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Tuesday, February 17, 2004

This being the first Day of the Fourth 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 fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand four;

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 Third 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 16, 2004, 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 Fourth 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 17th day of February, 2004, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004

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 Fourth day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Four and in the Fifty-second Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

DAVID HANCOCK
Provincial Secretary.

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 brief musical interlude.

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, I am pleased to welcome you to the Fourth Session of the 25th Alberta Legislature. It is once again my distinct honour to mark the opening of the Legislature with the Speech from the Throne. While I am always honoured to fulfill this aspect of my duties as Lieutenant Governor, I am particularly pleased to be addressing my fellow Albertans this year, as it gives me the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you all.

Thank you to everyone here in this Chamber and across the Province who offered hugs and kind words of encouragement over the past year. Thank you to those who sent messages of hope and understanding and kept me in their thoughts and prayers throughout what has been a challenging time for me and for my family. Your messages and other expressions of support helped me gather the strength and energy I needed to overcome the obstacles I faced, and overcome them I have.

Your words and actions over the past year have reminded me of the many qualities that are so fundamental to the Alberta spirit, qualities like generosity, strength, compassion, and above all optimism. This is a province of people who never shy away from a challenge and who look to the future with boundless confidence, enthusiasm, and hope.

Albertans will soon have an opportunity to appreciate and to celebrate everything that sense of optimism has achieved. The year 2005 will mark this Province's 100th birthday. It will mark a century that allowed Albertans to forge a unique identity. That identity is one of confidence in our ability to work hard and achieve great things, pride in the prosperity and growth we have accomplished together as Albertans, and gratitude for the many strengths, privileges, and responsibilities we enjoy as Canadians.

This Government shares Albertans' sense of optimism for the future. It has developed a 20-year plan to help the people of this Province build on the many successes of the past 100 years and create even greater success in the century to come. The plan identifies four key areas or pillars that will be crucial to Alberta's continued success and sets out specific goals for Albertans to achieve in those four areas. The pillars of the plan are unleashing innovation, leading in learning, competing in a global marketplace, and making Alberta the best place to live, work, and visit.

While the 20-year plan contains long-range goals that will require the cooperative efforts of many individuals and sectors over many years, there are a number of steps the Government is taking now to begin building on the successes of the past and create an even brighter future for all Albertans.

An important key to building that brighter future is the ability to unleash the full potential of Albertans' innovation. As the global economy continues to shift toward knowledge-based industries and technologies, so will the Government's focus on expanding the Province's capacity for innovation.

Our Province's wealth of natural resources has long been a source of pride for Albertans. While Alberta has traditionally gained much of its prosperity from the rich resources that grace the Province, some of the opportunities that lie before us will hinge on what Albertans are able to do with those resources, on the ability to create new economic opportunities out of traditional strengths. That includes finding new and innovative ways to turn Alberta's raw resources into manufactured products for export markets which is why the Government will unveil a strategy to develop a diversified and competitive manufacturing, tourism, and business services sector for the Province.

Building a culture of innovation also takes new ideas and new processes and that means research. In 2004, Government will expand on the work already taking place through the Alberta Energy Innovation Strategy to ensure Alberta continues to lead the way in energy innovation and research.

The energy industry has been a key factor in creating Alberta's prosperity. The industry's positive impact on this Province is clearly felt through the royalties it contributes to Government revenues that help fund front line services for Albertans. And its impact is clearly demonstrated by the hundreds of thousands of jobs the industry creates and by its tremendous contributions to the growth and well-being of Alberta communities.

The new strategy will help to build on those contributions. It links public and private sector partners from across Canada to work together on research to further oil sands technology, develop cleaner coal technology, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, manage water resources, improve conventional oil and gas recovery, and explore alternative energy sources.

The Government will also encourage innovation in the way Alberta's resources are developed through its water strategy for the Province. This spring, a provincial water council will be established to help manage this resource for future generations of Albertans.

Other promising opportunities for new innovations can be found in developing sectors such as information and communication technologies and life sciences. To encourage Alberta's expertise in information and communication technology, or ICT, the Government will create an ICT institute to guide research and innovation in this emerging sector. Work will also continue this year in the area of research and technology commercialization which focuses on providing opportunities for Alberta-grown innovative products and services to be developed.

The life sciences sector is another area where Albertans are showing their innovation and where their research and development are showing even greater promise. The Government will assist in this area with the creation of a life sciences institute to coordinate research taking place across the Province in areas such as agriculture, environment, forestry, health, bioenergy, and water research.

Cooperative research will be further considered with a new prion research program with an initial focus on BSE. This past year Albertans have found themselves at the center of debate over this disease and the Province will also be at the center of work to find solutions.

The Government understands that building a culture of innovation goes well beyond supporting technical research and scientific development. That is why this Government is also committed to building a future where Albertans can continue leading in learning.

The process of learning begins as soon as a child is born and continues throughout that child's life. The Government recognizes this fact through a full spectrum of programs that covers every aspect of child and adult education.

This year the Government's commitment to lifelong learning in Alberta will be further strengthened with the introduction of a Bill to establish the new Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan. Under the plan, beginning in 2005, every child born in Alberta will receive a \$500 contribution toward an established registered education savings plan. This program will provide a foundation for children born in Alberta's centennial year and those born in the years following to plan for and pursue whatever post-secondary education opportunities they choose.

The program represents more than an investment in individual children. It is an investment in our shared future as Albertans, in the generations who will inherit all that Albertans have worked hard to create and who will lead the Province in the century to come.

While this investment will have an important impact on future students, improvements must also be made now to ensure young Albertans already in the kindergarten to grade 12 system enjoy every possible advantage. This year increased funding for learning will work in combination with a new funding framework to give school boards increased flexibility to meet the unique needs and circumstances of each Alberta community. Under the new framework, Government will not dictate to school boards how to allocate the dollars they receive, leaving it to each board to address priority areas and account to parents in each community on their decisions and outcomes.

These investments come on top of other improvements to the basic learning system in response to recommendations from Alberta's Commission on Learning. Some of those improvements are already underway including implementing new guidelines to ensure class sizes are manageable.

Work has also begun to create a new school wellness program that recognizes a strong mind is nurtured by a healthy body. That includes phasing in a mandatory program of daily physical activity for all students. The change will help set all young Albertans on a path toward lifelong health and fitness.

While the Alberta Commission on Learning has generated increased awareness and debate over the kindergarten to grade 12 system, the Province's post-secondary education system is of equal importance to Alberta's future. Post-secondary education and lifelong learning experiences are important and they should be accessible to all Albertans. These experiences offer much more than simply a path to a new career or a better job. They also offer one way for Albertans to achieve their dreams and realize their full potential. Nothing could be more important.

This year new funding for post-secondary learning will include an increase in base operating grants for all post-secondary institutions as well as additional dollars for new spaces in high-demand programs. That initial investment will come with a commitment to create a total of 2,000 new spaces over the next four years.

Access to lifelong learning opportunities will also increase this year with the implementation of the new Post-secondary Learning Act. The legislation gives more post-secondary institutions in the Province the opportunity to offer degree-granting programs. Each student's ability to access a quality education will be further enhanced through the creation of the Campus Alberta Quality Council. The Council will review all new degree program proposals to ensure each program is of the highest possible quality.

As well, Government will strengthen and enhance apprenticeship programs. While Alberta leads the country in apprenticeship training, the Province's economic growth continues to create a shortage of skilled workers in many key economic sectors. In addition to helping Albertans get the training they need to find and keep jobs, the Alberta Government will also work with the Federal Government to attract highly skilled immigrants to the Alberta work force. These initiatives will help employers find the skilled workers they need in this growing economy.

Alberta is poised to enter its second century from a position of economic strength but that position offers no guarantees for the future. Just as they have throughout the Province's history, Albertans will need to continue working hard and looking ahead to future challenges and opportunities in order to secure long-term security and prosperity for the Province.

Potential threats to Alberta's economic prosperity and security were made abundantly clear this year when the challenge of prolonged drought was compounded by a single case of BSE, bringing the Province's beef industry to a virtual standstill. As steps were being taken to restore the industry, a single case in the United States connected to Alberta only served to deepen the crisis. Albertans were quick to rally around affected producers and communities offering their support and showing their confidence in the quality of Alberta beef, but more work needs to be done to restore international confidence in Alberta's beef industry and to open borders to live cattle.

The recent BSE situation served as a sharp reminder of the interconnected nature of today's global economy. More than ever the policies and decisions of other jurisdictions can have a direct effect on Alberta's economic health. That is why the Alberta Government will redouble its substantial efforts to strengthen its ties with the Province's largest trade and investment partner, the United States.

To that end, the Government will open an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. to advance the Province's economic and policy interests and to help expand Alberta's contacts with top American decision-makers. Alberta is consulting with the Federal Government on this matter.

Alberta will also continue to work with the Government of Canada on key trade and policy areas of importance to all Canadians including improving and enhancing common border practices and trade policies and regulations.

While the Alberta Government is committed to working with the other provinces and the Federal Government on areas of mutual concern, it will also continue to use opportunities such as the newly established Council of the Federation to ensure that Alberta's unique needs and perspectives are heard and respected. Alberta will also pursue other avenues as required to represent the interests of Albertans. That includes aggressively pursuing options to create grain marketing choice for wheat and barley producers so their operations can realize full market potential.

The people of this Province are fiercely proud of their Canadian identity but they are also proud of all they have achieved as Albertans. The Government will continue its efforts to ensure national policies and decisions do not take away from those accomplishments or affect Alberta's ability to make the most of future opportunities.

Those opportunities may be national and even global in scope, but their effects will be felt much closer to home. Economic growth and prosperity help to ensure a high quality of life for all Albertans. They are key factors in what makes our Province the best place to live, work, and visit.

This year the Government will continue building on the programs already in place to ensure all Albertans enjoy the highest possible quality of life with a particular focus on the most vulnerable members of Alberta's communities. This focus includes all children. There can be no greater accomplishment for Albertans than to raise healthy and strong children who are confident in their knowledge and their abilities, optimistic about their future, and compassionate in the way they interact with their peers, their community, and the world at large. Our goal is simple: to ensure that Albertans, especially children, feel safe and protected.

A first step toward creating that kind of environment for all children will be the upcoming Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying. The roundtable will be held in May and will be preceded by province-wide workshops. These efforts will help communities and Government partners find ways to break the cycle of violence that can have a devastating and lasting effect on individual families and on the fabric of Alberta communities.

Alberta's most vulnerable citizens will also be protected through a new plan to prevent sexual crimes that target children, such as Internet crimes, Internet luring, child pornography, and child prostitution. Alberta already has unique legislation to protect children involved in prostitution. This new plan will bring all crimes that sexually exploit children together under one initiative, strengthening the way in which young Albertans are protected from exploitation and abuse.

The safety of all Albertans will be enhanced through changes to the way the Government funds policing. This year the Government will begin implementing a new funding formula for policing which will significantly increase the dollars to deliver this important service. This initiative comes about in part as a result of this Government's ongoing consultation with municipalities on their concerns in this area.

More effective and better coordinated services are also the goal of the Alberta Disability Strategy. It calls for the creation of an office for disability issues which will work with the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and Government ministries to encourage greater cross-government coordination and more effective delivery of programs for disabled Albertans, promote positive attitudes toward the disabled, and raise awareness of disability issues.

A third area where the Government will be looking to create greater coordination is in its response to the diverse and changing needs of Alberta's seniors. A plan will be developed to help the Province's health system, workplaces, and other institutions prepare for Alberta's aging population. The focus will be on initiatives and approaches that contribute to the well-being and independence of seniors.

The upcoming budget will provide sufficient dollars to meet the current program needs of Alberta's growing seniors' population and ensure services continue to be available to those in need.

To better serve those Albertans who can no longer live independently and have moved to a long-term care facility, the Government will establish a new process to ensure facilities are accountable for the accommodation services they provide. The Government recognizes the many contributions of seniors and will work to ensure they receive quality accommodations at an important time in their lives.

For Albertans who need support meeting their basic needs or finding a job, the Government will introduce a new program called Alberta Works. The program will help clients assess their strengths and needs whether it's job-search assistance and training, income support, health benefits, or child support services. For the first time, financial assistance will also be available for people fleeing family violence to help them establish a new household and make a fresh start.

This year will also see improved programs and services for Aboriginal Albertans. The Government will continue to work together with its Aboriginal partners in key areas such as economic development, joint relationship building, consultation on resource development, learning, and health care to meet the specific needs of Aboriginal communities. Upcoming initiatives for this year include an expansion of the mobile diabetes screening program to include off-reserve communities and the creation of new programs dealing with HIV, tobacco use, and community-based care for Aboriginal citizens.

Good health care for all citizens is also a vital component of preparing for Alberta's second century. For most Albertans, the measure of a strong health system is its ability to provide frontline service and response to their everyday health needs.

Toward this goal, the Government will continue to work with the Alberta Medical Association and Regional Health Authorities to implement a new primary care initiative. Under the initiative Albertans will have access to a team of health care providers that can offer primary care 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Greater access will also be provided through greater choice of where and how Albertans receive the care they need. That includes increased Government support for community-based care options for seniors, persons with disabilities, and mental health clients looking for alternatives to acute care in a hospital setting.

Quality of patient care will be further strengthened through a new mandate for the Health Services Utilization and Outcomes Commission. This year the Commission, which will be renamed the Health Quality Council of Alberta, will take on an expanded mandate for patient safety. This builds on its current role of monitoring and reporting on the performance of Alberta's health system.

Alberta needs to continue pursuing meaningful health reform so the system remains affordable and accessible to future Albertans. There has been great progress in Alberta in health reform in recent years and the Government pledges to continue that work. The goal of reform is not to weaken the system but to strengthen it. Alberta also pledges to work with other provinces and the Federal Government on a program of national health reform because every government, regardless of ideology or party, has acknowledged that the system is not sustainable unless meaningful reform is made.

Ensuring the safety and health of individual Albertans is important and so is the health of Alberta communities, and the traditions, institutions, and infrastructure that form the backbone of our Province.

For rural Albertans that structure has been challenged through the recent years of drought, the BSE crisis, and the migration of certain jobs and opportunities to larger urban centres. In response to those pressures, the Government will introduce a new rural development strategy to help ensure the people and businesses in rural Alberta enjoy every opportunity to reach their full potential.

