	Graham	Mar
Calahasen	Graydon	Marz
Cao	Hancock	Maskell
Cardinal	Hlady	McClellan
Danyluk	Horner	Melchin
DeLong	Jablonski	Oberg
Doerksen	Jacobs	Pham
Ducharme	Knight	Smith
Dunford	Kryczka	Strang
Fritz	Lougheed	Yankowsky
Goudreau	Magnus	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Carlson	Mason	Massey
MacDonald		

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

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cardinal on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:53 p.m. until Thursday, April 25, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, April 25, 2002

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

### **Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of innocent victims of violence.

### **Ministerial Statements**

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to participate in Ministerial Statements.

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2002 as the National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, commented on the statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Red Deer Optimist Chiefs Midget Triple A hockey team on making it to the finals of the Air Canada Cup Canadian National Championship to be played on April 28, 2002 in Bathurst, New Brunswick.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week, April 21-28, 2002.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding National Soil Conservation Week, April 21-27, 2002.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding electricity deregulation.

## Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 76 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

## 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 Monday, April 29, 2002:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2.

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

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing support on behalf of the Premiers of all provinces except Québec, for the Canada Health Act dispute resolution mechanism proposed by Hon. Anne McLellan, Federal Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 320/2002

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

E-mail message dated April 25, 2002, from Concerned Parents of the Foothills School Division to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, regarding teachers' salary dollars saved by the Government during the teachers' labour dispute and stipulations the Government has placed on the use of that money by school boards

Sessional Paper 321/2002

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Letter dated April 25, 2002, from Anne Davidson, Manager, Government Relations, Solectron, to Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, informing Mr. Shariff that because of the adverse effect of current economic conditions Solectron will be closing its Calgary facility in September 2002

Sessional Paper 322/2002



### Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Massey, Acting 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 29 to May 2, 2002:

Monday, April 29	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 16, 18, 24 <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 26 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 30	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 19 of 24) Community Development (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24) Solicitor General <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 9, 19, 20, 24 <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 26 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, May 1	Aft.	- <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 21 of 24) Finance (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 22 of 24)  
 Innovation and Science  
**Private Bills**  
**Third Reading**  
 Bill Pr1  
**Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 9, 20  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 26  
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 2

Aft. - **Committee of Supply**  
 Main Estimates (Day 23 of 24)  
 Gaming (Designated)  
 And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Learning to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Learning**

\$3,399,292,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$156,700,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

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 5:18 p.m. until Monday, April 29, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29, 2002

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

**Introduction of New Member**

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Wainwright containing the results of the by-election conducted on April 8, 2002 in the constituency and the said report further showed that Doug Griffiths was duly elected as the Member for Wainwright.

Mr. Griffiths joined Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Klein presented Mr. Griffiths to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Wainwright took his seat in the Assembly.

**Recognitions**

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Robinson Koilpillai on being recognized for 42 years of community service at a national tribute on April 27, 2002

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Alberta Parks and Protected Areas volunteers honoured at a recent celebration held in Cypress Hills

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Balwin Play School Teacher Kathy Holland on being recognized as Teacher of the Year by the parents of Balwin Play School students

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Brock Berger, Ian Draper and Dylan Weir of Millet for their efforts in recognizing four Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Centre for IBM E-business Innovation located in Edmonton

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Volunteers, organizations, Northlands Park, the City of Edmonton, and surrounding municipalities for the support extended to the Canadian Armed forces at the ceremony held at Skyreach Centre on April 28, 2002

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Christine Burdett, Alberta Chair of the Friends of Medicare, for her efforts in defending the public health care system

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 100 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Letter dated April 16, 2002, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, regarding an Alberta Gaming decision not to provide funding for an approved Community Lottery Board Grant to the City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 323/2002

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, to His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, responding to Mr. Smith's letter to Mr. Stevens dated April 16, 2002

Sessional Paper 324/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 8, 2002, signed by Elvin Blosser, Deputy Mayor, Village of Linden

Sessional Paper 325/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated July 25, 2001, from Kath Rutland of Millarville to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the public consultation process used in awarding a forest management agreement to the Spray Lakes Sawmills and requesting the decision be rescinded

Sessional Paper 326/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Jason Holowka to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding teachers' salaries and the unfunded liability on teachers' pensions

Sessional Paper 327/2002

Document, undated, untitled, expressing concern regarding the lack of funding for the education system in Alberta, prepared by Greg Balanko-Dickson

Sessional Paper 328/2002

Letter dated February 5, 2002, from Deanna L. Simmons, B.Ed., B.H.E., to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding class sizes, teachers' salaries, and issues relating to the health care system

Sessional Paper 329/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Dr. Robert W. Walker to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching two letters dated February 2, 2002, from Dr. Walker to the Editor of the Edmonton Journal, expressing concern regarding negotiations between the Alberta Teachers' Association and school boards

Sessional Paper 330/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Leif Andersen of Grande Prairie to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching a letter from Mr. Anderson to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 331/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Jane Iaccino to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 332/2002

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

Judgment in the Court of Appeal of Alberta dated March 4, 2002, between "T.S." and the Director of Child Welfare

Sessional Paper 333/2002

Memorandum of Judgment in the Court of Appeal of Alberta dated April 23, 2002, between "T.S." and the Director of Child Welfare

Sessional Paper 334/2002

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from Rob Reimer, Chairman of the Board, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing support for Bill 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 335/2002

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

Business and Human Rights web page reprinting a press release dated February 25, 2002, regarding the filing of an amended complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Talisman Energy Inc., prepared by attorneys Carey R. D'Avino and Stephen A. Whinston  
Sessional Paper 336/2002

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 8, 2002, signed by Alan Hyland, Mayor, Town of Bow Island  
Sessional Paper 337/2002

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Letter dated April 12, 2002, from Laurence Linaker, Mayor, Town of Millet, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, stating the Town of Millet has unanimously passed a resolution of non-support for the Kyoto Protocol  
Sessional Paper 338/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 5, 2002, signed by Herb Rock, Mayor, Town of Coronation  
Sessional Paper 339/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 29, 2002, entitled "Parks volunteers receive awards" prepared by Alberta Community Development  
Sessional Paper 340/2002

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

Report dated March 31, 2002, listing the results of a public opinion survey regarding medicare in Alberta conducted by Viewpoints Research for the Friends of Medicare  
Sessional Paper 341/2002

E-mail message dated April 27, 2002, from Claude E. Dube of St. Albert to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002  
Sessional Paper 342/2002

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

Copy of a petition signed by 71 Albertans requesting the Government reinstate the Community Lottery Board Grant Program  
Sessional Paper 343/2002

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Letter dated March 20, 2002, from Cathy Cox on behalf of the Calgary Coalition for the Income Support Review, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and attached copy of a presentation made to the Calgary Caucus regarding a review of service providers concerning people living in poverty  
Sessional Paper 344/2002

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 1, 2002, signed by William H. Nimmo, Mayor, Town of Gibbons  
Sessional Paper 345/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were rejected:

- WQ1.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:  
How many hours did the Department of Justice and Attorney General dedicate to the Stockwell Day - Lorne Goddard case?
- WQ2.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:  
How many different programs, shows, advertisements or other initiatives have been provided or sponsored, in part or in full, by the Department of Human Resources and Employment for use on Access Television and what was the cost of each for each of the fiscal years 1992-1993 to 2000-2001 and April 1, 2001 to March 13, 2002?

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: 4

Carlson	Massey	Taft
Mason		

Against the motion: 39

Abbott	Hlady	O'Neill
Broda	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Cao	Jacobs	Renner
Cenaiko	Johnson	Shariff
Coutts	Jonson	Smith
DeLong	Knight	Snelgrove
Evans	Lord	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Friedel	Lund	Strang
Fritz	Maskell	Taylor
Graham	Masyk	VanderBurg
Haley	McClellan	Vandermeer
Herard	McClelland	Zwozdesky

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR5.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A detailed breakdown of costs for the administration and collection of health care premiums for the fiscal years 1992/93 - 2001/02, including, but not limited to, manpower costs; materials, supplies, equipment and postage; computing services; money paid to external collection agencies, including the number of cases referred to external collection agencies; banking services and income verification.

**MR6.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A breakdown of consultant and research fees charged by the Premier's Advisory Council on Health, including organizations and/or individuals employed.

**MR8.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of any directives or guidelines given by the Department of Health and Wellness, or any other Alberta Government department, to external collection agencies who have undertaken the task of collecting overdue health care premiums for the fiscal years 1992-93 to 2000-01 and April 1, 2001 to March 18, 2002.



The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

**MR7.** Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Total expenditures for entertainment/hosting by the Premier's Office broken  
down on a yearly basis for the fiscal years 1990/91 - 2000/01.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader on behalf of Hon.  
Mr. Klein, Premier, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Total expenditures for entertainment/hosting by the Premier's Office broken  
down on a yearly basis for the fiscal years 1993/94 - 2000/01.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR2.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of correspondence (including, but not limited to, letters, e-mail or  
phone messages) between the Office of the Premier and the Peace Country  
Bison Association.

**MR3.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of correspondence (including, but not limited to, letters, e-mail or  
phone messages) between the Office of the Premier and the Bison Centre of  
Excellence.

**MR4.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of correspondence (including, but not limited to, letters, e-mail or  
phone messages) between the Office of the Premier and the Alberta Bison  
Association.

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR9.

## **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 with some amendments:

Bill 205 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill

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 205 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 346/2002

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Horner speaking.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

**506.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to seriously address the impact of a growing and aging population on the Alberta labour market, taking into consideration the present culture that largely accepts disengagement or early retirement of older workers.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**507.** Moved by Mr. Yankowsky (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce binding and enforceable legislation to make it a provincial offence to operate a motor vehicle with an exhaust system that has been modified *such that it* no longer meets the standards *for noise suppression* set out in the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of Canada for that class of vehicle.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Dr. Taft speaking.

## **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 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Evans

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:04 p.m. until Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 30, 2002

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement regarding Municipal Government Day, April 30, 2002.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, commented on the statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert and Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding an awards ceremony recognizing 5 youths as Leaders of Tomorrow at a banquet hosted by the St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre on April 26, 2002, and acknowledging 5 nominees for the Volunteer Citizen of the Year 2001.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 26 to May 4, 2002.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Earth Day, April 22, 2002, and the launching of a garden project at Glendale Elementary School in Calgary.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 2,239 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish Bighorn Country as a protected area.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 100 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Return to Order of the Assembly MR7 asked for by Dr. Taft on April 29, 2002:

Total expenditures for entertainment/hosting by the Premier's Office broken down on a yearly basis for the fiscal years 1993/94 - 2000/01

Sessional Paper 347/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 348/2002

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 2002-03, erratum replacing original  
page 218  
Sessional Paper 349/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 2, 2002, from Connie Lambrecht of Calgary to Mr. Cenaiko,  
Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing opposition to the elimination of the  
Community Lottery Board Grant Program and urging Mr. Cenaiko to help reverse  
the decision  
Sessional Paper 350/2002

Letter dated March 28, 2002, from Maureen Decore, President, Citadel Theatre  
Board of Directors, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing concern  
regarding the rescission of a grant to improve handicapped access to the Citadel  
Theatre because of the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant  
Program  
Sessional Paper 351/2002

Letter dated April 12, 2002, from Jodi Zabudowski, Director, Operations, Alberta  
Easter Seals March of Dimes, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Centre, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery  
Board Grant Program and hoping the Government will reconsider their decision  
Sessional Paper 352/2002

Letter dated April 4, 2002, from Michelle Hill, Program Coordinator, Diamond  
Spring Lodge and Golden Villa Apartments, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier,  
describing the benefits of Community Lottery Board grants to the residents of the  
Diamond Spring Lodge and Golden Villa Apartments, expressing concern  
regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program, and  
urging the Government to reinstate the program  
Sessional Paper 353/2002

Letter dated April 18, 2002, from Christine M. Rechico of Edmonton to  
Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding  
the closure of the Edmonton Community Lottery Board, describing the  
importance of this funding to Edmonton Meals on Wheels, and urging the  
Government to reinstate the program  
Sessional Paper 354/2002