The approach of Alberta's 100th birthday will also be marked by continued investment in the Centennial Capital Plan announced last year. Year two of this infrastructure plan will see continued investment in new health facilities, schools, post-secondary institutions, Government facilities, and centennial projects. As well, in the upcoming budget, the Capital Plan will be extended out another year to keep infrastructure work rolling into 2007. In the coming year Alberta municipalities will also continue to benefit from ongoing Centennial Capital Plan investment in municipal roads and water infrastructure.

As always, all new Government spending will be carefully measured to ensure that new programs and services won't jeopardize the financial security Albertans have worked so hard to create for themselves and for the Province as a whole. The principles of the Sustainability Fund will be respected and the fiscal discipline that carried Alberta successfully through the past decade will continue to move the Province forward into its second century.

To ensure future generations of Albertans are no longer burdened with the debts of the past, the Government remains committed to paying off Alberta's debt as it comes due, until that debt is zero.

The many new projects and initiatives to be launched in the coming year are much more than the result of careful fiscal planning. They are also a testament to the remarkable energy, dedication, and forward-looking spirit of Albertans.

Albertans are keenly aware of the privileges and obligations they hold as citizens of this province and of this country. They are confident in their ability to take on the challenges of the future and are anxious to make Alberta's approaching second century even more successful than the Province's first 100 years. The Government stands ready to support all Albertans in that goal. Albertans have achieved remarkable things together since 1905 and the coming years will show that those achievements were but an introduction to an even brighter history yet to be made.

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 "Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan 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 1/2004

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 18, 2004.

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

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 2/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:03 p.m. until Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East who had served as Leader of the Official Opposition since 2001.

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker invited Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to respond to the statements.

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Battle River Rural Electrification Association

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club, recently rated by ESPN Magazine as the fan favourite in the National Hockey League and the overall number one “bang for your buck” in all professional sports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Freedom to Read Week, February 22-28, 2004

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw: Construction of South Calgary High School which will be completed one year ahead of schedule

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Lac La Biche on being designated the 2004 Forest Capital of Canada by the Canadian Forestry Association

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: EPCOR, recent recipient of a 2004 National Award in Governance by the Conference Board of Canada and Spencer Stuart, recognizing innovation and excellence in board governance

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Henry Harder of Edmonton, returning officer for the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency, who passed away in November 2003

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Bill 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated January 27, 2004, from Abdulahi Mahamad of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, with associated attachments, expressing concern regarding the frequency of false sexual abuse allegations in Alberta and the impact on those falsely accused

Sessional Paper 3/2004

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

Document dated December 2002, entitled "Alberta Blue Cross Review Committee Report to the Minister" submitted to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 4/2004

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

Revised Members' Services Committee Orders No. 2/03 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 12), and No. 3/03 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 13)

Sessional Paper 5/2004

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2) and the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2002-2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 6/2004

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

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2002 and 2002 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 7/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Aspen Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 8/2004
Calgary Health Region, 2002-2003 Annual Report	Sessional Paper 9/2004
Capital Health, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 10/2004
Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 11/2004
Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 12/2004
David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report April 2002 to March 2003	Sessional Paper 13/2004
East Central Health, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 14/2004
Headwaters Health Authority, 2002-2003 Annual Report	Sessional Paper 15/2004
Health Authority 5, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 16/2004
Keeweenaw Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 17/2004
Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 18/2004
Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 19/2004
Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 2002/2003	Sessional Paper 20/2004
Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 21/2004
Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 22/2004
Peace Health Region, Annual Report 2002/2003	Sessional Paper 23/2004
WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 2002-2003	Sessional Paper 24/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 25/2004

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 2001-2002, 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 26/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 27/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5):

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000
Sessional Paper 28/2004

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001
Sessional Paper 29/2004

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 30/2004

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

Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 31/2004

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

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2001-2002
Sessional Paper 32/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Annual Report 2002
Sessional Paper 33/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable 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.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of 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. Mr. Stevens on behalf of 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.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 19, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Fourth 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.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Thursday, February 19, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the 2004 Alberta Winter Games held in the Peace Country from February 12-15, 2004.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding autism and the Society for Treatment of Autism.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government travel expenses.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Government travel expenses.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 147 Edmonton and area residents regarding guidelines and limits for long-term care rent increases.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 153 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, February 23, 2004:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk

Bill 201 Safety Codes (Barrier-free Design and Access) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Loughheed

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Vapour Control Equipment) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

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

Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated January 22, 2004, entitled "Agenda for health reform on target" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 34/2004

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

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development web site article entitled "Weekly Livestock Market Review - February 13, 2004"

Sessional Paper 35/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 23 to 26, 2004:

Monday, February 23	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 2 of 10)
		Second Reading / Committee of the Whole
		Bill 1, 2, 4
		And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, February 24
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 3 of 10)
Second Reading
 Bill 5, 11
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 5, 11
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 6
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 5, 6, 11
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, February 25
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Supplementary Supply Message
Government Motions
 Supplementary Supply Motions
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
 Bill 7, 8, 9
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 7, 8, 9
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Supplementary Estimates
 (Day 1 of 1)
Second Reading / Committee of the Whole
 Bill 7, 8, 9
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, February 26 Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**
Appropriation (Supplementary
Supply) Bill
Second Reading
Bill 12, 13
Third Reading
As per the Order Paper
And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable 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. Dr. Oberg moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:08 p.m. until Monday, February 23, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 23, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: University of Alberta on being ranked number one in an international survey of post-doctoral students conducted by the British Journal of Scientists

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Black History Month, February 2004

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) in Alberta and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, first recipient of the CNIB's Vision Award

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Recent survey conducted by KPMG confirming Canada's status as one of the most business-friendly jurisdictions in the world and Alberta's status as a jurisdiction with low labour costs compared to other major economic powers

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Phil Rauch, social justice advocate, who passed away on February 17, 2004

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team on being the first team in the Canada West Conference to complete their season undefeated

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: City of Edmonton firefighters for their extraordinary efforts fighting three major fires during an extremely cold week in late January

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 23, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Pierre Lueders congratulating him on winning the gold medal at the 2004 two-man World Bobsleigh Championship in Königssee, Germany on February 22, 2004

Sessional Paper 36/2004

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

News release dated February 12, 2004, entitled "Review of study confirms responsible gaming efforts on the right track" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 37/2004

Excerpt of a final report dated January 2004, entitled "VLT (Video Lottery Terminal) Gambling in Alberta: A Preliminary Analysis" prepared by Garry J. Smith, Ph.D. and Harold J. Wynne, Ph.D.

Sessional Paper 38/2004

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

Letter dated January 27, 2003, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar and Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inviting Hon. Mr. Klein to meet with the Committee during the Third Session of the 25th Legislature

Sessional Paper 39/2004

Letter dated January 29, 2003, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar and Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts to all Members of Executive Council seeking their opinions regarding the format for scheduling Ministerial appearances at the Committee

Sessional Paper 40/2004

Copy of a CFCN Television web page containing a poll querying whether all government travel expenses should be available to the public

Sessional Paper 41/2004

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

7 letters from registered nurses in Alberta to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the current contract negotiations between the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 42/2004

E-mail message dated June 13, 2003, from Lori Nash of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the high cost of automobile insurance

Sessional Paper 43/2004

E-mail message dated October 30, 2003, from Andrea Robbins of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with an associated attachment, expressing concerns regarding the Government's fall 2003 proposal to cap soft tissue injury insurance claims resulting from automobile accidents at \$4,000

Sessional Paper 44/2004

E-mail message dated February 18, 2003, from Annette Le Faive of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding proposed development in the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 45/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34.

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 201 Safety Codes (Barrier-free Design and Access) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lougheed

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

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Vapour Control Equipment) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

A debate followed.

Hon. Dr. Taylor 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 5:05 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate the education portion of property taxes and fund education through general revenue, thereby freeing up financial resources for municipalities to adequately provide required services.

A debate followed.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, moved the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out “to eliminate” and substituting “to phase-out”;
- (b) by striking out “and fund education through general revenue,” and substituting “over a 10 year period, gradually supplementing the loss from alternative sources,”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable 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. Strang moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

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 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement regarding Anna Choquet, Jackie Pederson, and Gisèle Hébert, members of Team Alberta in the 2004 Polaris Snowmobile Relay who raised funds for breast cancer research while profiling women in snowmobile sports.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, made a statement regarding the North Peace Games Society and the 2004 Alberta Winter Games held in the Peace Region February 12-15, 2004.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the citizens of Grande Cache and their community endeavours.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Alberta farmers, agricultural producers, and ranchers and their many recent struggles.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

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

Bill 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund, Triennial Report 2000-2003

Sessional Paper 46/2004

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

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2002 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002 with attached Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program, Financial Statements, dated December 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 47/2004

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Radiation Protection Program, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 48/2004

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2003

Sessional Paper 49/2004

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 50/2004

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 51/2004

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 52/2004

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

Copy of 61 documents, undated, signed by Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government restore and improve Alberta seniors' benefits

Sessional Paper 53/2004

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

E-mail message dated January 27, 2004, from Dixie Lee-Smerek of Fort McMurray to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding removal of the position of school principal from the Alberta Teachers' Association

Sessional Paper 54/2004

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud (Minister of Justice and Attorney General):

E-mail message dated November 4, 2004, from Heather Gibson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding the recommendation of the Alberta Commission on Learning to abolish the greater Edmonton teachers' convention

Sessional Paper 55/2004

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Phil Lister of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area be designated as a wildland park

Sessional Paper 56/2004

Letter, undated, from Patricia Worger to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding certain recommendations of the Alberta Commission on Learning

Sessional Paper 57/2004

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

Report dated September 2003, entitled "Report and Recommendations on Consumer Concerns" prepared by the Alberta Advisory Council on Electricity

Sessional Paper 58/2004

New York Times article dated February 8, 2004, entitled "Whose problem is Health Care?"

Sessional Paper 59/2004

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

E-mail message dated November 18, 2004, from Dave Burkhart of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding automobile insurance rates

Sessional Paper 60/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

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: 39

Abbott	Goudreau	O'Neill
Ady	Graham	Ouellette
Amery	Griffiths	Rathgeber
Broda	Haley	Renner
Calahasen	Hancock	Shariff
Cao	Herard	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Hutton	Stelmach
Danyluk	Knight	Stevens
DeLong	Marz	Strang
Evans	McClellan	Tarchuk
Forsyth	McClelland	VanderBurg
Friedel	McFarland	Vandermeer
Gordon	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	Mason	Massey
Carlson		

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

- Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk

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 Bills were reported:

- Bill 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:48 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Lukaszuk 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 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:49 p.m. until Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) educational seminar held February 23, 2004 to develop positive working relationships between union representatives and Government officials and legislators

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Dr. Gary McPherson, C.M., who was recently appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Kimberley Evanochko of Calgary on her achievements in speed skating during the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 16-21, 2004

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition: Teachers attending the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention, February 26-27, 2004

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Pierre Lueders and Giulio Zardo on winning the gold medal at the 2004 two-man World Bobsleigh Championship in Konigssee, Germany on February 22, 2004

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Dr. Robert Lampard and his son Jeffrey who, on August 2, 2003, led a group of Rotarians on the first documented climb to the peak of Mount Davidson, convened a meeting, and honoured James Wheeler Davidson, an explorer and former Rotarian after whom the mountain is named

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union, Local 1900 which recently signed their first collective agreement with Craig Media and A-Channel Edmonton

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Universities Act, cU-3, s64(5):

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Universities Animal Welfare Inspection Visit 2003" prepared by John Church, Ph.D., P.Ag., Leader, Livestock Welfare Unit
Sessional Paper 61/2004

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

Report of Alberta's Endangered Species Conservation Committee dated June 2002
Sessional Paper 62/2004

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

Alberta Government Aircraft Passenger Manifest, April 1 to June 30, 2002, prepared by Alberta Infrastructure
Sessional Paper 63/2004

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ15 asked for by Dr. Taft on behalf of Dr. Nicol on November 24, 2003:

Why has the number of pheasants released under a lease agreement between the Brooks Pheasant Hatchery and the Pheasants Unlimited, administered by the Department of Infrastructure, not met the 15,000 pheasant release requirement, what are the terms of the lease agreement, and what happens when the lease expires?

Sessional Paper 64/2004

Alberta Infrastructure Aircraft Request for a flight from Edmonton to Calgary on April 4, 2002, submitted by the Department of Municipal Affairs
Sessional Paper 65/2004

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

Copy of a speech, undated, to be delivered at the Education at a Crossroads meeting, prepared by Christien Gould of Morinville

Sessional Paper 66/2004

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

Letter to the Editor of the Eckville Echo dated January 14, 2004, entitled "Government dishonest about reasons for deregulation" prepared by Herman Schwenk, Coronation Past President, Alberta Rural Electrification Association

Sessional Paper 67/2004

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

Letter dated February 25, 2004, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Hon. Mr. Klein's recent comments concerning the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 68/2004

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 (Members standing).

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

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 69/2004

Government of Alberta Third Quarter Activity Report, 2003-04 Quarterly Budget Report

Sessional Paper 70/2004

2003-04 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 71/2004

Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2003-04 Supplementary 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.

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 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

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

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

Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

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 of the 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$1,750,000 Operating Expense

Health and Wellness

\$6,167,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$6,350,000 Capital Investment

Human Resources and Employment

\$28,680,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Infrastructure

\$35,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Innovation and Science

\$1,550,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Learning

\$14,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Revenue

\$875,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Seniors

\$10,900,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Sustainable Resource Development

\$14,800,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 26, 2004

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

Oral Question Period

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

Document, undated, entitled "Residential Bill Comparison as of January 1, 2004" comparing electricity costs for Edmonton, Whitecourt, Calgary, and Grande Prairie

Sessional Paper 72/2004

Members' Statements

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the 12th annual Silver Skate Festival held at Hawrelak Park on February 21, 2004.

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Peter Elzinga, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding the achievements of the Edmonton Public School Board.

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

Speaker's Statement - United Way Campaign

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Legislative Assembly Office being nominated for a 2003 United Way Spirit Award for its Ladies and Gents of the Legislature 2004 Swimsuit Calendar organized by Carole Knowles and Michelle Grove, and the \$15,166 raised by the Legislative Assembly in last year's United Way campaign.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 92 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate natural gas rebates.