Document dated April 26, 2002, entitled "Edmonton Pending Clients April 2002"  
listing organizations requesting grants from the Edmonton Community Lottery  
Board, and 1 additional document, undated, untitled, listing organizations  
requesting grants from the Calgary Community Lottery Board prior to its closure  
Sessional Paper 355/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Document dated August 26, 2001, entitled "Seniors to Kananaskis May 2002" urging seniors to protest at the G8 Summit to be held in Kananaskis, June 26-28, 2002, prepared by Helen O'Shaughnessy, Second Vice President, National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation, and Connie Fogal, Defence of Canadian Liberty Committee

Sessional Paper 356/2002

E-mail message dated January 8, 2002, from Glen, Brenda, and Luukas Niska-Aro to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for the funding of midwifery under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and urging Ms Carlson to offer her support in this area

Sessional Paper 357/2002

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

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Manny Langman, Vice-Chair, St. Albert Library Board, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing disappointment at the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program, and urging the Government to reinstate the program in its pre-existing form as community based boards

Sessional Paper 358/2002

Document dated April 10, 2002, entitled "New Indoor Soccer Centre" providing a response to the Community Services Committee, Edmonton City Council, regarding the financing of a new indoor soccer facility in Southeast Edmonton, prepared by George Murphy, Community Services Department, City of Edmonton, with attached chart, undated, entitled "Community Services Department Summary of Partnership Projects"

Sessional Paper 359/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Community Development to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 19 — 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. 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Community Development**

\$569,568,000      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, it was agreed at 5:16 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, APRIL 30, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 20 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Solicitor General**

\$258,367,000      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 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:

Bill 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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 19 (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 360/2002

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 361/2002

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 362/2002

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 363/2002

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:44 p.m. until Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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## Wednesday, May 1, 2002

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the International Business Roundtable, co-chaired with Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, held in Calgary on April 26, 2002.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Mabel Julia Wade who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 16, 2002

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Banff Public Library and the Marigold, Northern Lights, and Yellowhead Library Systems, recipients of Annual Public Library Awards presented at the Annual Library Conference held in Jasper April 25-28, 2002

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: George Chatschaturian who passed away on April 18, 2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: 12 Alberta boxers on winning five gold and six bronze medals at the 2002 Canadian National Championships in St. John's, Newfoundland, and Lee Tanghe on being selected coach for the 2002 North American Indigenous Games and the 2003 Canada Games

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Portage College sports and education dinners held in St. Paul and Lac La Biche on April 26 and 27, 2002 to raise funds and awareness of educational opportunities

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: 26 teachers on receiving 2002 Excellence in Teaching Awards

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Canadian Safety Council National Summer Safety Week, May 1-7, 2002

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 75 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to make the Children's Advocate an officer of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 71 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting increased funding in public and separate schools to reduce classroom sizes and cover increases in costs for supplies and staffing.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

The Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 364/2002

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Petition signed by 5 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

Sessional Paper 365/2002

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

Petition signed by 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

Sessional Paper 366/2002

Program from the Day of Mourning Candlelight Ceremony held on April 28, 2002, sponsored by the Alberta Federation of Labour, the Alberta and Northwest Territories Building Trades Council, and the Edmonton and District Labour Council

Sessional Paper 367/2002

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

Letter dated April 29, 2002, from Linda Huebscher, President, Alberta Rowing Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the elimination of funding of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 368/2002

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Cori J. Milne, Mental Health Educator/Co-chair, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting support in making mental health a priority in Canada and Alberta

Sessional Paper 369/2002

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

Letter dated April 29, 2002, from Alex Grimaldi, President, Edmonton and District Labour Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the Government restore the program

Sessional Paper 370/2002

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

Letter dated January 8, 2002, from L. Frank Cass, Technical Advisor, Building, Safety Services, Municipal Affairs, to Tod Belke, P.Eng, TEC Engineered Support Services, Brendon Woolnough, Wesure Weld Support Systems, Vernon H. Penner, P.Eng., STEMCO Inc., and Robert Johnson, Ironman and Company, outlining concern regarding the design and installation of engineered teleposts

Sessional Paper 371/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 27, 2002, from Bruce Matthews, Treasurer, Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre, to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the Government reinstate the program

Sessional Paper 372/2002

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from Janice McTighe, Executive Director, Renfrew Educational Services, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's decision to cancel funding for the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting funding for the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 373/2002

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from the Board, Alberta Craft Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program funding and requesting the funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 374/2002

Letter dated April 10, 2002, from Candice Noakes of Calgary to Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 375/2002

Letter dated April 25, 2002, from Richard Reid, Bingo Chairperson, Victoria Co-ed Cheerleaders, to Whom it May Concern, expressing their approval for paid floor staff at the Fort Road Bingo

Sessional Paper 376/2002

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Finance to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 21 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Griffiths 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Finance**

\$90,140,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$167,754,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

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, it was agreed at 5:19 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 1, 2002

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 22 — 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Innovation and Science**

\$280,449,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

**Private Bills****Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

**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 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

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 9 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 377/2002

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

Letter, undated, with writer's name blanked out, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern surrounding the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 378/2002

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Mary J. Cameron, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, regarding Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 379/2002

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 2, 2002

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Dr. Sandy McEwan, Cross Cancer Institute, for his work on the Positron Emission Tomography program.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Edson Royal Canadian Legion Joe Wynne Branch 51 on its 75th anniversary, May 18, 2002.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and comments made in the Assembly on April 29, 2002 surrounding the Charter.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Supreme Court of Canada M versus H decision, May 20, 1999, concerning same sex relationships.

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

Mr. Ducharme, Deputy Chair, Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee, Part Two dated May 2, 2002, recommending the appointment of Franklin J. Work as Alberta's Information and Privacy Commissioner

Sessional Paper 380/2002

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 36 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **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 Monday, May 6, 2002:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR9.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan:

Petition signed by 4,225 Albertans expressing opposition to the closure of the Grimshaw Hospital's acute care facility and urging the Government to keep the facility open

Sessional Paper 381/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Fax dated April 26, 2002, from Dr. D.C. Bereznicki of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, with attached Archbishop MacDonald School Grade 10 Student Progress Report for Dominika Christine Bereznicki-Szyling, expressing concern surrounding recently announced funding cuts to grade 10 programming

Sessional Paper 382/2002

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

Letter dated April 29, 2002, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 16, Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002, which Mr. Belec feels offers subsidies to the racing and gambling industry, and expressing concern regarding the level of subsidies offered to day care centres

Sessional Paper 383/2002

2 letters dated March 11, 2002 and April 17, 2002, from Kathleen P. Sudak of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the inability of her mother to be given continuing care by the Calgary health care system because she is a resident of Hinton

Sessional Paper 384/2002

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

Petition signed by 2 Edmonton and 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

Sessional Paper 385/2002

Globe and Mail article dated May 1, 2002, entitled "Canada's silence on Sudan is a vote for oppression"

Sessional Paper 386/2002

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

Petition signed by 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

Sessional Paper 387/2002

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

Letter dated April 25, 2002, from Bill Longstaff, Acting Secretary, Fair Vote Canada - Calgary Chapter, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing support for Bill 209, Electoral Fairness Commission Act

Sessional Paper 388/2002



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

Proposed amendments to the Control of Corporations Regulation (AR 373/94), prepared by the Legislative Projects Unit, Municipal Services Branch, Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 389/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Letter dated May 2, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Don Lowry, President and Chief Executive Officer, EPCOR, requesting better communication with EPCOR customers in the UtiliCorp service area regarding confusing electricity bills

Sessional Paper 390/2002

Letter dated May 2, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Robert K. Green, President and Chief Executive Officer, Aquila, Inc., and Don Lowry, President and Chief Executive Officer, EPCOR, requesting extra effort by Aquila and EPCOR in clearing outstanding metering data problems

Sessional Paper 391/2002

### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting 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 6 to May 9, 2002:

Monday, May 6	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Motions</b> Motion 24 <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 26 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 21, 24 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 7	Aft.	- <b>Introduction of Bills</b> Bill 28 <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24) Municipal Affairs (Designated)

**Revert to Introduction of Bills**

Bill 27

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Motions**

Motion 25

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 26

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 22, 23, 24

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 8

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 27, 28

**Third Reading**

Bill 2, 4, 5, 6

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 24, 26

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 9

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 27, 28

**Third Reading**

Bill 7, 10, 11, 13, 28

And as per the Order Paper

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Gaming to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 23 — 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 Ms Graham 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Gaming**

\$215,860,000	Operating Expense
\$1,211,098,000	Lottery Fund Payments

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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Monday, May 6, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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## Monday, May 6, 2002

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

### Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Recent St. Albert Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Night

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Wainwright constituency by-election held on April 8, 2002 and the constituents who assisted Mr. Griffiths in his campaign

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Opening of the new location of Bruin's Plumbing and Heating in Red Deer

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: National Nursing Week, May 6-12, 2002

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Nursing Week, May 6-12, 2002

### Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 66 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 2000-2001	Sessional Paper 392/2002
Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 2000 to 2001	Sessional Paper 393/2002
Health Authority 5, Annual Report 2000/2001	Sessional Paper 394/2002
Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 2000-2001	Sessional Paper 395/2002

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 19, 2002, from Her Worship Elsie Kinsey, Mayor of Parkland County, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 396/2002

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from His Worship Ken Scott, Mayor of Spruce Grove, to Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program funding and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 397/2002

Letter dated April 2, 2002, from Elizabeth George of Spruce Grove to Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 398/2002

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

Document, undated, listing several settlements reached in Civil False Claims Act cases relating to medicare in the United States in 2000 and 2001

Sessional Paper 399/2002

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

Program from the King's University College Graduation Convocation held on May 4, 2002

Sessional Paper 400/2002

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Sharon Richardson, R.N., Ph.D., President, Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, inviting Mr. MacDonald to join in celebrating National Nursing Week, May 6-12, 2002, with this year's theme being "Nurses Always There for You, Caring for Families"

Sessional Paper 401/2002

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

Letter dated April 29, 2002, from Brenda Brochu, Executive Director, Peace River Regional Women's Shelter, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's announcement that there will not be any increases in welfare rates

Sessional Paper 402/2002

Letter dated May 1, 2002, from Chris Blake, President, Peace River and District Chamber of Commerce, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the budget shortfall for the Peace Health Region, and the anticipated closure of the active treatment beds at the Grimshaw/Berwyn Community Health Centre

Sessional Paper 403/2002

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

Letter dated May 1, 2002, from Dave Thiele, Councillor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's refusal to lower Alberta Government flags to half-mast in recognition of the International Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job and urging the Government to reconsider its decision for next year's ceremony

Sessional Paper 404/2002

2 EPCOR utility bills, unaddressed, dated April 24, 2000 and April 23, 2002

Sessional Paper 405/2002

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, cO-10, s6(4):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 406/2002

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4):

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 407/2002

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Responses to questions raised on April 17, 2002, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 408/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

**Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

**MR9.** Moved by Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board data on natural gas venting for the fiscal  
years 1996, 1997, and 1998 broken down by company and field centre.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

**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 with some amendments:

Bill 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

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 206 (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 409/2002

**Third Reading**

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

Bill 205 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill

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 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

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 amendment: 5

Bonner	Nicol	Taft
Massey	Pannu	

Against the amendment: 33

Ady	Hlady	Melchin
Amery	Horner	O'Neill
Boutilier	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Cenaiko	Jacobs	Renner
Danyluk	Johnson	Snelgrove
Dunford	Knight	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lord	Stevens
Friedel	Lougheed	Strang
Goudreau	Lund	Taylor
Graham	Masyk	VanderBurg
Haley	McClelland	Vandermeer

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002, Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

The question for Third Reading of Bill 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Ady	Hlady	Rathgeber
Amery	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lord	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Forsyth	Masyk	Taylor
Goudreau	McClelland	VanderBurg
Graham	O'Neill	



Against the motion: 15

Bonner	Jacobs	Nicol
Boutilier	Knight	Pannu
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Massey	Taft
Haley	Melchin	Vandermeer

### Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 207, Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act, Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 23, 2002, from Howard Hilstrom, Member of Parliament (Selkirk-Interlake), Chief Agriculture Critic, to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing support for Bill 207, Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act, and advising that Mr. Hilstrom introduced a similar Bill in the House of Commons on March 22, 2002

Sessional Paper 410/2002

News release dated April 19, 2002, entitled "Private member's bill creates an opportunity for Alberta farmers to be included in the Alberta Advantage" prepared by the Western Barley Growers Association

Sessional Paper 411/2002

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

### Motions Other Than Government Motions

**507.** Moved by Mr. Yankowsky (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce binding and enforceable legislation to make it a provincial offence to operate a motor vehicle with an exhaust system that has been modified *such that it* no longer meets the standards *for noise suppression* set out in the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of Canada for that class of vehicle.

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, tabled the following:

Edmonton Journal article dated January 29, 2002, entitled "Noise bylaw appears silent on late-night snow plowing"

Sessional Paper 412/2002

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

For the motion: 12

Amery	Mason	Stelmach
Evans	Masyk	Taft
Johnson	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Lord	Snelgrove	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 25

Ady	Hlady	Nelson
Blakeman	Horner	Rathgeber
Bonner	Knight	Renner
Broda	Lougheed	Strang
Coutts	Lund	Tarchuk
DeLong	Massey	Taylor
Ducharme	McClelland	VanderBurg
Forsyth	Melchin	Vandermeer
Friedel		

At 8:58 p.m., Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) in order to proceed to Government Motions.

## Government Motions

**24.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur with the continuation of the Alberta Treasury Branches Act.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 21 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Evans

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:52 p.m. until Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 7, 2002

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

## **Members' Statements**

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the United Nations special session on children to be held May 8-10, 2002.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, May 5-11, 2002.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement regarding the Williams Energy Group and the ribbon-cutting ceremony held on April 30, 2002 at their Redwater olefin facility.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding Wayne Hampton, Principal, Lacombe Upper Elementary School on being named Canadian Principal of the Year by the Canadian Association of Principals.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 29 Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 30 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated May 3, 2002, from Marguerite Shewchuk, Executive Director, Sturgeon Foundation, to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, with associated attachments, requesting that Mrs. O'Neill urge the Government to increase funding to the provincial seniors' housing industry

Sessional Paper 413/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 27, 2002, from Wendy Ettinger, President, Edmonton Evergreen Community Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing approval for paid floor staff at the Fort Road Bingo

Sessional Paper 414/2002

Petition signed by 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

Sessional Paper 415/2002

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

Document, undated, listing several settlements reached in Civil False Claims Act cases relating to medicare in the United States in 1999 and 2000

Sessional Paper 416/2002

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

Memorandum of Decision in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta dated December 7, 2001, between Thomas Shuchuk and Randy Wolfert, the Workers' Compensation Board, Gene Mudry, Dr. Paul Green, and Dr. Gordon King

Sessional Paper 417/2002

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

Letter dated April 23, 2002, from Roy Romanow, Commissioner, Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, to Ray Pinkoski, Director, Edmonton-Gold Bar Liberal Constituency Association, acknowledging a letter dated April 8, 2002, from the Constituency Association to Mr. Romanow offering input regarding the future of public health care

Sessional Paper 418/2002

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

Letter dated May 1, 2002, from Joan Trettler, President, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, setting out issues the Association feels should be dealt with in the proposed independent review of kindergarten to grade 12 education in Alberta, and concerning the make-up of the review panel

Sessional Paper 419/2002

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

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from Janice McTighe, Executive Director, Renfrew Educational Services, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of funding to the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting the Government reconsider their decision

Sessional Paper 420/2002

Letter dated April 21, 2002, from Kim Turcotte, Program Director, Abbottsfield Youth Project, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Edmonton Community Lottery Board and requesting the decision be reversed

Sessional Paper 421/2002

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

Memorandum dated May 7, 2002, from Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 207, Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 422/2002

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised on April 23, 2002, Department of Justice, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 423/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 24 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, 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, 2003, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Municipal Affairs**

\$133,081,000      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. 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 27    Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Government Motions**

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the May 2, 2002 Report - Part Two of the Select Special Auditor General and Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Franklin J. Work be appointed Information and Privacy Commissioner for a 5-year term.

A debate followed.

The question being put, 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.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 22 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber

Bill 6 Student Financial Assistance Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

**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 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Ms Graham, 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 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 424/2002

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:38 p.m. until Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 8, 2002

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

**Recognitions**

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Victoria Arcand and Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, who will receive Esquao Awards on May 24, 2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Lauren Chykalsky, recipient of the 2002 Premier's 4-H Award

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: SummerActive initiative with events taking place from May 8 to June 21, 2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Equality for same-sex couples in Alberta

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



Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Asian Heritage Month, May 2002

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Katherine Fraser, Dylan Graff, and Jody Parchewski, recipients of Leaders of Tomorrow Awards, sponsored by the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, the Wetaskiwin Credit Union, and the Rotary Club of Wetaskiwin

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 14 Edmonton residents requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 8 Edmonton residents regarding penalties for crimes committed with weapons, and court appearances for youth involved in these crimes.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 425/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated May 8, 2002, from R.G. Chopiuk, P.Eng., Director, Professional Practice, Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) to Denis St. Arnaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division, Alberta Municipal Affairs, summarizing APEGGA's involvement regarding concern about capacities of telepost bearing plates  
Sessional Paper 426/2002

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Report dated May 6, 2002, entitled "Bill 26, Cross Examination for all MLAs, Employers and Workers in the Province of Alberta" prepared by Allan P. Jobson, Lobbyist, with several attachments relating to Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 427/2002

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

Letter dated April 23, 2002, from June A. Stanchell on behalf of the Candora Society of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, expressing appreciation for the benefits the Candora Society of Edmonton has received from the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and expressing disappointment that communities will no longer receive similar benefits, with an attached petition signed by 51 Albertans requesting the Government restore Community Lottery Board Grant Program funding

Sessional Paper 428/2002

Letter dated May 7, 2002, from Dave Hegland, President, Alberta Pulse Growers, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concern regarding the Government's commitment to the pulse crop industry

Sessional Paper 429/2002

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

Leaflet, undated, entitled "What Kind of Garbage is This?" prepared by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 401

Sessional Paper 430/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 12, 2002, from William Kelly of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, canned hunting

Sessional Paper 431/2002

E-mail message dated November 16, 2001, from Jayne Russell of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, forwarding Ms Russell's e-mail message dated November 16, 2001, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, concerning confined feeding operations in Alberta, with attached research material

Sessional Paper 432/2002

Letter dated January 15, 2002, from Jean McKinney of Millet to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and Bob Fessenden, Deputy Minister, Sustainable Resource Development, expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 433/2002

The Leading Veg newsletter dated Summer 2002, prepared by the Vegetarians of Alberta Association

Sessional Paper 434/2002

E-mail message dated January 16, 2002, from Margaret Scaia of Lake Louise to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to delist therapeutic abortions as a medical procedure under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

Sessional Paper 435/2002

3 recent letters from Barry Dahlseide of Leduc, Darrell Nieberding of Edmonton, and Grace Millenaar to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 436/2002

Letter dated January 20, 2002, from Larry Dyck of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and Bob Fessenden, Deputy Minister, Sustainable Resource Development, expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in the Bighorn Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 437/2002

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

Letter dated October 28, 1996, unsigned, from Paul Rushforth to Donald Ford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy, Alberta Health, and Peter Kruselnicki, Assistant Deputy Minister, Property Development, Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, concerning provincial policies regarding the sale of the Holy Cross Hospital, with several related attachments

Sessional Paper 438/2002

Document, undated, listing several settlements reached in Civil False Claims Act cases relating to medicare in the United States in 1998 and 1999

Sessional Paper 439/2002

## **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 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 28 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 29 Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein  
Bill 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans  
Bill 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove  
Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg  
Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Ms Haley on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

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

- Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 11, Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002, be not now read a Third time but that the Order for Third Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter referred to the Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee.

A debate followed on the amendment

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 11, Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 13 Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 14 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 15 Dairy Industry Omnibus Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 21 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 22 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin

### **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 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 440/2002

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, May 9, 2002

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

### **Members' Statements**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Friends of Seniors Foundation.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding an environmental report card provided to the Government by the Official Opposition.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Green Certificate Program, an apprenticeship training program established in 1975 by Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and the farming industry.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding electricity deregulation.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 117 Albertans urging the Government to reduce post-secondary tuition fees by 30%.

### **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 Monday, May 13, 2002:

Written Questions: WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Memorandum dated November 27, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Members of Executive Council, regarding the proposed sale of the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 441/2002

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

Responses to questions raised on April 16, 2002, Department of Sustainable Resource Development, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate  
Sessional Paper 442/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements, December 31, 2001  
Sessional Paper 443/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from S.A. Heather-Kalau, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Coutts, to Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, stating that the Village Council passed a resolution on April 10, 2002, supporting the reinstatement of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program  
Sessional Paper 444/2002

Letter dated March 26, 2002, from Patricia Barr, Chair, Carstairs Library, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, protesting the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program  
Sessional Paper 445/2002

Letter dated April 3, 2002, from Don Hepburn, Chairman, Normandeau Cultural and Natural History Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, stating that the Society recently passed a resolution supporting the reinstatement of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program  
Sessional Paper 446/2002

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

Document, undated, listing several settlements reached in Civil False Claims Act cases relating to medicare in the United States in 1995, 1996 and 1997  
Sessional Paper 447/2002

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

Statement requesting support for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 401 strike against the Shaw Conference Centre  
Sessional Paper 448/2002

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

21 letters dated March 25, 2002, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the lack of safe, affordable housing in Alberta  
Sessional Paper 449/2002

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 450/2002

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Dr. Taft on April 29, 2002:

A detailed breakdown of costs for the administration and collection of health care premiums for the fiscal years 1992/93 - 2001/02, including, but not limited to, manpower costs; materials, supplies, equipment and postage; computing services; money paid to external collection agencies, including the number of cases referred to external collection agencies; banking services and income verification.

Sessional Paper 451/2002

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Dr. Taft on April 29, 2002:

A breakdown of consultant and research fees charged by the Premier's Advisory Council on Health, including organizations and/or individuals employed.

Sessional Paper 452/2002

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Dr. Taft on April 29, 2002:

A copy of any directives or guidelines given by the Department of Health and Wellness, or any other Alberta Government department, to external collection agencies who have undertaken the task of collecting overdue health care premiums for the fiscal years 1992-93 to 2000-01 and April 1, 2001 to March 18, 2002.

Sessional Paper 453/2002

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bonner, Acting 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 13 to May 16, 2002:

Monday, May 13

9:00 p.m. - **Government Motions**

Motion 26, Spring Adjournment

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

Bill 27, 29

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 26

**Third Reading**

Bill 26

And as per the Order Paper



Tuesday, May 14

Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**

Bill 31

**Royal Assent**

And as per the Order Paper

Anticipated House Adjournment  
pursuant to Government

Motion 26

**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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 28 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 29 Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 29 Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 5:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Debate  
adjourned

Sessional Paper 454/2002

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, May 13, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 13, 2002

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

## **Recognitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Dr. Linda Pilarski, recipient of the Cinader Award presented by the Canadian Society for Immunology

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Grant MacEwan Literary Award recipients

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Alberta Cattle Commission on winning the 2002 International Gold Quill Award sponsored by Mercer Human Resource Consulting

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Vaisakhi Day, celebrated by the Edmonton Sikh community

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, May 2002

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Dr. Stuart Iglesias, recipient of the first Rural Physician Distinction in Practice Award

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Beverly Towne Community Development Society, recipients of the Solicitor General's Community Crime Prevention Award

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 82 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Responses to questions raised on April 24, 2002, Department of Revenue, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 455/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 456/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund (trade name of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research), Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 457/2002

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

Responses to questions raised on April 11, 2002, Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 458/2002

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

Memorandum of Appreciation dated May 9, 2002, signed by 42 Members of the Legislative Assembly, in appreciation and recognition of the work done by the Government Members Research staff

Sessional Paper 459/2002

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Kevin Becker, Founding Consultant, HAWC (Human Resources and Workers' Compensation Consulting) to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 460/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 29, 2002, signed by Richard Dais, Mayor, Town of Carstairs

Sessional Paper 461/2002

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 18, 2002, signed by D.M. Moore, Mayor, Town of Didsbury

Sessional Paper 462/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

87 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the future of grizzly bears in Alberta and requesting the Government formalize recommendations made by the Endangered Species Conservation Committee

Sessional Paper 463/2002

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

Annals of Internal Medicine web page reprinting an article dated February 5, 2002, entitled "Medical Professionalism in the New Millennium: A Physician Charter"

Sessional Paper 464/2002

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

Letter dated May 8, 2002, from Marie Miller, President, Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Hospital Auxiliary, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the future of the Grimshaw/Berwyn Hospital in view of proposed budget cuts to the Peace Health Region

Sessional Paper 465/2002

Letter dated May 3, 2002, from Marlene McCann, Chair of the Joint Board, Coaldale United Church, to the Chief Executive Officer and Board, Chinook Regional Health Authority, expressing concern regarding a reduction in health services in Coaldale

Sessional Paper 466/2002

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

Letter dated April 19, 2002, unaddressed, from Ital-Canadian Seniors expressing opposition to the closure of the Edmonton Community Lottery Board and outlining what benefits they have received

Sessional Paper 467/2002

Letter dated April 19, 2002, from Audrey Borden of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 468/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ5.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

As of April 1, 2002, what is the total number of employer health care premium accounts, the total number of individual/family health care premium accounts, and of the individual/family accounts, what percentage are seniors' accounts?