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, March 1, 2004:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 14 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham on behalf of Ms Kryczka

Bill 204 Blood Samples Act — Mr. Lukaszuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Excerpt of a document dated December 2001, regarding provincial health care spending as a percentage of nominal gross domestic product in Alberta, prepared by the Premier's Advisory Council on Health

Sessional Paper 73/2004

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR14, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 28, 2003:

A copy of those portions of the financial audit of the Alberta Career Computer Centre Inc. prepared in late 2002 or early 2003 for the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment by Doug Courts, Chartered Accountant, that may be disclosed under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Sessional Paper 74/2004

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

Letter dated February 20, 2004, from Kathy Briant of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding her mother having an 8-hour wait at the Foothills Hospital without being seen by a doctor and the poor treatment of other patients in the emergency department at the Foothills Hospital

Sessional Paper 75/2004

E-mail message dated February 25, 2004, from Moneca Blackwell of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding the poor treatment her friend received in the emergency department at the Foothills Hospital

Sessional Paper 76/2004

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

Letter dated July 21, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter of June 26, 2003, requesting information on companies receiving the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit

Sessional Paper 77/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail copy of a letter dated January 30, 2004, from Dan Friedt, Principal, St. Gerard Elementary School, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding recommendation 78 of Alberta's Commission on Learning

Sessional Paper 78/2004

Letter dated December 15, 2003, unsigned, from Delia McCrae of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding several recommendations of Alberta's Commission on Learning

Sessional Paper 79/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 80/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 1 to 4, 2004:

Monday, March 1 9:00 p.m. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 6, 13

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9

And as per the Order Paper

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| Tuesday, March 2 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 12, 13, 14 Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 Third Reading Bill 2, 5, 11 And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 Third Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, March 3 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 15, 16 Committee of the Whole Bill 12, 13, 14 Third Reading Bill 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 10, 15, 16 Committee of the Whole Bill 12, 13, 14 Third Reading Bill 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 And as per the Order Paper |

Monday, March 1, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Raylee Walters on winning the 2003 Canadian Ladies Barrel Racing Championship at the recent Canadian Finals Rodeo

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Sarah and Jessica Gregg, both of Edmonton, and their successes at the recent North American Long-track Speed Skating Championships in Minnesota

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: 2004 Arctic Winter Games held in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, February 29 to March 6, 2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Edmonton Opera Week, March 1-7, 2004

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Elbow Park Elementary School on being ranked first in the 2004 Report Card on Alberta's Elementary Schools, prepared by the Fraser Institute

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: David Gillies for his many efforts as Executive Assistant to the Government House Leader

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta Pandas women's hockey team on completing their season undefeated and winning the Canada West Conference Championship on February 28, 2004

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 206 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hlady

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Draft document entitled "Consolidated Beef Industry Action Plan: Actions for Industry if Borders Remain Closed" presented to the Alberta Beef Industry Council on February 18, 2004

Sessional Paper 81/2004

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

Letter dated March 1, 2004, from Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting responses to a series of attached questions concerning expense claims from members and staff of Executive Council

Sessional Paper 82/2004

Excerpt of an Order-in-Council made pursuant to the Ontario Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders' Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002 entitled "Rules Governing the Expenses of Cabinet Ministers, Opposition Leaders and other persons" effective January 1, 2003

Sessional Paper 83/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Vapour Control Equipment) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 7

Bonner	MacDonald	Masyk
Carlson	Maskell	Pannu
Lord		

Against the motion: 36

Ady	Herard	Norris
Broda	Horner	O'Neill
Cenaiko	Hutton	Ouellette
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
DeLong	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Lougheed	Stelmach
Evans	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Forsyth	Magnus	Strang
Friedel	Marz	Tannas
Griffiths	McClelland	Taylor
Haley	McFarland	VanderBurg
Hancock	Melchin	Vandermeer

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

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 —
Ms Kryczka

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Griffiths (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government *to phase-out* the education portion of property taxes *over a 10 year period, gradually supplementing the loss from alternative sources*, thereby freeing up financial resources for municipalities to adequately provide required services.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the as amended motion was agreed to.

502. Moved by Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate seniors' health care premiums immediately and phase out premiums for all Albertans within three years.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

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 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Bill 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:21 p.m. until Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, made a statement regarding Royal Canadian Mounted Police Corporal James Galloway who was killed in the line of duty in Spruce Grove on February 28, 2004.

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Third Party to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Oral Question Period

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

2 documents, undated, the first entitled "Price of Electricity - Annual Pool Prices" summarizing pool prices up to and including February 26, 2004 and the second entitled "Electricity - Impact of Rate Riders" setting out average monthly bills with and without rate riders

Sessional Paper 84/2004

Members' Statements

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding post-secondary education funding.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Augustana University College and its intention to merge with the University of Alberta.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Harry Zuurbier of Calgary, former member of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, who passed away on February 21, 2004.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the immigrant population in Calgary.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled "Consultation Coordination Group Expenditures, Actual to January 31, 2004 and Forecast to March 31, 2004" listing 4 categories of expenses for 6 Government departments

Sessional Paper 85/2004

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

FindLaw web page article dated February 17, 2004, entitled "Jury Hits Tyson With \$1.28 Bln Verdict" regarding Tyson Foods Inc. and the United States cattle market

Sessional Paper 86/2004

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

Letter dated December 15, 2003, unsigned, from Delia McCrae of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to 3 recommendations of the Commission on Learning

Sessional Paper 87/2004

Letter dated April 29, 2003, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Elizabeth McLeod of Edmonton responding to Ms McLeod's letter concerning the Edmonton Public School Board's proposal to raise lease rates for secondary tenants

Sessional Paper 88/2004

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

Document, undated, containing the text of 2 letters from Bob Huang of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding an increase in utility costs and listing the yearly ATCO gas costs for Mr. Huang's home since 1986

Sessional Paper 89/2004

Letter dated February 20, 2004, unsigned, from Karen Cox of Bashaw to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein regarding Government travel expenses and his suggestion of challenging the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 90/2004

Petition signed by 18 Edmonton residents requesting the Government create an Office of the Legislative Assembly to protect patients' rights

Sessional Paper 91/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Letter dated August 20, 2003, from R.D. Southern, Chairman, ATCO Group, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, congratulating Hon. Mr. Klein, his Cabinet, and Caucus on the progress and success of energy deregulation

Sessional Paper 92/2004

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Report dated September 2003, entitled "Report and Recommendations on Consumer Concerns" prepared by the Alberta Advisory Council on Electricity

Sessional Paper 93/2004

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 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Bill 14 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk

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 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:02 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Marz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:22 p.m. until Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Opening of the Saville Sports Centre at the University of Alberta on February 28, 2004, and Bruce Saville who was a major financial donor to the new facility

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Opening of the Second Playing Space in the Timms Centre for the Arts at the University of Alberta on March 1, 2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Government program cuts and the effects on Alberta's seniors

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: David Angus of Edmonton who recently became a member of the Board of Governors of St. Michael's University School in Victoria, British Columbia

Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake: 2nd Annual Spitz Sylvan Lake Ice Marathon organized by the Foothills Speed Skating Marathon Association, February 26-28, 2004

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Edmonton Garrison's recent attempt to set a new Guinness world record by playing the longest outdoor hockey game, supported by the United Way with all proceeds going to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: International Women's Day, March 8, 2004

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

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

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 94/2004

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Document, undated, entitled "Government Response to Recommendations of the Advisory Council on Electricity (ACE) September 2003 Report"

Sessional Paper 95/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 3, 2004, from Arno Doerksen, Chairman, Alberta Beef Producers, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing appreciation for the leadership shown by the Government and particularly Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, in providing vital financial support to Alberta cattle producers after the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta

Sessional Paper 96/2004

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

Letter dated September 30, 2003, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of September 17, 2003

Sessional Paper 97/2004

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

Edmonton Sun article dated February 3, 2004, entitled "Time running out for feedlots" prepared by Shane Holladay

Sessional Paper 98/2004

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)

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004 — 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 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Bill 14 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 99/2004

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 100/2004

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 101/2004

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

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

Bill 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Third Reading

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

Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

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: 34

Calahasen	Griffiths	Mar
Cao	Hancock	Marz
Coutts	Hlady	Maskell
DeLong	Hutton	McClellan
Doerksen	Jacobs	McFarland
Ducharme	Johnson	Pham
Dunford	Klapstein	Renner
Fritz	Knight	Smith
Gordon	Kryczka	Taylor
Goudreau	Lukaszuk	Woloshyn
Graham	Magnus	Yankowsky
Graydon		

Against the motion: 4

Bonner Massey Nicol
Mason

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk
Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf
 of Hon. Mr. Jonson
Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham
Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:43 p.m. until Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 4, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding March being Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and the accomplishments of Catherine Walker and Greg Bishop of Alberta Learning, and Gordon Bullivant of the Foothills Academy of Calgary.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the 2004 Scott Tournament of Hearts held in Red Deer from February 21-29, 2004.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding traffic safety.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding low-income Albertans and welfare rates.

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, March 8, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ4, WQ5, WQ15, WQ33.

Motions for Returns: MR21, MR43.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated March 4, 2004, entitled "International spotlight shone on Alberta artists" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 102/2004

Letter dated March 4, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Ruth Kelly, President, Alberta Magazine Publishers Association, congratulating the Association on the launch of the first Read Alberta Magazines Month

Sessional Paper 103/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Media release dated March 4, 2004, entitled "Rather than debate the past, beef industry wants to look forward" prepared by the Alberta Beef Industry Council

Sessional Paper 104/2004

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated March 3, 2004, signed by 51 members of the Glenora Elementary School Council to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for the implementation of the report of the Commission on Learning and encouraging the Government to consult with school boards and Albertans regarding education priorities and funding

Sessional Paper 105/2004

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

San Francisco Chronicle article dated February 27, 2004, entitled "PUC (Public Utilities Commission) approves cut in PG&E (Pacific Gas and Electric) electric rates, PG&E electric rates to drop"

Sessional Paper 106/2004

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

Technology Review article dated March 2003, entitled "Recharging the Power Grid" written by Peter Fairley

Sessional Paper 107/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 8 to 11, 2004:

Thursday, March 11

Aft.

- **Royal Assent**

Bills awaiting Royal Assent

**Second Reading / Committee of
the Whole**

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 14 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Second Reading

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

- Bill 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:45 p.m. until Monday, March 8, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8, 2004

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

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated March 8, 2004, from Douglas McBain, President, Jeff Nielsen, Vice President, and Albert Wagner, Past President, Western Barley Growers Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing appreciation for the Government's support of the beef industry after the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta

Sessional Paper 108/2004

Recognitions

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw: International Women's Day, March 8, 2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Women's Day, March 8, 2004

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: City of Wetaskiwin, on being chosen as the site for filming of the movie "Santa's Slay"

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Team Alberta North for its success at the 2004 Arctic Winter Games held in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, February 29 to March 6, 2004

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: University of Calgary Dinos women's volleyball team on winning the 2004 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship and the University of Alberta Pandas women's volleyball team and University of Alberta Golden Bears men's volleyball team on each winning a silver medal at the 2004 CIS Championship

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: 30th anniversary of the Canterbury Foundation which provides housing and care services to Edmonton's seniors

Presenting Petitions

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of St. Mary's College for the St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004;

of Sister Anne Murtagh and Sister Mary Anne Mulvilhill for the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Act Repeal Act;

of Paul Reich, Randy Holt, William Dyck, Gordon Setterlund, Verdon Kerr, James Blair, Kathryn Wall, and Dennis Traverse for the Living Faith Bible College Act;

of Northwest Bible College for the Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004;

of Brooklyn Rewega, an infant, by her legal guardian and father, Doug Rewega, for a Private Act that will grant an exception to the law that provides for maternal tort immunity for prenatal wrongful conduct.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 18 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 207 Traffic Safety (Emergency Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 208 Emblems of Alberta (Official Gemstone) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill 209 Insurance (Demerit Offences) Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 210 Matrimonial Property (Division of Property on Death) Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham

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

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 8, 2004, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Fred Dunn, Auditor General of Alberta, requesting the proposed audit of the Government's bovine spongiform encephalopathy-related assistance programs be completed as quickly as possible
Sessional Paper 109/2004

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

Information bulletin dated March 8, 2004, entitled "Accomplishments of women honoured on International Women's Day" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 110/2004

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

Letter dated February 25, 2004, from Linda Telgarsky of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the behaviour of Members of the Legislative Assembly on February 23, 2004, during Second Reading consideration of Bill 1, Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act
Sessional Paper 111/2004

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

Document, undated, entitled "Annual General Meeting Resolutions" prepared by Alberta Beef Producers
Sessional Paper 112/2004

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

Letter dated February 12, 2004, from Hon. Denis Marshall, QSO, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), to all Branch Secretaries, CPA, enclosing the Commonwealth Day 2004 Message from Her Majesty The Queen
Sessional Paper 113/2004

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 114/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Moved by Dr. Taft on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What increase in remuneration or salary and benefits is required for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to attract and maintain sufficient numbers of veterinary pathologists to meet requirements for timely testing of animals since the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What programs are being developed to aid elk ranchers who have suffered economic losses due to shrinking markets as well as the recent case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy?

WQ5. Moved by Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What consultations are presently taking place between the Government and game farm operators regarding the future of the elk ranching industry in Alberta?

WQ15. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How much was spent on division and branch restructuring initiatives within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, broken down by initiative, for the fiscal year 2002-2003?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ33. Moved by Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What measures has the Department of Justice and Attorney General taken to establish statistical measures to determine the number of grandparents who apply to the courts for access rights to their grandchildren; the number who are successful when applying for access; and the number who are unsuccessful when applying for access?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ2, WQ3, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR21. Moved by Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any report received by the Government from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in calendar years 2003, 2002, 2001, and 2000 regarding the well-being of animals at the Kneehill Animal Control and Rehabilitation Centre Ltd. (GuZoo).

MR43. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount allocated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to applied research and forage associations, broken down by the amount given to each association, for the fiscal year 2002-2003.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83.

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 201 Safety Codes (Barrier-free Design and Access) Amendment Act, 2004 —
Mr. Lougheed

At 5:07 p.m., Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:15 p.m.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. Herard:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable 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

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:10 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate seniors' health care premiums immediately and phase out premiums for all Albertans within three years.

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

Carlson	Masyk	Taft
Mason	Pannu	Vandermeer

Against the motion: 33

Abbott	Horner	Pham
Broda	Lord	Rathgeber
Calahasen	Lougheed	Renner
Cenaiko	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Doerksen	Lund	Stelmach
Evans	Magnus	Stevens
Forsyth	McClelland	Strang
Friedel	McFarland	Tarchuk
Graham	Melchin	Taylor
Griffiths	O'Neill	VanderBurg
Herard	Ouellette	Zwozdesky

503. Moved by Rev. Abbott:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would make special constables accountable to the Law Enforcement Review Board, and require special constables to take enhanced weapons training, thereby creating the appropriate conditions under which the Province could consider allowing the option of arming special constables with better defensive weapons such as tasers.