**WQ6.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 1999-00, 2000-01, and 2001-02, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, by one year or more; what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these three fiscal years, and what percentage were employer accounts, individual/family accounts, and seniors' accounts?

**WQ7.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Upon completion of studies, what was the average debt load of post secondary students who had received assistance from the Student Finance Board in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996 and 2000-2001?

**WQ9.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Of the monies the Government received from health care premiums for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, what amount was remitted by employers, and of that amount, how much was paid by employers on behalf of employees?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ8.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What was the average waiting period from the filing of a complaint with the Human Rights Commission to conciliation in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996, and 2000-2001, and what was the average waiting period from conciliation to investigation of a human rights complaint in these same fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What was the average waiting period from the *date a complaint was accepted* by the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to the *date the file was assigned* to conciliation in the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, and what was the average waiting period from the *date conciliation was concluded* to the *date complaints were assigned* to investigation of a human rights complaint in these same fiscal years?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

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

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

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: 42

Abbott	Herard	Oberg
Ady	Horner	Renner
Broda	Hutton	Shariff
Cao	Jablonski	Smith
Cenaiko	Johnson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Danyluk	Lord	Stevens
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	Lukaszuk	Tannas
Forsyth	Lund	Tarchuk
Friedel	Masyk	Taylor
Fritz	McClelland	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McFarland	Vandermeer
Haley	Norris	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 6

Carlson	Mason	Nicol
MacDonald	Massey	O'Neill

### **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 Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

**508.** Moved by Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a travel assurance fund to compensate airline consumers who do not receive travel services purchased from a registered travel agency due to the agency's bankruptcy or insolvency.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mrs. O'Neill speaking.

### **Government Motions**

**26.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Second 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Government Motions**

**27.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, is resumed, not more than two (2) hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.



**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 9:30 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 6 in the proposed section 7.1(4) is amended by adding the following after clause (b):

- (b.1) a report outlining the termination benefits payable to the President;
- (b.2) a report outlining bonuses exceeding \$500 paid to a member of the board of directors and any employee of the Board;

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Nicol
Bonner	Mason	Taft
Carlson	Massey	

Against the amendment: 34

Ady	Horner	Masyk
Broda	Hutton	McClelland
Cao	Jablonski	Norris
Cenaiko	Jonson	O'Neill
Coutts	Kryczka	Renner
Ducharme	Lord	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Stevens
Evans	Lukaszuk	Strang
Friedel	Lund	Taylor
Graham	Marz	Vandermeer
Hancock	Maskell	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:30 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:30 p.m., the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:31 p.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:31 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, 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

Ady	Hutton	McClelland
Broda	Jablonski	Norris
Cenaiko	Jonson	O'Neill
Coutts	Kryczka	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Lord	Renner
Dunford	Lougheed	Shariff
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Friedel	Lund	Stelmach
Graham	Marz	Stevens
Hancock	Maskell	Strang
Herard	Mason	Taylor
Horner	Masyk	Vandermeer

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	Carlson	Massey
Bonner	MacDonald	Nicol

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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 26 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 9, 2002) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 469/2002

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
on division

Sessional Paper 470/2002

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 471/2002

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

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

### **Government Motions**

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, is resumed, not more than two (2) hours shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the time allocation motion.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment for up to 5 minutes on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Hutton	McClelland
Broda	Jablonski	Norris
Cenaiko	Jonson	O'Neill
Coutts	Kryczka	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Lord	Renner
Dunford	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Evans	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Marz	Strang
Graham	Maskell	Taylor
Hancock	Masyk	Vandermeer
Horner		

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	Mason	Nicol
Carlson	Massey	Taft
MacDonald		

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Debate resumed on Third Reading of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, at 12:38 a.m.

Hon. Mr. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate at 1:20 a.m., which was agreed to.

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:21 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2002, until 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 14, 2002

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Jack Donald on being named Red Deer's 2001 Citizen of the Year by Red Deer's three Rotary Clubs.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Lifelong Learning Committee which recently held public consultations throughout Alberta.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Police Foundation's Project S.O.S. Helicopter.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Responses to questions raised on May 2, 2002, Department of Gaming,  
2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 472/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Responses to questions raised on May 1, 2002, Department of Finance,  
2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 473/2002

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services,  
Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2001"

Sessional Paper 474/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal  
year ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 475/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5) and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

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, 2001

Sessional Paper 476/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on April 17, 2002, Department of Energy, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 477/2002

Responses to questions raised to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, during Oral Question Period on May 6, 7 and 8, 2002

Sessional Paper 478/2002

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

Report entitled "Seekers and Storytellers, Aboriginal Role Models Share Their Career Journeys" prepared by the Inter-Provincial Association on Native Employment, Alberta Human Resources and Employment, and Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 479/2002

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

Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 480/2002

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General:

Victims Programs Status Report, 2000/2001

Sessional Paper 481/2002

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 482/2002

Response to Written Question WQ4 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 22, 2002:

How many provincial policing *officers* has the Government funded for each of the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and *projected for 2001-2002* through the Provincial Police Services Agreement and *what was the authorized number of officers for each of those years?*

Sessional Paper 483/2002

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 22, 2002:

Copies of documents prepared by the Department of Justice and Attorney General and the Department of Solicitor General *for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002*, providing the number of provincial police *officers funded or projected* by the Government under the Provincial Police Services Agreement and the number of *officers authorized under that agreement for each of the fiscal years*.

Sessional Paper 484/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on May 7, 2002, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 485/2002

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

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2000-2001 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 486/2002

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 10, 2002, signed by Alan Barker, Mayor, Village of Breton

Sessional Paper 487/2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 8, 2002, from Susan Riege on behalf of the Play Space Enhancement Project Committee, Leo Nickerson Elementary School, to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Community Lottery Board Grant Program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 488/2002

Letter dated April 10, 2002, from Elizabeth Atkinson of St. Albert to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the elimination of Community Lottery Board Grant Program funding

Sessional Paper 489/2002

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

157 recent letters from Albertans concerning the South Calgary High School Project

Sessional Paper 490/2002

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

Advertisement for full body CT (computed tomography) scans, prepared by Canada Diagnostic Centres in Calgary

Sessional Paper 491/2002

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

Calgary Sun article dated May 14, 2002, entitled "WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) targeted in \$3.5M suit"

Sessional Paper 492/2002

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

4 proposed amendments to Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, prepared by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar

Sessional Paper 493/2002

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

Memorandum dated December 4, 2001, unaddressed, from Karen Fingas, Director, Labour Market Programs and Services, Alberta Human Resources and Employment, providing information regarding changes in the Department's Labour Market Program for First Nations individuals who live on reserve

Sessional Paper 494/2002

Memorandum dated April 25, 2002, from Margaret Overland, SDP (Skills Development Program) Manager, Alberta Human Resources and Employment (AHRE), to AHRE Regional Directors and Regional Business/Operations Managers, AHRE Counselling Staff and Public/Private Providers, providing information regarding employment insurance eligibility of First Nations people living on reserve

Sessional Paper 495/2002

Submission to the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, entitled "Strengthening and Sustaining Medicare for Albertans" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 496/2002

### **Speaker's Statement - Head Page of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta**

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Head Page, Brent Shewchuk, who will not be returning for the next Session of the Legislature. He then read a letter he received from Mr. Shewchuk.



**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:

- 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber
- 6 Student Financial Assistance Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein
- 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove
- 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang
- 13 Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Taylor
- 14 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- 15 Dairy Industry Omnibus Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk
- 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 21 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- 22 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin
- 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg
- 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Evans
- 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

- 28 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 29 Intestate Succession Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski
- 205 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill
- 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk
- Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

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.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Debate resumed at Third Reading of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, at 3:04 p.m.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to extend his speaking time.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 28, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:22 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, be read a Third time, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to by the Assembly on May 13, 2002, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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**FALL SITTING**

NOVEMBER 19, 2002 TO DECEMBER 4, 2002

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Tuesday, November 19, 2002

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, made a statement concerning the recent death of Sharla Collier, a youth and child welfare worker in Lethbridge.

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Say Hay Campaign.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the application of the Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 on the Sikh Federation of Edmonton.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding National Addictions Awareness Week, November 17-23, 2002.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding Sergeant David Scribner and Corporal John Archer, members of the Drayton Valley Legion, on receiving the 2002 Nobel Peace Diploma.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, presented a petition from 42 Whitecourt residents requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Westlock (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), presented a petition from 179 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, presented a petition from 147 Calgary residents requesting the Government address the need for adequate and flexible short and long term provincial education funding.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 1,071 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 57 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta affirm its support for an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to provide for an elected Senate which would represent the interests of all provinces through equal representation and through effective powers;

and further, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government of Alberta to undertake consultations with all provincial governments on this amendment;

and further, that pending such an amendment, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta calls upon the Prime Minister to summon to the Senate to fill vacancies relating to Alberta, only those who are Senate nominees pursuant to the Senatorial Selection Act of Alberta;

and further, that the Assembly confirm the recommendations of the Report of the Select Special Committee on Upper House Reform which were unanimously endorsed by this Assembly on May 27, 1985 and again on March 10, 1987.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the looming crisis being faced by low income Albertans as a result of the Government's failure to take action.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported point of privilege prior to Orders of the Day.

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Bill 30, Adult Interdependent Relationships Act, from the Order Paper.

Notice having been given:

Bill 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

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

Bill 32 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

### **Speaker's Statement - Bill 30-2, Adult Interdependent Relationships Act**

Honourable Members, before proceeding to Tablings, the Chair just wants to note that based on the Chair's research, this Bill marks the first time we have had a "dash 2" Bill. As Members will know, Bills are usually numbered sequentially. The Honourable Minister of Justice is proposing that this Bill be numbered 30-2 to assist people in knowing that this is the second version of Bill 30 this Session.

For future followers of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, the Chair wants to indicate that the unique numbering of this Bill will not become a practice of the Assembly and that it should not set a precedent to be followed in the future.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 497/2002

Pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4), Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 498/2002

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 499/2002

Pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-8, s11(2), Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, 2000-2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 500/2002

Response to Written Question WQ5 asked for by Dr. Pannu on May 13, 2002:

As of April 1, 2002, what is the total number of employer health care premium accounts, the total number of individual/family health care premium accounts, and of the individual/family accounts, what percentage are seniors' accounts?

Sessional Paper 501/2002

Responses to Written Questions WQ6 and WQ9 asked for by Dr. Pannu on May 13, 2002:

For each of the fiscal years 1999-00, 2000-01, and 2001-02, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, by one year or more; what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these three fiscal years, and what percentage were employer accounts, individual/family accounts, and seniors' accounts?

Of the monies the Government received from health care premiums for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, what amount was remitted by employers, and of that amount, how much was paid by employers on behalf of employees?

Sessional Paper 502/2002

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 19, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Tom Higgins, Coach and General Manager, Edmonton Eskimo Football Club, congratulating Mr. Higgins, his players, and the Edmonton Eskimo organization on winning the Canadian Football League Western Final on November 17, 2002, and wishing them luck in the Grey Cup to be held on Sunday, November 24, 2002

Sessional Paper 503/2002

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 19, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, urging that the pending vacancy in the Senate, to be filled by an Alberta representative, be filled by one of the two elected Senate nominees

Sessional Paper 504/2002

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Letter dated November 18, 2002, from W.D. (Bill) Watkin, President, Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, concerning the Kyoto Protocol, and recommending there be legislation stipulating vehicle maintenance and emission standards be tied to credits for consumers to encourage them to upgrade to less polluting vehicles instead of taxing sport utility vehicle owners

Sessional Paper 505/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Government of Alberta, 2001-02 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 506/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-7, s14:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, First Annual Report 2001-2002,  
to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 507/2002

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-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-7, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 508/2002

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, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 509/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-28, s14(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company, 2001/2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 510/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, 2001-2002 Annual Report, Section 1

Sessional Paper 511/2002

Alberta Children's Services, 2001-2002 Annual Report, Section 2

Sessional Paper 512/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31,  
2002

Sessional Paper 513/2002



Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Economic Development, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 514/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 515/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 516/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 517/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Finance, Annual Report 01/02  
Sessional Paper 518/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Gaming, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 519/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 520/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2001/2002, Section I  
Sessional Paper 521/2002

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2001/2002, Section II  
Sessional Paper 522/2002

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-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report 2001/2002  
Sessional Paper 523/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 524/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2001-2002, including the Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Foundation for Health Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research  
Sessional Paper 525/2002

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-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, 29th Annual Report, April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002  
Sessional Paper 526/2002

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-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 527/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 2001/2002

Sessional Paper 528/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 529/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Revenue, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 530/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Seniors Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 531/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Solicitor General, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 532/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, 2001/2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 533/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Transportation, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 534/2002

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Budget 2002, First Quarter Fiscal Update, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report  
Sessional Paper 535/2002

Budget 2002, First Quarter Activity Report, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report  
Sessional Paper 536/2002

Report dated July 8, 2002, entitled "Moving From Good to Great" prepared by the  
Alberta Financial Management Commission  
Sessional Paper 537/2002

Response to the Financial Management Commission Report dated September 26,  
2002, prepared by the Government of Alberta  
Sessional Paper 538/2002

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar,  
Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38,  
s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), Annual Report  
2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 539/2002

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

Petition signed by 350 Albertans requesting the Government reduce the price of  
gas and electricity to sustainable levels  
Sessional Paper 540/2002

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw:

8 letters from Calgary residents to Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw,  
requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland  
park  
Sessional Paper 541/2002

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

Brochure entitled "Educating Against Racism: Publications of the Canadian Race  
Relations Foundation"  
Sessional Paper 542/2002

Letter dated October 17, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human  
Resources and Employment, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated October 3, 2002,  
concerning the dispute at the Shaw Conference Centre involving Economic  
Development Edmonton (EDE) and the United Food and Commercial Workers'  
Union (UFCW) and indicating the Government has no plans to intervene with the  
dispute

Sessional Paper 543/2002

Edmonton Journal advertisement dated July 31, 2002, inviting submissions to an MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Review Committee on the possible review of the Labour Relations Code

Sessional Paper 544/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Booklet and brochure both entitled "Money Matters for Seniors" raising awareness of the financial abuse of seniors and suggesting ways for seniors to protect themselves from such abuse

Sessional Paper 545/2002

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Open letter dated November 19, 2002, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to federal and provincial legislators, entitled "Canada's Kyoto Protocol: A Kind Heart and Folly Head"

Sessional Paper 546/2002

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

Executive Summary entitled "A Discussion Paper on the Potential for Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions in Alberta, 1988-2005" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 547/2002

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

Petition signed by 112 low-income Albertans requesting an increase in low-income program funding

Sessional Paper 548/2002

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 549/2002

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s25(7) and 28(1):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Investigation by the Ethics Commissioner into allegations involving Hon. Mike Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and Member for Athabasca-Wabasca, dated August 19, 2002

Sessional Paper 550/2002

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contribution Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the Calendar Year 2001

Sessional Paper 551/2002

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, cE-3, s10:

Interim Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, dated September 2002, entitled "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta" prepared by the 2002/2003 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Sessional Paper 552/2002

### **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the looming crisis being faced by low income Albertans as a result of the Government's failure to take action.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

### **Point of Privilege**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an advertisement by an MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Review Committee which appeared in the Edmonton Journal on July 31, 2002.

The Speaker also heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader.

The Speaker indicated he would hear additional comments on this matter the following day.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **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 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Second Reading**

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

Bill 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

**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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 15 is struck out.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 4

Blakeman	Pannu	Taft
Bonner		

Against the amendment: 36

Abbott	Fritz	Magnus
Ady	Goudreau	McClellan
Amery	Graham	McClelland
Boutilier	Griffiths	Melchin
Calahasen	Hancock	Oberg
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Horner	Rathgeber
Danyluk	Jablonski	Stelmach
DeLong	Jacobs	Stevens
Doerksen	Johnson	Strang
Ducharme	Knight	VanderBurg
Dunford	Lord	Yankowsky

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Mr. Lord, 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 25 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —  
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 553/2002

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:30 p.m. until Wednesday, November 20, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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## Wednesday, November 20, 2002

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

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Lud Prudek, Stan Price, and James Helm, inductees into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Tom Maccagno, recipient of a Canada Recreation Fisheries Award

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: National Child Day, November 20, 2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Count of Homeless Persons

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 13th McDonald's McHappy Day

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: National Child Day, November 20, 2002

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 77 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 83 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the issue of urban and rural split, particularly in the context of the electoral district distribution, which is listed as a priority in the interim report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission where it is proposed that the City of Edmonton lose one district.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly move immediately to amend the Standing Orders to allow Committee Chairs to be elected by secret ballot by all Members of the Legislative Assembly so that democracy, transparent government and parliamentary reform may be brought to Alberta as well.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Resolution, undated, from Starland County, resolving that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties urge the Government of Canada to delay any vote on the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, and further urging the Government of Alberta to pursue all legal and legislative options available to counteract ratification

Sessional Paper 554/2002

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated May 29, 2002, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton, to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support from all members of the Edmonton City Council for Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 555/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

36 letters from Albertans to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, requesting that abortion be de-insured as a procedure paid for by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 556/2002

Letter, undated, signed by 140 square dancers requesting the Government declare square dancing as the official folk dance of Alberta

Sessional Paper 557/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated October 18, 2002, from Jason Morris of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Kyoto Protocol and the actions of the Alberta Government regarding the Kyoto Protocol

Sessional Paper 558/2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter, undated, from Chad Axling of St. Albert to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 559/2002

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

Letter dated July 22, 2002, from James McCracken, Chief Elected Official, Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the Peace Health Region Board's budget cuts to active care beds in Grimshaw and the elimination of the preventative dental program

Sessional Paper 560/2002

Lakeland Regional Health Authority web page information regarding a proposed reduction in health regions

Sessional Paper 561/2002

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

Booklet entitled "A Celebration and Reflection of 100 Years of Quality Craftmanship" prepared by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 1325

Sessional Paper 562/2002

### **Point of Privilege**

The Speaker indicated he would hear comments concerning the purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on November 19, 2002.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, who acknowledged the word "Government" should have preceded "MLA Committee" in the advertisement.

The Speaker ruled that the point of privilege was resolved.

### **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the issue of urban and rural split, particularly in the context of the electoral district distribution, which is listed as a priority in the interim report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission where it is proposed that the City of Edmonton lose one district.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

### **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly move immediately to amend the Standing Orders to allow Committee Chairs to be elected by secret ballot by all Members of the Legislative Assembly so that democracy, transparent government and parliamentary reform may be brought to Alberta as well.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **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).

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2002, Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report  
Sessional Paper 563/2002

Budget 2002, Second Quarter Activity Report, 2002-03 Quarterly Budget Report  
Sessional Paper 564/2002

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2002-03 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 565/2002

### **Government Motions**

**29.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2002-03 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.

**30.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2002-03 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**31.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman 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 Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman 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 Allowance 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.

**32.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Jonson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta affirm its support for an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to provide for an elected Senate which would represent the interests of all provinces through equal representation and through effective powers;

and further, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government of Alberta to undertake consultations with all provincial governments on this amendment;

and further, that pending such an amendment, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta calls upon the Prime Minister to summon to the Senate to fill vacancies relating to Alberta, only those who are Senate nominees pursuant to the Senatorial Selection Act of Alberta;

and further, that the Assembly confirm the recommendations of the Report of the Select Special Committee on Upper House Reform which were unanimously endorsed by this Assembly on May 27, 1985 and again on March 10, 1987.

Prior to speaking to Government Motion 32, Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, rose on a procedural question relevant to dividing the motion by separating paragraph 3 from the main motion.

The Chair did not intervene to divide the motion.

A debate followed on the main motion.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) In the first paragraph, by striking out “to provide for an elected Senate which would represent the interests of all provinces through equal representation and through effective powers;” and substituting “to abolish the Senate;”
- (b) By striking out everything after “consultations with all provincial governments on this amendment;”

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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32. Moved by Hon. Mr. Jonson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta affirm its support for an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to provide for an elected Senate which would represent the interests of all provinces through equal representation and through effective powers;

and further, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government of Alberta to undertake consultations with all provincial governments on this amendment;

and further, that pending such an amendment, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta calls upon the Prime Minister to summon to the Senate to fill vacancies relating to Alberta, only those who are Senate nominees pursuant to the Senatorial Selection Act of Alberta;

and further, that the Assembly confirm the recommendations of the Report of the Select Special Committee on Upper House Reform which were unanimously endorsed by this Assembly on May 27, 1985 and again on March 10, 1987.

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

By striking out “and further, that pending such an amendment, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta calls upon the Prime Minister to summon to the Senate to fill vacancies relating to Alberta, only those who are Senate nominees pursuant to the Senatorial Selection Act of Alberta;”

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, 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 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 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Thursday, November 21, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 21, 2002

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

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Alberta's response to the Federal Government's Kyoto Protocol implementation plan released on November 21, 2002.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to participate in this Ministerial Statement.

## **Members' Statements**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding financial support for low-income Albertans.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Canadian unity.



### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, presented a petition from 389 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development), presented a petition from 48 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 166 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish Bighorn Country as a 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 Monday, November 25, 2002:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-27, s30,  
Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 566/2002

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 567/2002

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Report dated October 2002, entitled "Canada's Climate Change Policy" prepared  
by the Canadian Plastics Industry Association

Sessional Paper 568/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 21, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Ken Regan, General Manager, CKUA Radio, congratulating the CKUA Radio Network on 75 years in broadcasting

Sessional Paper 569/2002

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3), the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3), the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-16, s38(3), and the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-18, s46(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Manager's Report, April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 570/2002

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

News release dated November 21, 2002, entitled "Alberta Farm Water Program extended to help secure long-term water supplies" prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 571/2002

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 572/2002

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

Letter, undated, from Michael Chandler to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding cuts to Persons With Developmental Disabilities funding

Sessional Paper 573/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated September 29, 2002, from Brian Blair to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the possibility of being denied Alberta Health Care benefits for not wearing a seat belt

Sessional Paper 574/2002

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2000

Sessional Paper 575/2002

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Document, undated, signed by 407 Albertans, expressing concern regarding proposed boundary changes to the Headwaters Health Authority

Sessional Paper 576/2002

### Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Acting 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 25 to November 28, 2002:

Monday, November 25	Aft.	- <b>Introduction of Bills</b> Bill 37
	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 33, 34, 35, 36 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, November 26	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 32 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 32 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 31, 36 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, November 27	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 32 <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 36 Remaining Second and Third Readings as per Tuesday consultation with the Opposition And as per the Order Paper

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 32  
**Committee of the Whole**  
 Bill 30-2, 31, 33, 34, 35  
 And as per Tuesday consultation  
 with the Opposition  
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, November 28 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
 Bill 37  
 Remaining Second and Third  
 Readings as per Wednesday  
 consultation with the Opposition  
 And as per the Order Paper

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.