A debate followed.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved the motion be amended:

- (a) by striking out “make special constables accountable” and substituting “provide the option of making special constables accountable”;
- (b) by striking out “enhanced weapons training” and substituting “enhanced training”; and
- (c) by striking out the following:

“, thereby creating the appropriate conditions under which the Province could consider allowing the option of arming special constables with better defensive weapons such as tasers.”

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Cenaiko speaking.

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 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. McFarland

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:40 p.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Capsule of Life Program funded by the Calgary EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Foundation.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Seniors' Week, June 6-12, 2004, with this year's theme being "Seniors in Alberta, Building and Contributing."

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding George Reitmeier, recipient of the Alberta Special Olympics Coach of the Year Award, presented on February 29, 2004 at the Red Deer community sports banquet.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal policies.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, March 8, 2004, and can advise the House that all but 2 of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Committee has considered the remaining petitions and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 89(1)(b) be waived for the petitions of Northwest Bible College and Brooklyn Rewega, an infant, by her legal guardian and father, Doug Rewega, for a Private Act that will grant an exception to the law that provides for maternal tort immunity for prenatal wrongful conduct, subject to the petitioners completing the necessary advertising before the Committee hears the petitioners.

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 19 Public Trustee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Minors' Property Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated December 3, 2003, from Gaston Jorré, Acting Commissioner of Competition, to Paul Steckle, Member of Parliament, Chair, Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, advising that the Competition Bureau of Canada is not currently in a position to initiate an investigation into the pricing of beef at the processing and retail levels

Sessional Paper 115/2004

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated March 2004, entitled "Understanding Health Care Cost Drivers and Escalators" prepared by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 116/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

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

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

Bill 18 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

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 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 8:58 p.m. until Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

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

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 1, 2004, from Herbert C. Northcott, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta, to Norman C. Peterson, Deputy Minister, Alberta Gaming, responding to a request from Mr. Peterson to provide information concerning the collection of video lottery terminal (VLT) player data

Sessional Paper 117/2004

Recognitions

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Bell Walk for Kids in support of the Kids Help Phone to be held on May 2, 2004 in 35 Alberta communities

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative and its mandate to assist and advocate for immigrants and refugees

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Gloria Miller of Calgary, recipient of a Lifesaving Society Rescue Award from the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Arthur Bruyère of Grande Prairie, recipient of a Lifesaving Rescue Commendation Award and a Lifesaving Society Medal with the bar of merit from the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Sheri McDougall and Kyle Blocksom, both of Calgary, recipients of an M.G. Griffith Certificate, and Brent Miller of Calgary, recipient of a Commonwealth Certificate of Thanks from the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories

Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake on behalf of Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House (Minister of Infrastructure): Matthew Rice of Rocky Mountain House, recipient of an M.G. Griffith Certificate, Lee Chambers of Rocky Mountain House, recipient of a Commonwealth Service Medal, and DeeAnn Daniels of Rocky Mountain House, recipient of a Certificate of Thanks from the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Preserve Garneau, an organization striving to protect the City of Edmonton's Garneau district and its unique historical character

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-fifth Legislature, Third Session (Spring and Fall Sittings), February 2003 - December 2003
Sessional Paper 118/2004

Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to appoint an independent, non-partisan commission under the Public Inquiries Act with a broad mandate to review the financing and delivery of health services as it relates to emergency services in Calgary as per the recommendation made by the fatality inquiry of April 2003 into Vince Motta's death.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, 2001/2002 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 119/2004

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

Excerpt, undated, entitled "Appendix, Packers Margin Summary (as per Canfax)" tabled in the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, February 23, 2004

Sessional Paper 120/2004

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to appoint an independent, non-partisan commission under the Public Inquiries Act with a broad mandate to review the financing and delivery of health services as it relates to emergency services in Calgary as per the recommendation made by the fatality inquiry of April 2003 into Vince Motta's death.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz

Bill 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Public Trustee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

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

Bill 20 Minors' Property Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Adjournment

On motion by Ms Haley, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:40 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

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 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) and subamendment (Hon. Government House Leader) to Bill 16 — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 121/2004

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of a document tabled by Ms Carlson during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 16

Letter dated February 24, 2004, unsigned, from Jim Sexsmith to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, enclosing an Edmonton newspaper article dated February 6, 2004 entitled “Landlords keep interest on deposits” prepared by David Sands

Sessional Paper 122/2004

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Mr. McFarland

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 19 Public Trustee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:05 p.m. until Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2004

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 7th anniversary of 21 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Canadian Agriculture Safety Week, March 10-17, 2004.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the 53rd annual Easter Seals March of Dimes campaign in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding public accounts committees.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding health care funding.

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, March 15, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ2, WQ3, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ32.

Motions for Returns MR1, MR2, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR20, MR22, MR32, MR33.

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 express its opposition to the way the Government handled the crisis surrounding bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), particularly for cow-calf producers and backgrounders, and that the Assembly hereby establish a Special Select Standing Committee, which must report to the Legislative Assembly no later than May 31, 2004, and which has the power to send for persons, papers, and records, sit jointly with other Standing Committees, and print evidence to examine the BSE aid packages and to determine who received the money.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Documents provided to the Liberal Opposition regarding the power purchase option 1999-2000 through a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) request

Sessional Paper 123/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

News release dated March 11, 2004, entitled "Ag report shows no unfair packer pricing because of BSE" with attached report dated March 2004, entitled "Review of Pricing in the Beef Industry," both prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 124/2004

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

Document, undated, entitled "Retail Beef Prices, December 2001, 2002, 2003" prepared with information taken from the Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development web site

Sessional Paper 125/2004

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on March 10, 2004, by Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 126/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 15 to 18, 2004:

Monday, March 15	Aft.	- Introduction of Bills
		Bill 21, 22, 23
	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 20

		<p>Committee of the Whole Bill 18, 19 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, March 16	Aft.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Interim Supply Message Government Motions Motion 11, 12 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 20, 21, 22, 23 Third Reading Bill 16 Committee of the Whole Bill 17, 18 And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Interim Estimates (Day 1 of 2) And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, March 17	Aft.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 17, 18, 20 Second Reading / Committee of the Whole Bill 21, 22, 23 And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	<p>- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Interim Estimates (Day 2 of 2)</p>

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004

Committee of the Whole

Bill 21, 22, 23

Third Reading

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 18

Aft.

- Introduction of Bills

Bill 24

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 21, 22, 23

Third Reading

Bill 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23

And as per the Order Paper

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 express its opposition to the way the Government handled the crisis surrounding bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), particularly for cow-calf producers and backgrounders, and that the Assembly hereby establish a Special Select Standing Committee, which must report to the Legislative Assembly no later than May 31, 2004, and which has the power to send for persons, papers, and records, sit jointly with other Standing Committees, and print evidence to examine the BSE aid packages and to determine who received the money.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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:

- 1 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein
- 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Ms Evans
- 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk
- 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
- 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham
- 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham
- 10 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk
- 12 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. McFarland
- 13 Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- 14 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- 15 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan: Aidon Girvan, Willie King, and Alex Girvan, recipients of a Rescue Commendation Award from the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Condolences to the people of Spain on the loss of 200 lives due to terrorist bombings in Madrid, Spain on March 11, 2004

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: 72 Alberta athletes and 28 support team members for their successes at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, February 16-21, 2004

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Alberta beef consumers for their support of the beef industry after a single case of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) was confirmed in Alberta

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Recent opening of a new school building for Clear Vista School in Wetaskiwin

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill: EMS (emergency medical services) worker Toni Ingram and RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Constable Jeff Fox for their support and assistance to Mr. Magnus after he was in an automobile accident on Highway 2 near Leduc on March 7, 2004

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Yellow Ribbon Gala Benefit Dinner hosted by the Military Family Resource Centre on March 13, 2004

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 176 Albertans requesting the Government invest a portion of the multi-billion dollar budget surplus to properly fund education, thereby avoiding layoffs of teachers and staff, ballooning class sizes, program cuts, and closure of schools.

Notices of Motions

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 urge the Government to establish a series of public debates surrounding automobile insurance which would include the disclosure of future Government plans to implement the new automobile insurance system, industry comments and all objections, any reports which would assist the public to fully understand the changes to automobile insurance in Alberta, the KPMG report on automobile insurance, the letter to the Deputy Minister of Finance from George Cooke, and all polls dealing with automobile insurance conducted by the Government since January 1, 2002.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 23 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

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

- Bill 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Report dated March 2004, entitled “Key Actions to Date” concerning climate change, prepared by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 127/2004

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Letter dated March 12, 2004, from Bryan D. Walton, Vice President, Western Region, Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, offering comments regarding the report entitled "Review of Pricing in the Beef Industry" released March 11, 2004

Sessional Paper 128/2004

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

20 letters dated January 13, 2004, from fire fighters and EMS (emergency medical services) workers, Town of Grande Cache, and 23 recent letters from fire fighters and EMS workers, Hinton Fire Department, to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, requesting Mr. Strang support Bill 207, Traffic Safety (Emergency Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2004

Sessional Paper 129/2004

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

Letter dated March 4, 2004, from Tammy Calhoun, Chairperson, R.B. Bennett School Council, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, with associated attachments, containing a number of requests concerning the establishment of a Calgary inner city public school board and a Calgary suburban public school board

Sessional Paper 130/2004

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Copies of 134 letters, undated, unaddressed, from Albertans requesting support from Members of the Legislative Assembly to establish legislation prohibiting smoking in all public places and workplaces

Sessional Paper 131/2004

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

2 Thompson's World Insurance News articles dated December 15, 2003, entitled "Government risking destruction of industry, insurer says" and "Bill passed but not proclaimed" regarding Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2)

Sessional Paper 132/2004

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 15, 2004, from Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, to Randy Ferbey congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his team members, Marcel Rocque, Scott Pfeifer, and Dave Nedohin, for their record breaking fourth appearance at the Nokia Brier 2004 held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, March 6-14, 2004, and their outstanding efforts and sportsman-like behaviour during the event

Sessional Paper 133/2004

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

Brochure entitled "Seniors' View - Your Guide to Alberta's Legislature"
outlining a new educational outreach program tailored to seniors

Sessional Paper 134/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2):

Arctic Institute of North America, Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 135/2004

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes - For the Year Ended June 30, 2002, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education - For the Year Ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 136/2004

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements, for the Year Ended August 31, 2002, Section 1, ABC Charter Public School Society to Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional No. 2

Sessional Paper 137/2004

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements, for the Year Ended August 31, 2002, Section 2, Foothills School Division No. 38 to Moberly Hall School Society

Sessional Paper 138/2004

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements, for the Year Ended August 31, 2002, Section 3, New Horizons Charter School Society to Wolf Creek School Division No. 72

Sessional Paper 139/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2002-2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 140/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13:

Alberta Learning, 2003-2006 Business Plan

Sessional Paper 141/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 142/2004

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 urge the Government to establish a series of public debates surrounding automobile insurance which would include the disclosure of future Government plans to implement the new automobile insurance system, industry comments and all objections, any reports which would assist the public to fully understand the changes to automobile insurance in Alberta, the KPMG report on automobile insurance, the letter to the Deputy Minister of Finance from George Cooke, and all polls dealing with automobile insurance conducted by the Government since January 1, 2002.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ2. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What public consultation on coalbed methane development in Alberta is currently underway?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Energy for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ7. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Government Services for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ8. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ11. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the total dollar amount of royalty credits that has been dispensed under the Carbon Dioxide Project Royalty Credit Program for the period May 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004?

- WQ13.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:
What is the total dollar amount of royalty reductions under the Enhanced Recovery of Oil Royalty Reduction Regulation from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003?
- WQ14.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:
What is the number of oil and gas companies that were eligible for royalty reductions under the Enhanced Recovery of Oil Royalty Reduction Regulation between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003?
- WQ16.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:
What is the total budget for the Utilities Consumer Advocate for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?
- WQ17.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:
What is the total cost of the 2003 report from the Advisory Council on Electricity?
- WQ18.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:
What is the total cost of the 2002 report from the Advisory Council on Electricity?
- WQ19.** Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Dr. Taft:
What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation that the Department of Health and Wellness improve its control processes for ensuring accountability for conditional grants?
- WQ20.** Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ21.** Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Revenue for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ22.** Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ23. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Finance for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ24. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Environment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ25. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

As of April 1, 2003, what was the total number of employer health care premium accounts and the total number of individual/family health care premium accounts, and of the individual/family accounts, what percentage were seniors' accounts?

WQ26. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and April 1, 2003 to February 17, 2004, what is the total number of health care premium accounts that were in arrears that were forwarded to collections agencies and what was the total value of these accounts for each of these years?

WQ27. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and April 1, 2003 to February 17, 2004, what is the average length of time between a collection agency receiving a health care premium account that is in arrears and the payment of those arrears in full?

WQ32. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

In which correctional facilities has the Department of the Solicitor General implemented the recommendations listed in the fatality inquiry of Reginald Grant McLeod for the prevention of drug related deaths in all of Alberta's Corrections Facilities?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ3. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the total number of orphaned wells, pipelines, and facilities in provincial parks and protected areas broken down by category as "abandoned," "decontaminated," and "reclaimed?"

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the total number of *active, capped, abandoned, and orphaned wells, and the number of linear kilometres of pipelines* in provincial parks and protected areas?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ9. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the projected amount of royalty tax deductions for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

WQ10. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total amount of royalty tax deductions for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ12. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What are the names and the number of oil and gas companies that have applied for royalty credits under the Carbon Dioxide Project Royalty Credit Program for the period May 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ52, WQ53, WQ54, WQ55, WQ56, WQ57, WQ58, WQ59, WQ60, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ64, WQ65.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR7. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The data survey referred to in the Ministry of Energy's 2002-2003 Annual Report under the performance measure "Albertans' Understanding of Alberta's Energy and Mineral Resources and their Economic Significance."

MR9. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The Environics West surveys commissioned by the Government referred to in the Ministry of Energy 2002-2003 Annual Report under the performance measures "Industry Satisfaction" and "Information Management."

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR2. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of individuals and organizations that were consulted and provided input on automobile insurance to the Automobile Insurance Reform Implementation Team.

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Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of *companies* and organizations *and the number of individuals* that were consulted and provided input on automobile insurance to the Automobile Insurance Reform Implementation Team.

MR32. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the report prepared by Don Logan of the Audit and Special Investigations Unit of Alberta Learning completed in 2002 on complaints by students and former students of the Alberta Career Computer Centre Inc.