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

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund for 2001-2002, dated November 2002

Sessional Paper 577/2002

## **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)

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of Supplementary Estimates to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to during Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, the Deputy 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, 2003, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

\$32,150,000 Operating Expense

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$405,118,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Community Development**

\$3,700,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Infrastructure**

\$15,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Learning**

\$35,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Municipal Affairs**

\$17,685,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Sustainable Resource Development**

\$229,200,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Transportation**

\$85,000,000 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. Zwozdesky, 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 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, November 25, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, November 25, 2002

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

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the 90th Grey Cup celebrations held in Edmonton, November 22-24, 2002.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

## **Recognitions**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary Public Library

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Awareness Week, November 24 to December 1, 2002

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Alberta Remington Carriage Museum on winning a 2002 Attractions Canada Award in the small indoor facilities category

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenarry: National Day of Housing Action, November 22, 2002

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 75th anniversary of CKUA radio station

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Organizers of the Canadian Finals Rodeo, Farmfair International, and Grey Cup celebrations

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, presented a petition from 21 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 136 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Westlock (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), presented a petition from 151 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

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

Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2), and pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 578/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 579/2002

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 10, 2002, Department of Children's Services, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 580/2002

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Letter dated September 19, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, to Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Industry, expressing interest in pursuing a federal-provincial partnership under the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund to proceed with completion of the ring roads around Edmonton and Calgary

Sessional Paper 581/2002

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 582/2002

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002  
Sessional Paper 583/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

3 letters, undated, from Kim Brown and Wanda Lord, both of Stony Plain, and Dave Parsons of Morinville, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, all expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in certain Alberta recreation areas  
Sessional Paper 584/2002

Letter dated February 15, 2002, from Mervyn Pidherney, Pidherney's Trucking, to Whom it May Concern, enclosing a list of 87 people whose employment was terminated in 2001 and who will not be re-hired due to a reduction in Government funding for highway work  
Sessional Paper 585/2002

E-mail message dated February 18, 2002, from Steven Brodie to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding education funding and the organizational structure of the Department of Learning  
Sessional Paper 586/2002

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

Letter dated November 19, 2002, from Gerald M. Ross, Vice-President, Cochrane Environmental Action Committee, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol and urging the Government to support its ratification  
Sessional Paper 587/2002

E-mail message dated November 19, 2002, from Rhonda Moffat, Winnifred Stewart Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding funding cutbacks to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Edmonton Region Community Board  
Sessional Paper 588/2002

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

Letter dated November 20, 2002, from Constance Kenney, President, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government of Alberta to support ratification of the Kyoto Protocol  
Sessional Paper 589/2002



Letter dated July 15, 2002, from Frederick C. Staphenurst, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance, Regulation and Finance, The World Bank, to Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, requesting Mr. MacDonald complete a questionnaire examining the practices of public accounts committees in the Commonwealth, and Mr. MacDonald's response to the questionnaire dated August 9, 2002

Sessional Paper 590/2002

Letter, undated, from Shauna-Lee Williamson to a Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding cutbacks to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 591/2002

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

Copy of an R.E.A. Yellowhead Ltd. electricity bill for the period October 1-31, 2002

Sessional Paper 592/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated July 23, 2002, from Harvey Hook of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding rental increases and requesting a law be passed providing for a maximum amount rents may be increased in a given period of time

Sessional Paper 593/2002

Postcard outlining concern regarding a lack of affordable rental housing prepared by "Our Voice, The Spare Change Magazine" and the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Sessional Paper 594/2002

Report dated October 2002, entitled "A Count of Homeless Persons in Edmonton" prepared by the Edmonton Homelessness Count Committee

Sessional Paper 595/2002

## 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The question was put that Bill 207, Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Abbott	Horner	Melchin
Ady	Jablonski	Norris
Broda	Johnson	Ouellette
Cao	Jonson	Renner
Cenaiko	Lord	Snelgrove
Coutts	Lougheed	Stelmach
Evans	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Forsyth	Lund	Strang
Friedel	Marz	Tarchuk
Goudreau	Masyk	Taylor
Haley	McClellan	VanderBurg
Herard	McClelland	Vandermeer
Hlady	McFarland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 5

Bonner	Mason	Taft
Carlson	Pannu	

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

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 Edmonton-Strathcona) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 596/2002

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 208 Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 208, Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Snelgrove moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

**508.** Moved by Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a travel assurance fund to compensate airline consumers who do not receive travel services purchased from a registered travel agency due to the agency’s bankruptcy or insolvency.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

**509.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work through the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute in researching the use of cost-effective technology to assist farming operations in alleviating nuisance causing odours from barns used in conjunction with confined feeding operations or other related farming practices.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Lougheed speaking.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor

Mrs. Jablonski 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 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

Bill 35 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:19 p.m. until Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 26, 2002

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

### Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Kyoto Protocol.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding compensation for teachers.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding class sizes.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month in November.

## Presenting Petitions

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 4,811 Albertans requesting the Government reinstate funding to the Community Lottery Board Grant Program.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

## Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, consistent with its commitment to protecting Alberta's environment, hereby endorses and accepts the following principles agreed to by all provinces and territories on October 28, 2002 to provide the basis for the development of a national climate change action plan:

1. All Canadians must have an opportunity for full and informed input into the development of the plan.
2. The plan must ensure that no region or jurisdiction shall be asked to bear an unreasonable share of the burden and no industry, sector or region shall be treated unfairly. The costs and impacts on individuals, businesses and industries must be clear, reasonable, achievable, and economically sustainable. The plan must incorporate appropriate federally funded mitigation of the adverse impacts of climate change initiatives.
3. The plan must respect provincial and territorial jurisdiction.
4. The plan must include recognition of real emission reductions that have been achieved since 1990 or will be achieved thereafter.
5. The plan must provide for bilateral or multilateral agreements between provinces and territories, and with the Federal Government.
6. The plan must ensure that no province or territory bears the financial risk of federal climate change commitments.
7. The plan must recognize that benefits from assets such as forest and agricultural sinks must accrue to the province and territory which owns the assets.
8. The plan must support innovation and new technology.

9. The plan must maintain the economic competitiveness of Canadian business and industry.
10. Canada must continue to demand recognition of clean energy exports.
11. The plan must include incentives for all citizens, communities, businesses and jurisdictions to make the shift to an economy based on renewable and other clean energy, lower emissions and sustainable practices across sectors.
12. The implementation of any climate change plan must include an incentive and allocation system that supports lower carbon emission sources of energy such as hydroelectricity, wind power generation, ethanol, and renewable and other clean sources of energy.

And be it further resolved that this Assembly, in the absence of agreement on a national plan by provinces and territories, denounces any unilateral ratification by the Federal Government of the Kyoto Protocol in violation of the principles on constitutional law, convention, federalism, and long established practice whereby the Federal Government must adequately consult with and seek the consent of provinces and territories prior to ratification of international treaties or agreements that affect matters of exclusive provincial or territorial jurisdiction, or that require provincial or territorial actions or legislation to achieve implementation where implementation will result in significant harm to the economy of Alberta and of Canada.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported point of privilege prior to Orders of the Day.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 230 Community School Partnerships Act — Dr. Massey

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 597/2002

Pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1, s10(2), Alberta Racing Corporation, 2001 Annual Review

Sessional Paper 598/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2001  
Sessional Paper 599/2002

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual  
Report, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2002  
Sessional Paper 600/2002

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2001  
Sessional Paper 601/2002

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, 3 Year Business Plan  
(February 1, 2002 to January 31, 2005)  
Sessional Paper 602/2002

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 2001, with  
attached Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization Limited Financial  
Statements  
Sessional Paper 603/2002

Summary, for the reporting period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, of the annual  
reports from the authorized accredited agencies  
Sessional Paper 604/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the  
Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the Ninety-third  
Annual General Meeting  
Sessional Paper 605/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the  
Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4):

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta,  
Annual Report 2001/2002  
Sessional Paper 606/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the  
Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, 2002 Annual Report and  
Annual General Meeting Proxy Information  
Sessional Paper 607/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the  
Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5)(6):

WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Alberta, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 608/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2002  
Sessional Paper 609/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Foresters, Annual Report 2001-02  
Sessional Paper 610/2002

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Petition signed by 251 St. Albert residents opposing the Government's funding formula for grade 10 students  
Sessional Paper 611/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons With Developmental Disabilities, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 612/2002

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

Letter dated March 11, 2002, signed by 30 members of the Happy Homesteaders Square Dance Club, to Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing support for Mr. Yankowsky's motion to introduce legislation designating square dancing as the official folk dance of Alberta  
Sessional Paper 613/2002

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

Journal of the American Medical Association web page article dated November 20, 2002, entitled "Comparison of Mortality Between Private For-Profit and Private Not-For-Profit Hemodialysis Centres"  
Sessional Paper 614/2002

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

Florida Department of State web page entitled "Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, November 5, 2002 General Election, Official Results, Constitutional Amendment" listing voting results by county to Florida's amendment to reduce class size  
Sessional Paper 615/2002



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

Planning workbook dated October 2002, entitled "Get Involved! The Blueprint Project" prepared by the Edmonton Task Force on Community Services for Seniors

Sessional Paper 616/2002

Letter dated September 3, 2002, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, requesting an immediate and independent audit of the billing practices of electricity retailers in Alberta

Sessional Paper 617/2002

Power Pool of Alberta web page listing the actual and forecasted electricity prices for November 25, 2002

Sessional Paper 618/2002

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

Letter dated November 12, 2002, from Mary Ann Sanderson, Executive Director, Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding potential changes to Family and Community Support Services funding in the City of Calgary's 2003 budget

Sessional Paper 619/2002

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

Copy of two EPCOR Edmonton residential utility bills dated April 11 and April 13, 2002

Sessional Paper 620/2002

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmor:

Petition signed by 424 Albertans requesting the Government de-insure abortion

Sessional Paper 621/2002

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Speaking notes of David Wilson, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Alberta, presented at a Kyoto treaty ratification forum held on November 12, 2002, at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 622/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, unaddressed, from Alvin M. Schrader, Ph.D., University of Alberta, expressing support for the timely passage of Bill 30, Adult Interdependent Relationships Act

Sessional Paper 623/2002

E-mail message dated July 27, 2002, from Tanya Coles to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to penned hunting  
Sessional Paper 624/2002

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

School at the Legislature, Report Card 2001/2002

Sessional Paper 625/2002

### **Point of Privilege**

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding two separate incidents which raise concern as to the impartiality of the Speaker.

The Speaker ruled that the purported point of privilege was not in order as any criticism of the Speaker could not be brought forward by any means other than by way of a substantive motion raised in the traditional manner as outlined in the parliamentary authorities.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 32 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

**Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

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

Bill 32 Climate Change and Emissions Management Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

**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 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:34 p.m. until Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 27, 2002

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

**Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement recognizing that on this day, for the first time in the history of the Legislative Assembly, all of the Pages in the House were women.

**Recognitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Children's Theatre

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Cerebral Palsy Association  
Stationary Bikeathon

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: 25th anniversary of the St. Mary and St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Volunteer firefighters who fought the 2002 forest fire near Redwater

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: 4th annual Persons With Developmental Disabilities regional conference recently held in St. Paul

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Edward and Stella Pimm of Berwyn on being inducted into the 2002 Alberta 4-H Hall of Fame

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on behalf of Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod (Minister of Government Services), presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 25 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 20 St. Albert and area residents requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 83 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

News release dated October 28, 2002, entitled "Provincial and Territorial Statement on Climate Change Policy" issued at the Joint Meeting of Energy and Environment Ministers, Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 28, 2002, prepared by the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS)

Sessional Paper 626/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

iCORE (Informatics Circle of Research Excellence) Year In Review, 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 627/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 628/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Triennial Report, 99-02, including consolidated financial statements to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 629/2002

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

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2002

Sessional Paper 630/2002

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 631/2002

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 632/2002

University of Alberta Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 633/2002

University of Calgary Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 634/2002

Alberta Dental Association and College 2001 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report January 1, 2001-December 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 635/2002

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

Report, undated, entitled "Review of School Construction and Operating Costs Committee, Interim Report and Preliminary Findings" submitted by Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, and Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark

Sessional Paper 636/2002

Report dated February 2002, entitled "Life Cycle Costs - Calgary Schools" prepared for Alberta Infrastructure by Costplan Management Limited

Sessional Paper 637/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Policy dated June 2000, entitled "Termination of Pregnancy" prepared by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 638/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 14, 2002, from Mike Wolfer to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding

Sessional Paper 639/2002

Letter, undated, from Richard Gagne, certified personal care aide, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding and requesting an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 640/2002

Letter dated November 25, 2002, from Elizabeth Gillard, Office Manager, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Northern Alberta, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding for people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and requesting Ms Blakeman to urge the Government to increase AISH funding

Sessional Paper 641/2002

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

Letter dated November 8, 2002, from Patricia Brownlee of Calgary to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, with associated attachment, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol

Sessional Paper 642/2002

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

Speech dated November 22, 2002, entitled "Demanding Government Action for the Homeless" delivered by Senator Douglas Roche, O.C. to the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness Conference: Home Sweet Home: Responding to the Housing Crisis

Sessional Paper 643/2002

Copy of an EPCOR Edmonton residential utility bill dated November 19, 2002

Sessional Paper 644/2002

Copy of an EPCOR Edmonton residential utility bill dated November 21, 2002

Sessional Paper 645/2002

Copy of four residential utility bills issued by TransAlta dated July 29, 1999, UtiliCorp Netorks Canada dated November 29, 2000, and EPCOR dated April 2, 2002 and May 28, 2002

Sessional Paper 646/2002

Copy of two EPCOR Edmonton residential utility bills, undated, in the amounts of \$605.45 and \$997.42

Sessional Paper 647/2002

### **Speaker's Statement**

During Tabling Returns and Reports, the Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members, before recognizing the next member, the Chair wants to advise the Assembly that the sheer volume of the tabling by the Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, roughly some 6,700 postcards, requires a slight relaxation of the rules concerning tablings.