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A *summary of student concerns gathered* by Don Logan of the Audit and Special Investigations Unit of Alberta Learning *after meeting with* students and former students of the Alberta Career Computer Centre Inc.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all reports and documentation issued by the Aboriginal Affairs facilitator, John McCarthy, to the Government between January 1, 2003 and February 17, 2004 inclusive pertaining to the discussions between First Nations bands and oil field contractors regarding access to Crown lands.

MR4. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, including but not limited to letters, faxes, e-mails, meeting materials, memos, reports, and notes pertaining to Alberta's participation in the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West from December 1, 2000 to February 17, 2004.

MR5. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of all expenses including but not limited to travel, accommodation, food, and registration fees associated with Alberta delegates attending Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West conferences from December 1, 2000 to February 17, 2004.

MR6. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The voting record for each member of the Workers' Compensation Board Appeals Commission for the calendar years 1997 through 2002.

MR8. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, business plans, performance measures, and statistical data regarding the Government's deregulation of electricity from January 1, 2001 to February 17, 2004.

MR20. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The zoo plan for the Kneehill Animal Control and Rehabilitation Centre Ltd. (GuZoo).

MR22. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the cost-benefit analysis, any literature reviews, comparative reports and studies, and time table for the implementation of Alberta's provincial police force.

MR33. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the report of the Government MLA Task Force on Health Care Funding and Revenue Generation (Graydon Report) submitted to the Minister of Health and Wellness in 2003.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR3, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Safety Codes (Barrier-free Design and Access) Amendment Act, 2004 —
Mr. Lougheed

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 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Rev. Abbott:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would make special constables accountable to the Law Enforcement Review Board, and require special constables to take enhanced weapons training, thereby creating the appropriate conditions under which the Province could consider allowing the option of arming special constables with better defensive weapons such as tasers.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, on March 8, 2004, that the motion be amended:

- (a) by striking out “make special constables accountable” and substituting “provide the option of making special constables accountable”;
- (b) by striking out “enhanced weapons training” and substituting “enhanced training”; and
- (c) by striking out the following:

“, thereby creating the appropriate conditions under which the Province could consider allowing the option of arming special constables with better defensive weapons such as tasers.”

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

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

504. Moved by Mr. Hutton:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to:

- a) continue to develop and implement strategies to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, alcohol consumption prior to and during pregnancy;
- b) develop and implement initiatives to support Albertans affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and
- c) continue to work with all levels of Government, partners and stakeholders, and members of the public to create an environment that would address the systemic problem of women consuming alcohol while pregnant.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Minors' Property Act — 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 18 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 19 Public Trustee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:18 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 5-21, 2004.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding an application by Compton Petroleum for sour gas well drilling in southeast Calgary.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the loss of funding for seniors' benefits.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the achievements of long-term care staff and facilities.

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 urge the Government to reinstate the universal optical and dental benefits program for seniors.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 16, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Ernest Chauvet, Provincial President, Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, offering congratulations on the Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie ceremony held in the Legislature rotunda on March 16, 2004

Sessional Paper 143/2004

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

Excerpt of an article dated March 2004, entitled "A time to reap - Re-investing in Alberta's Public Services" outlining a graph regarding provincial health care spending, prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 144/2004

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

Letter dated March 10, 2004, unsigned, from D.G. Currie, M.D., F.R.C.P.C., D.A.B.E.M., Regional Clinical Department Head, Emergency Medicine, Calgary Health Region, to Kathy Bryant of Calgary, regarding her mother's visit to the Foothills Medical Centre emergency department on February 19, 2004

Sessional Paper 145/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated November 2003, entitled "Women and Non-Standard Work: A Grassroots Approach" written by Jane Barter Moulaison for the Womanspace Resource Centre of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 146/2004

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

Letter dated February 20, 2004, from Marianne J. Murray of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to energy deregulation and power contracts

Sessional Paper 147/2004

Letter dated March 16, 2004, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Docket No. 03-080-02, Regulatory Analysis and Development, regarding the reopening of the United States border to Canadian beef products

Sessional Paper 148/2004

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 urge the Government to reinstate the universal optical and dental benefits program for seniors.

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 Interim Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly,
Government and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 149/2004

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. 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 2004-05 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu 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 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 23 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Residential Tenancies Act — Mr. Graydon

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 20 Minors' Property Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:09 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, MARCH 16, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 2 — Interim Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the 2004-05 Interim Estimates, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved the Executive Council Estimates be reduced by \$3,000,000 so that the operating expense to be voted is \$3,000,000.

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

Bonner
Mason

Massey

Taft

Against the amendment: 34

Abbott	Goudreau	McFarland
Ady	Hancock	Melchin
Amery	Hutton	Rathgeber
Broda	Jacobs	Renner
Calahasen	Johnson	Snelgrove
Cao	Jonson	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Knight	Stevens
Danyluk	Kryczka	Strang
DeLong	Magnus	Taylor
Doerksen	Maskell	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClelland	Yankowsky
Evans		

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2004-05 Interim Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Interim Estimates:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Executive Council (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 150/2004

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 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of 7 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989. The Members were also presented with a 15-year pin.

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2004

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta Pandas women's hockey team on winning the 2004 CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) Championship

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Canada's Rocky Mountain parks, ranked sixth out of 115 world destinations in the March 2004 issue of National Geographic Traveler Magazine

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Grand opening of a transitional residence in Calgary dedicated to Art Smith, founder of the Calgary Homeless Foundation

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: Athletes participating in the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association Championship recently held in Drayton Valley

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Great Kids Awards held on March 14, 2003 at the Fantasyland Hotel

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Environmental advocate Tooker Gomberg who passed away on March 4, 2004

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 137 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, gave oral notice of her intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, March 18, 2004:

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Ady

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, March 18, 2004:

Bill Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Bonner

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill on Thursday, March 18, 2004:

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Revenue, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2):

Alberta Securities Commission, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 151/2004

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, 2003
Sessional Paper 152/2004

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright:

Letter dated March 12, 2004, from Mayor E.R. (Ernie) Patterson, AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) President, to Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright, expressing appreciation for Mr. Griffiths' proposal in Motion Other Than Government Motion 501 to eliminate the education portion of property taxes, with attached response dated March 12, 2004, from Mr. Griffiths to Mayor Patterson

Sessional Paper 153/2004

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

Letter dated March 16, 2004, from Fred J. Dunn, F.C.A., Auditor General of Alberta, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, responding to questions asked by Mr. Mason in a letter dated March 10, 2004 to Mr. Dunn concerning the bovine spongiform encephalopathy recovery programs

Sessional Paper 154/2004

Document dated March 3, 2004, entitled "Key Messages, NDs' (New Democrats) Public Accounts Motion" prepared by the Communications Branch, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 155/2004

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

National Geographic Traveler Magazine article dated March 2004, containing a survey entitled "Destination Scorecard" in which Canada's Rocky Mountain Parks ranked sixth out of 115 world destinations

Sessional Paper 156/2004

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

Report dated March 2004, entitled "Rural Alberta: Land of Opportunity" prepared by the MLA Steering Committee for Rural Development, with an attached associated news release and backgrounder

Sessional Paper 157/2004

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

Pamphlet entitled "Alberta Liberals, Our plan for public auto insurance" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 158/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 23 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Mr. Maskell, 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 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 159/2004

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 160/2004

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 161/2004

Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 162/2004

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Minors' Property Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 4:52 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, MARCH 17, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Interim 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 of the 2004-05 Interim Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that an interim sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

\$9,700,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Auditor General

\$4,400,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Office of the Ombudsman

\$600,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

\$3,400,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Ethics Commissioner

\$100,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$1,000,000 Operating Expense

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$13,800,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$108,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Children's Services

\$184,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Community Development

\$215,100,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$200,000 Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$14,400,000 Operating Expense

Energy

\$50,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Environment

\$30,900,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Executive Council

\$6,000,000 Operating Expense

Finance

\$18,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$18,400,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Gaming

\$50,500,000 Operating Expense

\$313,600,000 Lottery Fund Payments

Government Services

\$59,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Health and Wellness

\$1,997,000,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$5,700,000 Capital Expense

Human Resources and Employment

\$286,900,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Infrastructure

\$383,800,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$16,900,000 Capital Investment

Innovation and Science

\$46,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$6,000,000 Capital Investment

International and Intergovernmental Relations

\$2,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Justice and Attorney General

\$70,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Learning

\$949,200,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$48,000,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Municipal Affairs

\$29,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Revenue

\$12,500,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Seniors

\$101,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Solicitor General

\$84,100,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Sustainable Resource Development

\$49,300,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$3,000,000 Capital Investment

Transportation

\$265,600,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$101,700,000 Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

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Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Interim Estimates:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 164/2004

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:19 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Qui Tam legislation.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding Alberta's deteriorating infrastructure.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Great Kids Awards program and West Yellowhead constituents Mikyla Sherlow and Jayden Madsen, recipients of a 2004 Great Kids Award.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the reduction in seniors' benefits and increased fees for long-term care facilities.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 102 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Notices of Motions

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 Monday, March 22, 2004:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR3, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 24 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Oral notice having been given March 17, 2004:

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Ady

Bill Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Bonner

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 16, 2004, unsigned, from Andrew C.L. Sims, Q.C., William Armstrong, Q.C., and Lyle S.R. Kanee, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting an extension of the deadline set for compulsory arbitration between the Provincial Health Authorities and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 165/2004

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

Letter dated March 18, 2004, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Frank Work, Information and Privacy Commissioner, requesting Mr. Work's interpretation of certain clauses of Bill 22, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004

Sessional Paper 166/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 22 to March 25, 2004:

Monday, March 22	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 24
		Third Reading
		Bill 17, 18, 19
		And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, March 23
- Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**
 Bill 25, 26
Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 22, 24
Third Reading
 Bill 17, 18, 19, 21
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
 Bill 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 24
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
 Bill 24
- 3:15 p.m. - **Temporary Recess**
- 3:30 p.m. - **Messages**
Government Motions
 Motion 13
Budget Address
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Motions**
 Motion 14
Government Bills and Orders
Third Reading
 Bill 24
Second Reading
 Bill 25, 26
Third Reading
 As per the Order Paper
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 25 Aft. - **Government Motions**
Motion 13, 14
And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill 18 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 23 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon.
Mr. Melchin

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:51 p.m. until Monday, March 22, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Official opening of École La Mission in St. Albert, the first Francophone school built in Alberta exclusively for students affected by section 23 of the Charter of Rights

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Zicki Eludin, recipient of a volunteer award by the Land Stewardship Centre of Canada

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Peter the Apostle Parish Choir for their recent performance of Mary's Veil at the Arden Theatre in St. Albert

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: World Day for Water, March 22, 2004, and this year's theme of water and disasters

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Cardston High School Lady Cougars on winning the 3A girls' Provincial Basketball Championship on March 20, 2004 in Cardston

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc: Black Gold Regional School Division and its healthy hearts program established to increase physical activity among staff and students

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Community projects funded by the Tegler Foundation

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 99 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 202 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to appoint an independent, non-partisan commission under the Public Inquiries Act, which shall:

- (1) inquire into the circumstances and the effect of Government policies, procedures, and practices in the Calgary Health Region that led to incorrect dialysis solutions being given, and subsequently resulting in the deaths of, Kathleen Prowse and Bart Wassing;
- (2) examine any issues the commission deems necessary to ensure that health services are being appropriately managed and delivered by the Calgary Health Region and the Government, and;
- (3) make findings and recommendations to ensure the appropriate management and delivery of health services in Calgary to protect the health and safety of Calgarians.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Memorandum dated March 22, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, attaching the proposed Committee of Supply Calendar for the 4th Session of the 25th Legislature, Spring 2004, and including information concerning the appearance of the Departments of Finance and Revenue in Committee of Supply on April 21, 2004

Sessional Paper 167/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated March 19, 2004, entitled "Albertans urged to take action against racism" prepared by Alberta Community Development in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2004

Sessional Paper 168/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Chris Callaghan of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding rate increases for automobile insurance, utilities, and property taxes

Sessional Paper 169/2004

Document, undated, providing information to the Alberta Teachers' Association concerning the automobile insurance rate freeze as set out in Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), prepared by Morgex Insurance

Sessional Paper 170/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of 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, 2003

Sessional Paper 171/2004

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

Letter dated January 5, 2004, from Bev McKay, Founder/President, FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Alberta's long-term care system

Sessional Paper 172/2004

Information sheet, undated, entitled "Scrap Health Premiums: It's good medicine" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 173/2004

Unanimous Consent - Committee of Supply

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(2) to allow Committee of Supply to consider the 2004-05 Main Estimates of the Departments of Finance and Revenue on the evening of April 21, 2004.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to appoint an independent, non-partisan commission under the Public Inquiries Act, which shall:

- (1) inquire into the circumstances and the effect of Government policies, procedures, and practices in the Calgary Health Region that led to incorrect dialysis solutions being given, and subsequently resulting in the deaths of, Kathleen Prowse and Bart Wassing;
- (2) examine any issues the commission deems necessary to ensure that health services are being appropriately managed and delivered by the Calgary Health Region and the Government, and;
- (3) make findings and recommendations to ensure the appropriate management and delivery of health services in Calgary to protect the health and safety of Calgarians.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ52, WQ53, WQ54, WQ55, WQ56, WQ57, WQ58, WQ59, WQ60, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ64, WQ65, WQ66, WQ68, WQ69, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR10. Moved Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the *Government of Alberta* on contracts for information technology services *and a listing of vendors providing these services* for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

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

For the motion: 40

Abbott	Haley	Melchin
Ady	Hancock	Norris
Amery	Herard	Ouellette
Broda	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Danyluk	Kryczka	Stevens
DeLong	Lord	Strang
Doerksen	Lougheed	Tannas
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Evans	Lund	Taylor
Forsyth	Maskell	VanderBurg
Friedel	McClelland	Vandermeer
Gordon		

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Request for Speaker's Ruling

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the Speaker rule, pursuant to citation 558 found at page 172 of Beauchesne's 6th edition, that Motions for Returns MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR18, MR61, MR62, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR103, MR122, MR123, and MR146 be considered redundant as a result of the Assembly's acceptance of Motion for Returns MR10 as amended and therefore be removed from the Order Paper.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, commented on the request.

The Speaker reserved ruling on the matter.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR3. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Energy's expenses, including but not limited to, airfare, food, accommodation, and conference fees from March 1, 2001 to February 17, 2004.

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: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Against the motion: 40

Abbott	Haley	Norris
Ady	Hancock	Ouellette
Amery	Herard	Renner
Broda	Horner	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Stelmach
Coutts	Kryczka	Stevens
Danyluk	Lord	Strang
DeLong	Lougheed	Tannas
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Evans	Maskell	VanderBurg
Forsyth	McClelland	Vandermeer
Friedel	Melchin	Woloshyn
Gordon		

MR11. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Chinook Regional Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR12. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Economic Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

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: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Against the motion: 39

Abbott	Haley	Norris
Ady	Hancock	Ouellette
Amery	Horner	Rathgeber
Broda	Jablonski	Renner
Cenaiko	Jonson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
DeLong	Lord	Stevens
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	Lukaszuk	Tannas
Forsyth	Lund	Tarchuk
Friedel	Maskell	Taylor
Gordon	McClelland	VanderBurg
Graham	Melchin	Vandermeer

MR13. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

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: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Against the motion: 42

Abbott	Haley	Melchin
Ady	Hancock	Norris
Amery	Herard	Ouellette
Broda	Horner	Rathgeber
Cardinal	Hutton	Renner
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
DeLong	Kryczka	Stevens
Dunford	Lord	Strang
Evans	Lougheed	Tannas
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Friedel	Lund	Taylor
Gordon	Maskell	VanderBurg
Graham	McClelland	Vandermeer

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Hutton:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to:

- a) continue to develop and implement strategies to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, alcohol consumption prior to and during pregnancy;
- b) develop and implement initiatives to support Albertans affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and
- c) continue to work with all levels of Government, partners and stakeholders, and members of the public to create an environment that would address the systemic problem of women consuming alcohol while pregnant.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

505. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate healthcare premiums.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 24 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Public Trustee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Bernie and Sheila Inman and their efforts in raising awareness of workplace safety.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Alberta's outstanding athletes and sports teams.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Weldwood of Canada.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding electoral reform in certain Canadian provinces.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 119 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

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 an Order of the Legislative Assembly to call for a complete disclosure, be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by all Members of Executive Council, of all expenses incurred during travel outside the Province since March 12, 2001, and that each Member of Executive Council table receipts for those expenses in the Assembly.

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

Be it resolved, since the mandatory registration of all non-restricted firearms is an unnecessary intrusion on the property rights and cultural heritage of Albertans, fails to discourage criminal activity involving firearms, and has wasted an enormous amount of money, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recommends that the Government of Alberta urge the Government of Canada to introduce amendments to the Firearms Act (Canada) and the Criminal Code (Canada) to remove the requirement for the registration of all non-restricted firearms.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

News release dated March 23, 2004, entitled “Alberta presents views on U.S. rule to open livestock trade” prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and letter dated March 19, 2004, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Docket No. 03-080-2, United States Department of Agriculture, providing additional comments on the proposed rule “Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy: Minimal Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities” with attached comments on proposed rules Dockets 03-080-1 and 03-080-2

Sessional Paper 174/2004

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated March 22, 2004, from Heil Johnson, R.Ph., M.B.A., President, Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, commenting on the recent medication errors in the Calgary Health Region and offering the Society’s support and assistance to improve pharmacy services

Sessional Paper 175/2004

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 176/2004

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

Letter dated February 20, 2004, from Albert Opstad, President, Seniors United Now, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the loss of seniors’ benefits

Sessional Paper 177/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, signed by Peter Van Hal, President, Water Valley Community Association, expressing opposition to the Water Valley Community Centre and Heritage Building being charged for electricity using a demand or needle meter

Sessional Paper 178/2004

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

Letter dated March 11, 2004, from Roger Mariner, FOIP Coordinator, Economic Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, providing fee estimates in response to Mr. MacDonald's three Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act requests for information relating to travel by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier

Sessional Paper 179/2004

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 an Order of the Legislative Assembly to call for a complete disclosure, be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by all Members of Executive Council, of all expenses incurred during travel outside the Province since March 12, 2001, and that each Member of Executive Council table receipts for those expenses in the Assembly.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cenaiko

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 24 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Ms Graham, 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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 180/2004

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 181/2004

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 182/2004

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 183/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

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

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 17, 2004, from Winnie Yiu-Yeung, Executive Director, Finance and Business Management Branch, Alberta Transportation, to Peter Parker of Medicine Hat responding to concerns expressed by Mr. Parker in an e-mail message dated March 10, 2004, regarding Alberta Transportation's 2003 Client Satisfaction Survey

Sessional Paper 184/2004

Recognitions

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Organ donor and transplantation programs and Peter Elzinga, former Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier, who recently donated a kidney for transplant

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Elk Valley Coal Partnership's announcement to develop the Cheviot Creek Mine south of the Town of Hinton

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Jaylene Norris of Red Deer, recipient of an Alberta Great Kids Award on March 12, 2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: World Theatre Day, March 27, 2004

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club and supportive fans

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Bob Wasylyshen, former Chief of the Edmonton Police Service, who retired on March 12, 2004

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Opening of the expanded renal dialysis unit at the Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre and the David Thompson Health Region and Capital Health Authority for their efforts to complete the expansion

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document entitled "Accountability Pillar - Jurisdiction Survey, Alberta Learning - Parent Survey 2004" completed by an unnamed person

Sessional Paper 185/2004

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

E-mail message dated August 8, 2003, from Benjamin Atkinson of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the use of photo radar by law enforcement agencies

Sessional Paper 186/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30:

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 187/2004

Speaker's Ruling - Motion for Returns 10

Honourable Members, on Monday, March 22, 2004, there was a point of order raised by the Government House Leader. Essentially the point of order was that the Assembly passed an amendment to Motion for Returns 10 and approved the amended Motion for Returns, and as a result of those decisions certain other Motions for Returns should come off the Order Paper although they had not been explicitly dealt with. The discussion of this point of order and related matters is found at pages 611-617 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

The Government House Leader's argument was that to consider the other Motions for Returns he cited, in light of the decisions on Motion for Returns 10, would mean that the Assembly was considering the same issue on repeated occasions and cited paragraph 558 of Beauchesne's (6th edition) as authority for that proposition.

On this point, the Chair finds that the amended Motion for Returns 10 that was approved differed from the wording of the other Motions for Returns that the Government House Leader indicated were similar. In the Chair's view, the amendment would have to be virtually identical to the wording of the other Motions for Returns for such a rule to be applied.

Therefore, the Chair finds that the Motions for Returns referred to by the Government House Leader in his point of order that were not expressly dealt with by the Assembly, namely numbers 14, 15, 18, 61, 62, 70, 71, 72, 73, 103, 122, 123, and 146 will remain on the Order Paper.

The Chair is very much aware that Monday afternoons are Private Members' time. In dealing with Written Questions and Motions for Returns, it is the Chair's view that the greatest leeway should be afforded Private Members consistent with the rules and practices under which these items of business are conducted.

The Chair is not oblivious to the fact that there is a certain angst about the time devoted to dealing with the many Written Questions and Motions for Returns that are on the Order Paper.

When there are difficulties or problems encountered like this, the Chair's view is that the primary responsibility for resolving them should rest with the House Leaders.

The Chair is reluctant to get involved in a situation where unique approaches to the rules and practices are being proposed. It is your Assembly Honourable Members and it is to you that the responsibility falls for dealing with the business of the Assembly.

The Chair would point out that based on the Chair's research to date, Alberta has a unique way of dealing with Written Questions and Motions for Returns that was adopted in 1993 to accord Private Members and the Assembly a greater role in this item of business.

In the Chair's view, addressing the issue of the Assembly's consideration of Written Questions and Motions for Returns brings in some of the basic principles of parliamentary law, namely "to enable every Member to express opinions within limits necessary to preserve decorum and prevent an unnecessary waste of time." Members may wish to reacquaint themselves with paragraph 1 of Beauchesne's and page 210 of Marleau and Montpetit where the basic principles governing the operation of Parliament are discussed.

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:52 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004 — 3:30 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Prior to moving Government Motion 13, Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2004-05 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates
Sessional Paper 188/2004

2004-05 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates
Sessional Paper 189/2004

Budget 2004 Fiscal Plan
Sessional Paper 190/2004

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 2004 Business Plans
Sessional Paper 191/2004

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:10 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

Be it resolved that the Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2004-05 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2004-05 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, fiscal and business plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

15. Oral notice having been given Tuesday, March 23, 2004, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved, since the mandatory registration of all non-restricted firearms is an unnecessary intrusion on the property rights and cultural heritage of Albertans, fails to discourage criminal activity involving firearms, and has wasted an enormous amount of money, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recommends that the Government of Alberta urge the Government of Canada to introduce amendments to the Firearms Act (Canada) and the Criminal Code (Canada) to remove the requirement for the registration of all non-restricted firearms.

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the motion be amended by striking out “is an unnecessary intrusion on the property rights and cultural heritage of Albertans,”.

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

For the motion: 37

Abbott	Goudreau	Mar
Amery	Graham	Marz
Bonner	Griffiths	Maskell
Calahasen	Hancock	McClellan
Cao	Hutton	McFarland
Cardinal	Jablonski	Melchin
Carlson	Jacobs	Nicol
Coutts	Johnson	Oberg
DeLong	Klapstein	Pham
Doerksen	Knight	Smith
Ducharme	Kryczka	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lougheed	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 1

Blakeman

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Red Deer College Kings men's volleyball team and coach Keith Hansen.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding post-secondary tuition fees.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding telework.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding boreal forest management in Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 157 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

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, March 29, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns: MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR90, MR93, MR94, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR106, MR107, MR122, MR123, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Report, undated, entitled "2004-06 Tentative Major Construction Projects, 2004/05-2006/07, Provincial Highway Projects, Provincial Water Management Projects" prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 192/2004

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2002

Sessional Paper 193/2004

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, Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 194/2004

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Letter dated January 16, 2003, from Hector Clouthier, Special Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, to Dr. David Reid, Chairman, Horse Racing Alberta, thanking Dr. Reid for his commitment to the sport of horse racing

Sessional Paper 195/2004

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2002-2003
Sessional Paper 196/2004

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

News release dated March 24, 2004, entitled "Federal and provincial budgets miss the mark on health care" prepared by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta
Sessional Paper 197/2004

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

Alberta Federation of Labour web site article, undated, entitled "Budget again comes up empty for average Albertans"
Sessional Paper 198/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 24, 2004, from Kevan Rhead to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commenting on the text of a news release dated March 24, 2004, expressing concern regarding the 2004 Alberta Budget, prepared by the Seniors Action and Liaison Team of Edmonton
Sessional Paper 199/2004

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

Letter dated March 23, 2004, from Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of January 23, 2004, regarding a constituent's concern relating to the freeze on automobile insurance premiums
Sessional Paper 200/2004

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

National Post article dated March 25, 2004, entitled "Privatization's power" regarding electricity deregulation
Sessional Paper 201/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13:

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Business Plan 2004-07
Sessional Paper 202/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 29 to April 1, 2004:

Monday, March 29	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Legislative Assembly Estimates
		Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24)
		International and Intergovernmental Relations
		Second Reading
		Bill 25, 26
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 22
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 30	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24)
		Sustainable Resource Development
		Second Reading
		Bill 25, 26
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 22
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24)
		Community Development

Second Reading

Bill 25, 26

Committee of the Whole

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 31

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24)

Government Services

Second Reading

Bill 25, 26

Committee of the Whole

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24)

Economic Development

Second Reading

Bill 25, 26

Committee of the Whole

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 1

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24)

Environment

Second Reading

Bill 25, 26

Committee of the Whole

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Adjourn until Monday, April 19,
2004, pursuant to Government
Motion 6

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:52 p.m. until Monday, March 29, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 2004

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

Speaker's Statement - Leader of the Official Opposition

Honourable Members, I received earlier today from the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, a letter resigning his position as Interim Leader of the Official Opposition. In his letter he requested that the newly elected Leader of the Liberal Party of Alberta, the Member for Edmonton-Riverview, be recognized as the Leader of the Official Opposition. I therefore recognize the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Riverview as the Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Recognitions

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Over 600 Alberta performers and artists to be featured by Alberta Scene at 94 events hosted by the National Arts Centre in Ottawa from April 28 to May 10, 2005

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Lesa Stringer of Calgary, a member of the first Canadian women's bobsled team to qualify for the Olympic Winter Games

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Raging Grannies, public health care advocates

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Taryn Penrice of Red Deer, recipient of an Alberta Great Kids Award on March 12, 2004

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Vegreville-Viking (Minister of Transportation): Lamont High School boys' curling team on recently winning the Provincial Curling Championship in Drayton Valley

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: International Avenue Business Revitalization Zone in Calgary

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Lee Ridge School which recently held a read-a-thon during which students read for over 4,140 hours

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Letter dated March 25, 2004, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, confirming the schedule for Committee of Supply consideration of the 2004-05 Main Estimates of the Department of Learning on the afternoon of April 22, 2004 and Alberta Seniors on the afternoon of May 6, 2004, with all affected parties agreeing to the change in dates

Sessional Paper 203/2004

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated September 5, 2003, from Corinne Pohlmann, Director, Alberta/NWT (Edmonton) and Dan Kelly, Vice-President, Western Region (Calgary), Canadian Federation of Independent Business, to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, including associated attachments, providing information concerning the increasing cost of commercial insurance and its effect on small and medium-sized enterprises in Alberta

Sessional Paper 204/2004

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

Letter dated March 29, 2004, from Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, resigning as Interim Leader of the Official Opposition and requesting Dr. Taft, Hon. Member of Edmonton-Riverview, be recognized as Leader of the Official Opposition effective March 29, 2004

Sessional Paper 205/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ31. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How many of the 30,271 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and 28,278 Supports for Independence cases recorded in the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment 2002-2003 annual report included children?

WQ36. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What is the total dollar amount spent by the Ministry and Department of Seniors on the development and implementation of the Alberta Seniors Shelter In-Take Survey form between April 1, 2002 and February 17, 2004?

WQ41. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What progress has the Government made in implementing the Auditor General's recommendation that the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations adhere to the laws of Alberta by enhancing its intergovernmental agreements systems to comply with section 11 and schedule 6 of the Government Organization Act?

WQ42. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What stage of the process is the Government at in implementing the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to change Government accounting practices in order to improve accountability for the Government's spending of taxpayers' dollars?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ28. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development *and the departments referred to in Written Questions WQ29, WQ30, WQ34, WQ46, WQ60 to WQ65 inclusive, WQ72, WQ73, WQ80, and WQ81* for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

WQ38. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How many complaints did the Government call centre receive from Albertans regarding high natural gas bills between January 1, 2000 and February 17, 2004?