To meet the requirements of Standing Order 37(3) would mean that there would have to be a minimum of 10,000 pages tabled to provide an additional 4 copies which would consume significant resources.

Members may recall that the Chair relaxed the rule on December 8, 1997 with respect to a great number of cards presented during the National Unity Debate.

In keeping with the 1997 ruling, the original postcards will be kept in the Clerk's Office for the historical records of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, but, for this occasion the Library and the Opposition will receive a copy of the first page with a notation that the original can be viewed at the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

6,126 postcards from Albertans outlining concern regarding a lack of affordable rental housing prepared by "Our Voice, The Spare Change Magazine" and the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Sessional Paper 648/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

**33.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Jonson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, consistent with its commitment to protecting Alberta's environment, hereby endorses and accepts the following principles agreed to by all provinces and territories on October 28, 2002 to provide the basis for the development of a national climate change action plan:

1. All Canadians must have an opportunity for full and informed input into the development of the plan.
2. The plan must ensure that no region or jurisdiction shall be asked to bear an unreasonable share of the burden and no industry, sector or region shall be treated unfairly. The costs and impacts on individuals, businesses and industries must be clear, reasonable, achievable, and economically sustainable. The plan must incorporate appropriate federally funded mitigation of the adverse impacts of climate change initiatives.
3. The plan must respect provincial and territorial jurisdiction.
4. The plan must include recognition of real emission reductions that have been achieved since 1990 or will be achieved thereafter.
5. The plan must provide for bilateral or multilateral agreements between provinces and territories, and with the Federal Government.
6. The plan must ensure that no province or territory bears the financial risk of federal climate change commitments.
7. The plan must recognize that benefits from assets such as forest and agricultural sinks must accrue to the province and territory which owns the assets.
8. The plan must support innovation and new technology.
9. The plan must maintain the economic competitiveness of Canadian business and industry.
10. Canada must continue to demand recognition of clean energy exports.
11. The plan must include incentives for all citizens, communities, businesses and jurisdictions to make the shift to an economy based on renewable and other clean energy, lower emissions and sustainable practices across sectors.



12. The implementation of any climate change plan must include an incentive and allocation system that supports lower carbon emission sources of energy such as hydroelectricity, wind power generation, ethanol, and renewable and other clean sources of energy.

And be it further resolved that this Assembly, in the absence of agreement on a national plan by provinces and territories, denounces any unilateral ratification by the Federal Government of the Kyoto Protocol in violation of the principles on constitutional law, convention, federalism, and long established practice whereby the Federal Government must adequately consult with and seek the consent of provinces and territories prior to ratification of international treaties or agreements that affect matters of exclusive provincial or territorial jurisdiction, or that require provincial or territorial actions or legislation to achieve implementation where implementation will result in significant harm to the economy of Alberta and of Canada.

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by striking out the final paragraph, beginning "And be it further resolved that this Assembly,".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Motions**

33. Moved by Hon. Mr. Jonson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, consistent with its commitment to protecting Alberta's environment, hereby endorses and accepts the following principles agreed to by all provinces and territories on October 28, 2002 to provide the basis for the development of a national climate change action plan:

1. All Canadians must have an opportunity for full and informed input into the development of the plan.
2. The plan must ensure that no region or jurisdiction shall be asked to bear an unreasonable share of the burden and no industry, sector or region shall be treated unfairly. The costs and impacts on individuals, businesses and industries must be clear, reasonable, achievable, and economically sustainable. The plan must incorporate appropriate federally funded mitigation of the adverse impacts of climate change initiatives.
3. The plan must respect provincial and territorial jurisdiction.
4. The plan must include recognition of real emission reductions that have been achieved since 1990 or will be achieved thereafter.
5. The plan must provide for bilateral or multilateral agreements between provinces and territories, and with the Federal Government.
6. The plan must ensure that no province or territory bears the financial risk of federal climate change commitments.
7. The plan must recognize that benefits from assets such as forest and agricultural sinks must accrue to the province and territory which owns the assets.
8. The plan must support innovation and new technology.
9. The plan must maintain the economic competitiveness of Canadian business and industry.
10. Canada must continue to demand recognition of clean energy exports.
11. The plan must include incentives for all citizens, communities, businesses and jurisdictions to make the shift to an economy based on renewable and other clean energy, lower emissions and sustainable practices across sectors.
12. The implementation of any climate change plan must include an incentive and allocation system that supports lower carbon emission sources of energy such as hydroelectricity, wind power generation, ethanol, and renewable and other clean sources of energy.

And be it further resolved that this Assembly, in the absence of agreement on a national plan by provinces and territories, denounces any unilateral ratification by the Federal Government of the Kyoto Protocol in violation of the principles on constitutional law, convention, federalism, and long established practice whereby the Federal Government must adequately consult with and seek the consent of provinces and territories prior to ratification of international treaties or agreements that affect matters of exclusive provincial or territorial jurisdiction, or that require provincial or territorial actions or legislation to achieve implementation where implementation will result in significant harm to the economy of Alberta and of Canada.

A debate followed.

The question being put, 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 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 with some amendments:

Bill 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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 30-2 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 649/2002

Amendment to Bill 30-2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 650/2002

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:40 p.m. until Thursday, November 28, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 28, 2002

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

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement regarding the Romanow Commission on Health Report.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the possible closure of the Sprucewood Library.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the public health care system in Alberta.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Neil Hamilton, Royal Canadian Air Force pilot and author.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Romanow Commission on Health Report.

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

Mr. Rathgeber, Chair, Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee, Final Report, November 2002

Sessional Paper 651/2002

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, on behalf of Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from 5 Lethbridge residents requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 180 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to make the Children's Advocate an officer of the Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 200 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 Monday, December 2, 2002:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the effect of the Romanow Report on Alberta's health care system, which needs to be discussed publicly before closed door meetings on the implementation of the recommendations begin.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information of the Alberta Law Foundation, Year Ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 652/2002

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 653/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 27, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Mark Gunderson, Chairman of the Board, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and Elaine Calder, Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, congratulating the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra on its Golden Jubilee Anniversary

Sessional Paper 654/2002

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

E-mail message dated October 20, 2002, from Amber Pikula of Edmonton to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol

Sessional Paper 655/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated August 8, 2002, entitled "Women and Public Policy" prepared by Dawna Haslam, B.Sc., B.Ed.

Sessional Paper 656/2002

United Nations web page, entitled "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women"

Sessional Paper 657/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

News release dated March 15, 1990, entitled "Province of Alberta Launches Clean Air Strategy Consultations" prepared by Alberta Sustainable Energy Development and Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 658/2002

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

Letter dated August 19, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letters dated June 17 and 18, 2002, requesting clarification or information on matters relating to the Balancing Pool

Sessional Paper 659/2002

Letter dated September 4, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated August 14, 2002, concerning the Government's business relationship with RTO West

Sessional Paper 660/2002

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

E-mail message dated November 4, 2002, from Helene Paquin of Medicine Hat to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the discontinuation of seniors plans provided by Alberta Blue Cross

Sessional Paper 661/2002

Letter dated July 3, 2002, from Rev. Dr. Don Mayne, Chair, Interfaith Coalition on Health Care Edmonton, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, submitting concerns and recommendations regarding Mr. Mazankowski's Report of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health

Sessional Paper 662/2002

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

Copy of an ATCO Electric residential electricity bill dated November 20, 2002  
Sessional Paper 663/2002

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Letter dated November 26, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, to Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Industry, expressing concern regarding information obtained from the media on an Industry Canada report projecting the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on Alberta  
Sessional Paper 664/2002

Alberta Economic Development, International Offices Annual Report, 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 665/2002

### **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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of December 2 to December 5, 2002:

Monday, December 2	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bill 38
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bill 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, December 3	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Third Reading</b>
		Bill 30-2, 31
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bill 33, 34, 35, 37
		<b>Third Reading</b>
		Bill 25, 30-2, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38
		And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, December 4	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 25, 30-2, 31, 33, 34, 37 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 33, 34, 35, 37 <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 30-2, 31, 33, 37 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, December 5	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 30-2, 31, 33, 37 And as per the Order Paper

### **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the effect of the Romanow Report on Alberta's health care system, which needs to be discussed publicly before closed door meetings on implementation of the recommendations begin.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When 6 Members rose in their places, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

Blakeman	MacDonald	Nicol
Bonner	Mason	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Taft



Against the motion: 38

Abbott	Haley	McFarland
Broda	Hancock	Nelson
Cao	Herard	Norris
Cardinal	Horner	Pham
Coutts	Hutton	Renner
DeLong	Jablonski	Shariff
Dunford	Jonson	Snelgrove
Evans	Klapstein	Strang
Forsyth	Kryczka	Tannas
Friedel	Lord	Vandermeer
Gordon	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Zwozdesky
Graham	Lund	

As less than 15 Members rose in support of the motion, debate did not proceed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Monday, December 2, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, December 2, 2002

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

### **Recognitions**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne: Turnbull Centennial Homestead celebration and the Turnbull family on being awarded the Alberta Farm and Century Award

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Edmonton Outlaws amateur lacrosse team on winning the President's Cup in the Senior B National Lacrosse Championship on August 25, 2002

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Duncan Leung

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Edmonton Friends of the North Environmental Society

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Brown Baggin' It charitable organization in Calgary

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Bertha Kennedy

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: 100th anniversary of the Wetaskiwin Masonic Lodge #15

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 1,500 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 76 Edmonton residents requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 210 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. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 666/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Response to Written Question WQ8 asked for by Dr. Pannu on May 13, 2002:

What was the average waiting period from the *date a complaint was accepted* by the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to the *date the file was assigned* to conciliation in the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, and what was the average waiting period from *the date conciliation was concluded* to the *date complaints were assigned* to investigation of a human rights complaint in these same fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 667/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Brochure entitled "2001 North American Oil Reserves" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 668/2002

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,800 Albertans objecting to proposed budget cuts to the Lakeland Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 669/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Lois Zadler of Edmonton and 2 e-mail messages, dated November 7, 2002, from Shauna-Lee Williamson and November 27, 2002, from Tatjana Schenk, all to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding funding cutbacks to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 670/2002

4 e-mail messages dated April 13, 2002 from Dale Braun of Athabasca, August 6, 2002, from Len Jubinville, President, FOOD (Farmers Organizing on Diversification), August 3, 2002, from Roxanne Hastings of Edmonton, and July 24, 2002, from Todd Loewen of Valleyview, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, concerning cervid harvest preserves

Sessional Paper 671/2002

Letter, undated, from Shirley Reid and Tammy Irwin, Co-chairs, Issues Committee, Alberta Council, Canadian Federation of University Women, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government deny an application by TrueNorth Energy to change the Fort McMurray-Athabasca Oil Sands Subregional Integrated Resource Plan in order to mine McClelland Lake

Sessional Paper 672/2002

9 e-mail messages and 3 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing a broad range of concerns regarding the Alberta education system

Sessional Paper 673/2002

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

Letter dated July 4, 2002, from Freda Rankin to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding a funding cut to the Dramaworks Alberta program

Sessional Paper 674/2002

2 letters dated July 13, 2002, from Azhar Hussain and Ina McDonald both of Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting that the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 675/2002

Letter, undated, from Bob Smith of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of the Bow Crow Forest Reserve to off-highway vehicle users

Sessional Paper 676/2002

New York Times article dated December 1, 2002, entitled "Shrinking Glaciers"

Sessional Paper 677/2002

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

Letter dated October 30, 2002, from Kerry P. Kleinbergen, Rehabilitation Practitioner, McMan Supports for People with Disabilities, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding individualized funding cuts to service providers of the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 678/2002

E-mail message dated November 25, 2002, from Eleanor Jerram to Whom it May Concern, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 679/2002

E-mail message dated November 26, 2002, from Leanne Weidman, Supervisor (Independent Advocacy), to Whom it May Concern, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 680/2002

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

Document dated October 9, 2002, entitled "Cataract Surgery - Volumes, Wait Lists and Wait Times, 2002/03 Quarter 1: April 1 to June 30, 2002" prepared by Standards and Measures, Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 681/2002

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

Letter dated November 22, 2002, from Maureen Harper of Hinton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol

Sessional Paper 682/2002

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

73 recent letters from Albertans to Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 212, Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 683/2002

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

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	Haley	McFarland
Ady	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	Nelson
Cao	Horner	O'Neill
Cardinal	Jacobs	Ouellette
Cenaiko	Jonson	Renner
Coutts	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lord	Stelmach
DeLong	Lougheed	Stevens
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Strang
Evans	Lund	Tannas
Forsyth	Marz	Taylor
Friedel	Masyk	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McClellan	Vandermeer
Graydon	McClelland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	Mason	Massey
Macdonald		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 208 Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act — Dr. Nicol

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on November 25, 2002, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 208, Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act, 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 agreed to.