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many complaints did the *Utilities Consumer Advocate* call centre receive from Albertans regarding high natural gas bills between *November 23, 2003* and February 17, 2004?

WQ39. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How many complaints did the Government call centre receive from Albertans regarding deregulation or high electricity bills between January 1, 2000 and February 17, 2004?

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many complaints did the *Utilities Consumer Advocate* call centre receive from Albertans regarding deregulation or high electricity bills between *November 23, 2003* and February 17, 2004?

WQ43. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Of the monies the Government receives annually from health care premiums, what amount was remitted by employers for the fiscal year 2002-03 and from April 1, 2003 to February 20, 2004, and of that amount, how much was paid by employers on behalf of employees?

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

Of the monies the Government receives annually from health care premiums, what amount was remitted by employers for the fiscal year 2002-03 and from April 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004.

WQ44. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and from April 1, 2003 to February 20, 2004, what was the total amount paid to collections agencies for collecting arrears on health care premiums broken down by agency?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and from April 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004, what was the total amount paid to collections agencies for collecting arrears on health care premiums broken down by agency?

WQ45. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal year 2002-03 and from April 1, 2003 to February 20, 2004, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, and by one year or more, and what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal year 2002-03 and from April 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, and by one year or more, and what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these fiscal years?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ35. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Which correctional facilities is the Solicitor General planning to close and what is the time table for the closures?

WQ37. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What is the total number of Government employees who have been charged with fraud against the Alberta Government between January 1, 1993 and February 17, 2004 inclusive?

WQ40. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What calculations have been used by the Department of Health and Wellness, as required under section 8(3)(d)(v) of the Health Care Protection Act, to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of contracts for services with private surgical facilities, for each contract approved under the Health Care Protection Act?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ52, WQ53, WQ54, WQ55, WQ56, WQ57, WQ58, WQ59, WQ66, WQ68, WQ69, WQ71, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR16. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for the Ministry and Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for *all Ministries and Departments in the Government of Alberta referred to in Motions for Returns MR17, MR50, MR51, MR54, MR63, MR74, MR76, MR77, MR106, MR107, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR144, MR145, and MR206.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR14. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR15. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180.

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move to the next order of business, consideration of Private Members' Public Bills.

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 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 —
Ms Kryczka

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. MacDonald speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate healthcare premiums.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

506. Moved by Mr. Strang:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a tourism levy to be dedicated to the Province's tourism marketing framework to promote the tourism industry in Alberta.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed 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, 2005, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

\$38,664,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Auditor General

\$17,646,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

Office of the Ombudsman

\$2,130,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

\$13,735,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Ethics Commissioner

\$447,000 Operating Expense

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

\$4,072,000 Operating Expense

International and Intergovernmental Relations

\$8,524,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 2004.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Wilbur Griffith who passed away on March 20, 2004, at the age of 101.

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

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Private Members' business.

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 certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act —
Mr. Bonner

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Ady

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of the amendments considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr1, St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004
Sessional Paper 206/2004

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr3, Living Faith Bible College Act
Sessional Paper 207/2004

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 47 Albertans requesting the Government implement a public, not-for-profit automobile insurance system.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly deplores the Federal Government's failure to deliver the new funding commitments necessary to adequately support health care in Alberta and the other provinces in its 2004-2005 budget, and further that the Legislative Assembly urge the Federal Government to immediately correct this deficiency.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 30, 2004, from Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, responding to comments made by Dr. Taft in Oral Question Period on March 25 and 29, 2004, regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and the horse racing industry, and inviting Dr. Taft and his colleagues to tour Northlands Park

Sessional Paper 208/2004

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

Letter dated December 15, 2003, unsigned, from Delia McCrae of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding 3 recommendations of the Alberta Commission on Learning

Sessional Paper 209/2004

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

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2002-2003 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 210/2004

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly deplores the Federal Government's failure to deliver the new funding commitments necessary to adequately support health care in Alberta and the other provinces in its 2004-2005 budget, and further that the Legislative Assembly urge the Federal Government to immediately correct this deficiency.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Acting 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Sustainable Resource Development

\$198,541,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$3,200,000	Capital Investment

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

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Ady

Bill Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act —
Dr. Nicol on behalf of Mr. Bonner

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

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 Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act —
Mr. Bonner

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mrs. Ady

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

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 Pr1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 211/2004

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 212/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 4:53 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, MARCH 30, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development

\$676,942,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$6,562,000	Capital Investment

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m. until Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Picture Butte Sugar Kings boys' basketball team on winning the Provincial 2A Basketball Championship held in Lethbridge on March 20, 2004

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation High School CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) Program introduced in the St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Grand re-opening of the renovated Trinity Lodge Retirement Residence in Calgary on March 27, 2004

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Rotary Club of Edmonton for its charitable efforts

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Workers in emergency response occupations and the risks associated with exposure to bodily fluids

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Grand opening of a new facility for the Edmonton Food Bank

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: SUN (Seniors United Now)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 866 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 121 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to change the sponsor of Bill 25, School Amendment Act, 2004, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, and of Bill 26, Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and to have the Bills reprinted to reflect the change in sponsorship.

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

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Maskell

Tabling Returns and Reports

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Resolution No. 12-04S dated Spring 2004 entitled “Special Constable Authority” prepared by Parkland County

Sessional Paper 213/2004

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

Response to Written Question WQ8 asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 214/2004

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Statement dated March 2004 entitled “Youth Science Month in Canada” signed by Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science

Sessional Paper 215/2004

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

Letter dated March 23, 2004, from Frank Work, Q.C., Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to concerns expressed by Mr. MacDonald in a letter to Mr. Work dated March 18, 2004, regarding Bill 22, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004

Sessional Paper 216/2004

2 press releases, undated, entitled “Monthly Steel Statistics” and “Steel Facts 1995-2001” prepared by the Canadian Steel Producers Association, and document, undated, entitled “Canadian Steel Import Permits-YTD January 2004 vs. January 2003, Industry Class by Major Country, Volume, Price, % Changes” prepared by Stelco Incorporated

Sessional Paper 217/2004

Copy of a letter dated February 27, 2004, from Kellan Fluckiger, Executive Director, Electricity Division, Alberta Energy, to the Electric Utilities Act Advisory Committee, setting out the draft vision and principles for an electric wholesale market review

Sessional Paper 218/2004

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

Edmonton Public Schools web site news release dated March 30, 2004, entitled "District disappointed by Infrastructure announcement"

Sessional Paper 219/2004

Edmonton Public Schools web site document entitled "Capital Plan Highlights" setting out district capital plan priorities for 2003-2005

Sessional Paper 220/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 221/2004

Alberta Cancer Board, 2002-03 Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 222/2004

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

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 223/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Government Services

\$238,685,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Private Bills

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 St. Mary's College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz on behalf of Mrs. Ady

Bill Pr2 Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Medicine Hat Statutes Repeal Act — Mr. Bonner

Bill Pr3 Living Faith Bible College Act — Mr. Marz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:06 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, MARCH 31, 2004 — 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Economic Development

\$57,509,000 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, the Assembly adjourned at 9:17 p.m. until Thursday, April 1, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Amber Alert program and the recent attempted child abduction in Saddle Lake.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the earned income tax credit initiative.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding the proposed rail link to Fort McMurray.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Student and Youth Day of Action for Clean Energy Solutions, April 1, 2004.

Speaker's Statement - Departing Members

Honourable Members and the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, I don't know if I'm being presumptuous, but I'm just guessing in my head that this will probably be the last opportunity for the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie to participate in this particular Legislative Assembly.

The Honourable Member has been a Member for a number of terms now and advised all of us some time ago that she would be departing upon another venture, a venture with a certain degree of turbulence and rough waters and who knows what. But the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, we bid you adieu and wish you good luck, and the same message will go to the Honourable Member for Lethbridge-East as well.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 688 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 140 Albertans requesting the Government withdraw the draft management plan for the Evan-Thomas Provincial Recreation Area and disallow any further commercial or residential development of the Kananaskis Valley.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), and Government Motion 6 agreed to on February 18, 2004, 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 19, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ47, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ52, WQ53, WQ54, WQ55, WQ56, WQ57, WQ58, WQ59.

Motions for Returns: MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR197, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Feeder Associations Guarantee Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 30 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

Bill Pr5 Brooklyn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Friedel

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

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Bill 28 Feeder Associations Guarantee Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 30 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated March 29, 2004, entitled “Oil Sands Transportation Initiative Launched, Review of an Integrated Transportation Plan for Northeastern Alberta” prepared by Athabasca Oil Sands Transportation Corporation

Sessional Paper 224/2004

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

Document, undated, providing information on Edmonton’s Food Bank

Sessional Paper 225/2004

Memorandum dated October 25, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, Caucus Whip, regarding Ms Haley’s inquiry concerning Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly appearing on behalf of constituents before quasi-judicial boards or tribunals

Sessional Paper 226/2004

Memorandum dated December 16, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to George Pheasey, Chief Appeals Commissioner, Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers’ Compensation, regarding Members of the Legislative Assembly appearing before quasi-judicial boards and tribunals

Sessional Paper 227/2004

Memo dated January 6, 2003, from George Pheasey, Chief Appeals Commissioner, Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, to all Hearing Chairs and Appeals Commissioners, advising that it is inappropriate for Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly to appear on behalf of constituents before quasi-judicial tribunals

Sessional Paper 228/2004

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

4 False Claims Act Legal Center web site articles regarding Qui Tam whistleblower provisions and the False Claims Act

Sessional Paper 229/2004

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 25, 2004, from Stephen Legault, Executive Director, Wildcanada.net, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the spring grizzly hunt in Alberta and the method used by the Office of the Premier for documenting calls from Albertans wanting to express their views concerning the grizzly bear hunt

Sessional Paper 230/2004

Letter dated March 20, 2004, unsigned, from Janice Radloff, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, suggesting changes to provincial and federal family law legislation

Sessional Paper 231/2004

Several pieces of correspondence relating to allegations by Anthony Hughes of Leduc that information relating to Mr. Hughes's Workers' Compensation Board claim file had been tampered with

Sessional Paper 232/2004

Letter dated November 20, 2003, from Judi Cook, Convenor, Health Care Issues Interest Group, and Connie Kenney, President, both of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), to a Member of the Legislative Assembly, presenting a resolution passed at the CFUW annual general meeting in August 2003, and expressing concerns relating to health care issues in Canada and the implementation of the recommendations of the Romanow Commission

Sessional Paper 233/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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 April 19 to 22, 2004:

			Committee of the Whole
			Bill 22, 25, 26
			And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 22	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates (Day 13 of 24)
			Learning
			Second Reading
			Bill 27, 28, 29
			And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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, the Acting 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Environment

\$123,352,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Maskell

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 6 agreed to on February 18, 2004, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:34 p.m. until Monday, April 19, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah, April 18, 2004

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Juno Week festivities in Edmonton, March 29 to April 4, 2004, and Alberta artists who were Juno Award nominees and recipients

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2004

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Smoky Lake firefighters' curling team on recently winning the Canadian Firefighters' Curling Championship

Mr. Graydon, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti: Grande Prairie Storm junior A hockey team on winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship on April 15, 2004

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Mill Woods Welcome Centre for Immigrants

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 151 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader:

Document dated April 19, 2004, entitled "House Leader Agreement, 25th Legislature" concerning Private Members' Business for April 19, 2004
Sessional Paper 234/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat web site documents, the first entitled "Guidelines for Ministers' Offices" and the second entitled "Travel and Hospitality Expenses Reports, Ministers and their exempt staff, Office of the Prime Minister"

Sessional Paper 235/2004

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

Letter dated March 31, 2004, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, requesting information regarding the use of credit scoring by Alberta insurance companies to calculate automobile insurance rates

Sessional Paper 236/2004

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

Letter dated April 16, 2004, from Elisabeth Ballermann, President, Health Sciences Association of Alberta, to the New Democrat Opposition expressing concern regarding Bill 204, Blood Samples Act

Sessional Paper 237/2004

Media release dated March 22, 2004, entitled "Regarding Bill 204, Blood Samples Act" prepared by the Alberta Community Council on HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)

Sessional Paper 238/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Report dated February 2003 entitled "Clearwater-Christina Rivers Management Plan" prepared by the Clearwater River Committee

Sessional Paper 239/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on March 17, 2004, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2004-2005 Interim Estimates, Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 240/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Unanimous Consent - House Leaders' Agreement**

Pursuant to the Agreement among House Leaders (Sessional Paper 234/2004), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to:

- a) waive Standing Order 34(2.1)(a) to allow the amendment in section 4b)iii) of the House Leaders' Agreement dated April 19, 2004, to proceed without the approval of Parliamentary Counsel;
- b) waive Standing Order 34(2) to allow the Assembly, pursuant to section 4c) of the House Leaders' Agreement dated April 19, 2004, to move on to Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders despite some Motions for Returns on the Order Paper being past the due date of 15 sitting days; and
- c) allow the removal from the Order Paper of the Motions for Returns identified in sections 4b)iii(5)(b) of the House Leaders' Agreement dated April 19, 2004.

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ47. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Massey:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to strengthen the processes used by the Ministry of Children's Services for awarding and managing contracts in order to save taxpayers' dollars?

WQ50. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Seniors improve its system for monitoring the performance of management operations that deliver social housing programs for the Ministry?

WQ51. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Government Services make provision for appropriate recovery facilities and equipment to resume business operations if a service disruption occurs?

WQ52. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What did it cost the Government to recall all licence plates issued with the letters "BSE" and issue new ones?

WQ53. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure require grant recipients to formally accept the terms and conditions of construction grants including roles and responsibilities, consequences for failing to adhere to the terms and conditions, reporting requirements, and the Ministry's right to audit the grant recipient's use of taxpayers' money?

WQ55. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure protect the spending of taxpayers' dollars by strengthening its monitoring process for construction grants?

WQ56. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total was distributed to utility customers in January 2004 through the Government's natural gas rebate program?

WQ57. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure protect the spending of taxpayers' dollars by implementing a process to ensure that contracts with construction managers protect the Ministry's interests as the fund provider and are cost-effective?

WQ58. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure make all construction grant payments through the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund bank account?

WQ59. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many times has Alberta Health and Wellness exercised its right under section 12(1) of the Nursing Homes Act to inspect Alberta nursing homes in the last five years; how many inspections of Jubilee Lodge Nursing Home in Edmonton occurred as a result of this legislation; and when and why did inspections of Jubilee Lodge Nursing Home occur and what were the results?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ54. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Which communities is the Solicitor General working with to establish regional police forces?