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

Bill 209 Electoral Fairness Commission Act — Dr. Pannu

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Lord speaking.

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

**509.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work through the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute in researching the use of cost-effective technology to assist farming operations in alleviating nuisance causing odours from barns used in conjunction with confined feeding operations or other related farming practices.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**510.** Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that the measurable outcomes and goals for government departments and government-funded agencies include targets for improvements in efficiency in their measurable outcomes and goals to free up resources for all high priority areas.

A debate followed.

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 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbot

Bill 38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (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 Bills were reported:

Bill 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

Bill 35 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

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 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 684/2002

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 685/2002

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 686/2002

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 687/2002

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Edmonton- Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 688/2002

Amendment to Bill 37 (Hon. Member for Edmonton- Gold Bar) — Agreed  
to

Sessional Paper 689/2002



## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:19 p.m. until Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, December 3, 2002

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding CKUA Radio's 75 years of broadcasting.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the International Day of Disabled Persons, December 3, 2002.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding International Volunteer Day, December 5, 2002.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding allegations of interference in the justice system.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 45 Albertans requesting the Government repeal the amendment to the Public Health Act regulation and undertake consultation before imposing any fee or tax to pay for health inspections.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 74 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish Bighorn Country as a protected area.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 50 Albertans requesting the Government repeal the amendment to the Public Health Act regulation and undertake consultation before imposing any fee or tax to pay for health inspections.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish Bighorn Country as a protected area.

## Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the 2nd 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.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on November 28, 2002,  
by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands  
Sessional Paper 690/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2), Alberta Teachers' Association, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 691/2002

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2001-2002 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 692/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), University of Alberta 1991 Foundation, Financial Statements for the period ended November 7, 2000  
Sessional Paper 693/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Public Colleges Foundation of Alberta, Financial Statements, March 31, 1999  
Sessional Paper 694/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Non-Profit Private Colleges Foundation, Financial Statements, March 31, 1997  
Sessional Paper 695/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Arctic Institute of North America, Financial Statements, March 31, 2001  
Sessional Paper 696/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Statements, March 31, 1999  
Sessional Paper 697/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Statements, March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 698/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Financial Statements, March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 699/2002

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Document dated June 27, 2002, entitled "Award in the matter of an arbitration under the Education Services Settlement Act, between the Edmonton Public School Board No. 7 and the Alberta Teachers' Association" prepared by David Phillip Jones, Q.C.

Sessional Paper 700/2002

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Dr. Pannu on May 13, 2002:

Upon completion of studies, what was the average debt load of post secondary students who had received assistance from the Student Finance Board in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996 and 2000-2001?

Sessional Paper 701/2002

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

Petition signed by 156 Edmonton residents requesting that abortion be removed from the list of insured services paid for by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 702/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from James Sexmith of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the increased cost of living for seniors

Sessional Paper 703/2002

E-mail message dated October 11, 2002, from Rhonda Tanton, Executive Director, Skate Canada Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut Association, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding proposed revisions to Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission licence and use of gaming proceeds policies

Sessional Paper 704/2002

Letter dated November 15, 2002, from Sherry Banack of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's funding formula for grade 10 students

Sessional Paper 705/2002

E-mail message dated October 6, 2002, from D.L. Simmons to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol and expressing concern regarding the way in which tax dollars are spent

Sessional Paper 706/2002

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Janice Bell of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching a copy of a letter sent to the Edmonton Journal, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act

Sessional Paper 707/2002

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Dennis Turner to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the proposal to limit the use of cellular phones in vehicles

Sessional Paper 708/2002

Letter dated May 9, 2002, from Dave M. Majeau to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the start of the Spring 2002 fishing season

Sessional Paper 709/2002

Letter dated June 20, 2002, from B. Rippin, Conservation Committee Chair, Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the loss of experienced professionals at the Wildlife Management Division, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Sessional Paper 710/2002

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

Petition signed by 26 Edmonton residents requesting that abortion be removed from the list of insured services paid for by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 711/2002

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Petition signed by 320 Albertans requesting that the boundaries of the Headwaters Health Authority remain as they are

Sessional Paper 712/2002

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated December 3, 2002, entitled "International Day of Disabled Persons" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 713/2002

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Report dated 2002, entitled "Alberta Disability Strategy, Summary Document" prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities

Sessional Paper 714/2002

Report dated 2002, entitled "Alberta Disability Strategy, Core Supports and Appendices" prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities

Sessional Paper 715/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated September 16, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, responding to Ms Blakeman's letter dated August 13, 2002, inquiring about the current status of the Private Landlord Rent Supplement Program, with attached letter dated December 3, 2002, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, unaddressed, listing organizations contacted by Ms. Blakeman's staff who are of the opinion the program was put on hold in October 2001

Sessional Paper 716/2002

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

Letter dated November 19, 2002, signed by 39 residents of the Pleasantview Seniors Citizen's Lodge expressing concern regarding rent and service increases

Sessional Paper 717/2002

Letter dated November 7, 2002, from Bob Campbell, President and Chair of the Board, Canadian Mental Health Association, announcing the launch of the Alberta Centre for Suicide Prevention in Calgary and expressing concern regarding the proposal to place suicide prevention within the mandate of injury control, with attached background information entitled "What's Injury Got to Do With Suicide?"

Sessional Paper 718/2002

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

27 recent electricity bills, with several attached letters from Albertans, expressing concern regarding the high cost of electricity

Sessional Paper 719/2002

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

Letter dated December 3, 2002, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting information regarding an investigation into improper asbestos removal at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary

Sessional Paper 720/2002

Straight Goods web page article dated November 13, 2002, entitled "Australian parallel system in trouble" referring to parallel private and public health care

Sessional Paper 721/2002

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

Letter dated September 23, 2002, from Janet Jean of Grande Cache with attached petition signed by 253 Grande Cache residents expressing opposition to large classroom sizes and education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 722/2002

E-mail message dated November 7, 2002, from Shauna-Lee Williamson of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding funding cuts and policy changes for service providers of the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 723/2002

Letter dated July 16, 2002, from Pamela Head of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, with attached correspondence from Ms Head to the City of Edmonton expressing concern regarding increases in electricity and sewage charges

Sessional Paper 724/2002

Letter dated March 11, 2002, from Jon Head of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding electricity deregulation, with attached Edmonton Journal article, undated, entitled "Where is the outrage over power debacle?"

Sessional Paper 725/2002

Letter, undated, from Rita Sandmaier of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the fee charged to change an address on a motor vehicle licence, with attached petition signed by 98 Albertans requesting an amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act to remove this fee

Sessional Paper 726/2002

Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Office of the Ombudsman, 35th Annual Report for the Period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 727/2002

Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Office of the Ombudsman, Financial Statements for the Period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 728/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

17 recent letters from Albertans to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing opposition to Alberta Health Care funding for abortion

Sessional Paper 729/2002

### **Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly**

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, presented the Pages with a Christmas gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin  
Bill 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock  
Bill 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Jonson  
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock  
Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor  
Bill 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon.  
Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn  
Bill 35 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Oberg  
Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott  
Bill 38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:24 p.m. until Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, December 4, 2002

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

#### Ministerial Statements

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party and the Premier to participate in today's Ministerial Statements.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier, made a statement regarding the 10th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, being selected as Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta on December 5, 1992, and being sworn in as Alberta's 12th Premier on December 16, 1992.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, then responded to the statement.

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Trochu Meat Processors on receiving the 2002 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Award of Excellence in agri-food export

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Lindsay Thurber Raiders highschool volleyball team on winning the Provincial Volleyball Championship

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Dr. Gary McPherson

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: 2002 Alberta Summer Games held in Camrose

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Ramadan

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 197 Albertans requesting the Government retain the current Edmonton-Norwood constituency boundaries.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Dr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 13 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 271 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 52 Edmonton residents requesting the Government reinstate funding to the Community Lottery Board Grant Program.



**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on December 2, 2002, by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 730/2002

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 731/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2) and the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 732/2002

Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 733/2002

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 734/2002

Calgary Health Region, Annual Report 2001/2002

Sessional Paper 735/2002

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 736/2002

East Central Health, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 737/2002

Westview Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2001/2002

Sessional Paper 738/2002

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 739/2002

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 740/2002

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 741/2002

Peace Health Region, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 742/2002

Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 743/2002

Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 744/2002

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 745/2002

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness,  
pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Alta. Reg. 284/94  
Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2001-2002  
Sessional Paper 746/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated December 4, 2002, entitled "A call to Albertans to remember  
victims of violence, Observing the National Day of Remembrance and Action on  
Violence Against Women" prepared by Alberta Community Development  
Sessional Paper 747/2002

Letter dated December 3, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of  
Community Development, to Lorrie Horne, Head Coach, Team Canada, Ringette  
Canada, congratulating Team Canada on winning the 2002 World Ringette  
Championship  
Sessional Paper 748/2002

Letter dated December 4, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of  
Community Development, to Elisabeth Trudell of Edmonton on being named the  
2002 Grade 5 Light Music Champion by the Alberta Society of Pipers and  
Drummers  
Sessional Paper 749/2002

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on November 27, 2002,  
by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre  
Sessional Paper 750/2002

Letter dated December 4, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors,  
to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, confirming that the Private  
Landlord Rent Supplement Program is still in operation  
Sessional Paper 751/2002

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Mr. Hancock,  
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

2 letters dated July 13, 2002, from Colin Andrichuk and February 8, 2002, from  
Weslyn Mather both of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and  
Attorney General, and 1 letter dated June 7, 2002, from Ruth Mryglod of  
Edmonton to Whom It May Concern, all requesting the Government's support to  
establish Bighorn Country as a protected area  
Sessional Paper 752/2002

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

Document, undated, entitled “Exposure to Reduced Sulfur Gases Impairs Neurobehavioral Function” prepared by Kaye H. Kilburn, M.D.

Sessional Paper 753/2002

Letter dated November 26, 2002, from Hugh and Margie Jones of Ponoka to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, expressing concern regarding a rental increase at a storage facility rented from the Department of Infrastructure by the Central Alberta Women’s Outreach Society and requesting the increase be cancelled

Sessional Paper 754/2002

Letter dated November 23, 2002, from Lisa McNutt, Parent Council President, Sherwood School, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding

Sessional Paper 755/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### 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:

- 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin
- 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor
- 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn
- 35 Teachers’ Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

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.

### **Government Motions**

**34.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the 2nd 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion 34 agreed to by the Assembly on December 4, 2002, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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# **PROROGATION**

FEBRUARY 17, 2003

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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 Second  
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 17, 2003, 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 Third 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 18th day of February, 2003, 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  
Fifth day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three in the Fifty-first  
Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK  
Provincial Secretary.