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General, moved the motion be amended to read:

Which communities is the Solicitor General working with to establish regional police *services*?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ49. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Which reports, consultation groups, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that money allocated to the Lottery Fund is best spent by the Government rather than being returned to the local communities where the gambling revenues came from?

During debate on Written Question WQ49, Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, tabled the following:

3 letters from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, and the Community Initiatives Program supporting requests by community organizations for funding from the Community Initiatives Program

Sessional Paper 241/2004

14 letters from non-profit organizations to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, and the Community Initiatives Program expressing appreciation for financial support provided by the Community Initiatives Program

Sessional Paper 242/2004

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ48, WQ66, WQ67, WQ68, WQ69, WQ70, WQ71, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ82, WQ83, WQ84, WQ85, WQ86, WQ87, WQ88.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR19. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

The total number and costs of extra-provincial and international trips taken by Government Members of the Legislative Assembly who are not members of Executive Council between March 13, 2001 and February 17, 2004, broken down for each Member outlining the trip destination, the costs for meals, accommodations, entertainment, travel, telecommunications, dry cleaning, and gifts for each destination.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

The total number and costs of international trips taken by Government Members of the Legislative Assembly who are not members of Executive Council between *April 1, 2001 and March 31, 2004*, broken down for each Member outlining the trip destination *and categorized by accommodation, travel, hosting, and miscellaneous expenses.*

MR23. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

The total number and costs of extra-provincial and international trips taken by the Minister of Energy between March 13, 2001 and February 17, 2004, broken down by the trip destination, meals, accommodations, entertainment, airfare/ground travel, telecommunications, dry cleaning, and gifts for each trip.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

The total number and costs of international trips taken by *Members of Executive Council* between *April 1, 2001 and March 31, 2004*, broken down by the trip destination *and categorized by accommodation, travel, hosting, and miscellaneous expenses.*

Pursuant to the House Leaders' Agreement dated April 19, 2004, and the unanimous consent of the Assembly granted concerning section 5 of the Agreement, the following Motions for Returns were considered dealt with:

MR65, MR67, MR68, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR181, MR182.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR18. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

The total dollar amount spent by the Office of the Premier on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR66, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker noted that the House Leaders' Agreement for which the Assembly provided unanimous consent will not set a precedent with respect to any matters therein and will therefore not bind this Speaker or any subsequent Speakers on similar items of business.

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 Blood Samples Act — Mr. Lukaszuk

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	Graham	O'Neill
Ady	Haley	Ouellette
Amery	Hlady	Pham
Boutilier	Horner	Shariff
Calahasen	Hutton	Stelmach
Cao	Jablonski	Stevens
Cenaiko	Jacobs	Strang
Danyluk	Johnson	Tarchuk
DeLong	Jonson	Taylor
Doerksen	Kryczka	VanderBurg
Dunford	Lougheed	Vandermeer
Friedel	Lukaszuk	Woloshyn
Goudreau	Magnus	

Against the motion: 3

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

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 —
Ms Kryczka

Bill 204 Blood Samples Act — Mr. Lukaszuk

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:37 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Strang:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a tourism levy to be dedicated to the Province's tourism marketing framework to promote the tourism industry in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

507. Moved by Mr. VanderBurg:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to add a fish and wildlife surcharge onto existing fines and penalties related to illegal hunting and fishing practices, with the proceeds allocated directly to a conservation fund to support programs that restore and protect game species and species at risk in Alberta.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Day 7 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

\$25,784,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 9th anniversary of the Member for Calgary-McCall elected on April 20, 1995.

Speaker's Statement - Photographs and Electronic Devices

The Speaker made a statement regarding the taking of photographs and the prohibition of the use of cellular telephones and cameras in the Chamber by Members.

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Calgary Booster Club's 51st Annual Sportsman of the Year dinner and awards held on March 25, 2004.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding recent scientific research findings concerning teenage behaviour.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding National Soil Conservation Week, April 18-24, 2004.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Government's reform of automobile insurance.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 82 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting the Government immediately raise the minimum wage.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 20, 2004, from Les Steel, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to a failed bid by the Calgary Regional Health Authority to supply for-profit health care in England, with attached news release dated April 20, 2004, entitled "AFL calls for investigation of Calgary Health Authority's 'overseas adventure'" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 243/2004

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

Chart, undated, entitled "Auto Insurance Systems and Results by Province"
Sessional Paper 244/2004

New York Times article dated April 18, 2004, entitled "A Strange Ban on Testing
Beef"
Sessional Paper 245/2004

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the
Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2003 Annual Report, with
attached financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003
Sessional Paper 246/2004

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

Memorandum dated April 20, 2004, from Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for
Edmonton-Castle Downs, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative
Assembly, requesting that Bill 204, Blood Samples Act, be given early
consideration in Committee of the Whole
Sessional Paper 247/2004

Letter dated April 20, 2004, from Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West,
to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that
Bill 203, Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004, be given
early consideration in Committee of the Whole
Sessional Paper 248/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 8 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes
indicated:

Children's Services

\$735,801,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 4:53 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 20, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 9 — 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Transportation

\$1,073,732,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$442,000,000 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 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 249/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:41 p.m. until Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and area

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, recipient of a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in Calgary on April 4, 2004

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Teacher, coach, and volunteer Dianne Greenough

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Calgary Flames Hockey Club for winning the 2004 Stanley Cup Western Conference quarter-final series

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: University of Calgary Law School on being named “Best Institution” in the 2004 report card on Canadian law schools prepared by Canadian Lawyer Magazine

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: CASARA (Civil Air Search and Rescue Association)

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 10th anniversary of Our Voice: The Spare Change Magazine

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 127 Sherwood Park and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 21, 2004, entitled "Government provides additional \$30 million for Centennial projects, New Centennial funding announced for municipalities and community-owned legacy projects" with 3 associated backgrounders, prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 250/2004

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

Letter dated March 18, 2004, from Dianne Strilaeff of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding automobile insurance rates and requesting the implementation of a Government operated automobile insurance system

Sessional Paper 251/2004

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

Program from the District Finalists Excellence in Teaching Awards 2004 held at the McCauley Chambers Centre for Education on April 20, 2004

Sessional Paper 252/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 10 — 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$431,816,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 11 and 12 — Main Estimates)

(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, 2005, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Finance

\$75,340,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$75,059,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Revenue

\$50,660,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Bill 27 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 30 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Ducharme

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Cochrane Branches and Banks Environmental Foundation, recipient of the 2003 Community Group Emerald Award.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding federal funding for humanities and social sciences research.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Year of the Coal Miner, September 2003 - September 2004.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding financial hardship on small businesses due to Government policies.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 161 Calgary and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

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 26, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ48, WQ66, WQ68, WQ69, WQ71, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79.

Motions for Returns: MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR66, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR197, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

BMJ web site article dated February 28, 2004, entitled "Sweden bans privatisation of hospitals"

Sessional Paper 253/2004

Edmonton CBC web site article dated November 13, 2001, entitled "Douglas accuses Klein of twisting her father's words"

Sessional Paper 254/2004

Report, undated, entitled "Myth Buster, P3 Hospitals - A Closer Look" prepared by the Ontario Health Coalition

Sessional Paper 255/2004

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

Thompson's article dated April 12, 2004, entitled "Canadian p&c premiums and profits - 2003, key financial data for 123 insurers provided by A.M. Best"

Sessional Paper 256/2004

Copy of a petition signed by 50 Lethbridge residents requesting the Government immediately raise the minimum wage

Sessional Paper 257/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 21, 2004, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, requesting changes be made to the regulations under the Traffic Safety Act regarding emergency personnel and construction workers

Sessional Paper 258/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2002-2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 259/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 26 to 29, 2004:

Monday, April 26	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 14 of 24)
		Innovation and Science
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 27	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 15 of 24)
		Solicitor General
		Second Reading
		Bill 28, 29
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 16 of 24)
		Municipal Affairs

Second Reading

Bill 28, 29

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 28

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 17 of 24)

Health and Wellness

Third Reading

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 18 of 24)

Justice and Attorney General

Committee of the Whole

Bill 25, 26

Third Reading

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 29

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 19 of 24)

Energy

Third Reading

Bill 22

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Motions**

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Health Information Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Health Information Act as provided in section 109(1) of that Act consisting of the following Members, namely:

Jacobs (Chair)	Goudreau	MacDonald
Kryczka (Deputy Chair)	Lougheed	Pannu
Blakeman	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Broda		

2. The Chair and members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most recent Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may travel throughout Alberta and undertake a process of consultation with all interested Albertans.
5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly or the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.
6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
7. The Committee must submit its report, including any proposed amendments to the Act, within one year after commencing its review.
8. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Learning

\$3,799,734,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$142,500,000	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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, April 26, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Awareness Day, April 26, 2004

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards night held on April 24, 2004

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Calgary volunteer Alice Lewis for her fundraising efforts to build a community hall which recently opened in the constituency of Calgary-Currie

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 40th anniversary of the Excel Resource Society

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Unveiling of a monument in Memorial Park, Calgary, on April 25, 2004, commemorating Australia and New Zealand residents who came to Alberta for aviation training and died while fighting in World War II

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Medicine Hat Tigers hockey team who defeated the Red Deer Rebels hockey team in the WHL (Western Hockey League) Eastern Conference Championship

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace, April 28, 2004

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 292 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 26, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Connie Edwards, President, Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA), congratulating AMPIA on the 2004 Alberta Film and Television Awards held on April 24, 2004

Sessional Paper 260/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Folder containing information regarding A-Link (Alberta's Law-related Information Network), developed by Alberta Justice and the Legal Studies Program, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 261/2004

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 26, 2004, from Gordon Steele of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requesting the Government eliminate health care premiums

Sessional Paper 262/2004

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

Canadian Boxed Beef Report dated April 19, 2004, sponsored by the National Beef Industry Development Fund

Sessional Paper 263/2004

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

Alberta Government Aircraft Passenger Manifest, April 1 to June 30, 2002, prepared by Alberta Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 264/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ48. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Who stayed at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Calgary on February 5, 2002 that was charged to the Government through the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, James Davis?

WQ66. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

When was the Government made aware of the dispute between companies surrounding natural gas and bitumen development in the Athabasca-Wabasca-McMurray region?

WQ68. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the procedure followed by the Utilities Consumer Advocate in order to track and resolve utilities consumers' complaints and/or problems?

WQ71. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total was distributed to utility customers in February 2004 through the Government's natural gas rebate program?

WQ79. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment either paid to a school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ77. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Learning, either paid to a private vocational school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school?

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Learning, either paid to a private vocational school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school *on a full time basis*?

WQ78. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03 and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the job placement rate six months after program completion for students attending each private vocational school licensed to operate in Alberta?

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04, what *were* the job placement rates *attributable to each institution currently offering programs licensed under the Private Vocational Schools Act*?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ69. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What measures has the Ministry of Energy taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to assess whether royalty reduction programs are achieving their intended objectives?

WQ75. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

Which groups, companies, and stakeholders recommended to the Government that final approval authority for casino construction is best left with a centralized bureaucracy rather than with local communities?

WQ76. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

Who attended the dinner with the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, James Davis, on January 12, 2002 at Il Pasticcio Trattoria restaurant in Edmonton that cost \$395.53?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ67, WQ70, WQ74, WQ82, WQ83, WQ84, WQ85, WQ86, WQ87, WQ88.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR24. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Government Services.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A statement of all credit card expenses for the fiscal year 2002-2003 incurred by all Deputy Ministers, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders in aggregate, for each Government Department, categorized by accommodation, travel, hosting, and miscellaneous expenses.

MR26. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Community Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A statement of all credit card expenses for the fiscal year 2002-2003 incurred by Members of Executive Council and their Executive Assistants broken down by department, and categorized by accommodation, travel, hosting, and miscellaneous expenses.

MR34. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A breakdown of the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Energy over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of, and amount paid to, each official.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A breakdown of the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees* within the *Government of Alberta, listed by department*, over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range*.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR25. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Human Resources and Employment.

MR27. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR28. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Seniors and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR29. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Solicitor General and the Solicitor General's Executive Assistant.

MR30. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Seniors.

MR31. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown, by Ministry, of the total number and total cost of items that were purchased during the 2002-2003 fiscal year in the following categories: televisions, flatware, wine glasses, beer glasses, golf balls, golf tees, alcoholic beverages, jams, jellies, preserves, games, and toys.

MR35. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers and Unit Leaders for the Department of Finance.

MR36. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR37. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Environment and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR38. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Economic Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR39. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers and Unit Leaders for the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR66, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210.

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 34(2) to allow the Assembly to move on to Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders.

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 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 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 —
Ms Kryczka

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 203 (Hon. Member for Calgary-West) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 265/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. VanderBurg:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to add a fish and wildlife surcharge onto existing fines and penalties related to illegal hunting and fishing practices, with the proceeds allocated directly to a conservation fund to support programs that restore and protect game species and species at risk in Alberta.

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: 37

Ady	Hlady	Melchin
Amery	Jablonski	Oberg
Blakeman	Jacobs	O'Neill
Boutilier	Johnson	Rathgeber
Broda	Knight	Stelmach
Cao	Lord	Stevens
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Strang
Danyluk	Lund	Taylor
DeLong	Magnus	VanderBurg
Doerksen	Maskell	Vandermeer
Dunford	Massey	Yankowsky
Goudreau	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Graham		

Against the motion: 0

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 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

\$185,910,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$41,000,000	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 Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Maskell

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 25 (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 266/2004

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 267/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:40 p.m. until Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Jim Dixon, former Public Service Commissioner who passed away on April 21, 2004.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 25 to May 1, 2004, with this year's theme being "Public Education: The Learning Edge."

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the internationalization of Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 25 to May 1, 2004, with this year's theme being "Public Education: The Learning Edge."

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 certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr4, Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004
Sessional Paper 268/2004

Mr. Speaker, I request concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 269/2004

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

Letter dated April 27, 2004, from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding a point of order raised on April 26, 2004 by Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 270/2004

Handwritten note dated April 27, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, to Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, apologizing for comments made by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky during a point of order raised on April 26, 2004 by Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and indicating the comments would be withdrawn

Sessional Paper 271/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Solicitor General

\$334,425,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 27, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

(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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Municipal Affairs

\$124,304,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 with some amendments:

Bill 30 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Ducharme

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 30 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake)—Agreed to

Sessional Paper 272/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

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 workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace, April 28, 2004.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Recognitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation initiative “Live Outside the Box” and the importance of exercise and active living for young Albertans

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Allison Keating, Kate Welwood, and Jessica Moe, recipients of a Canadian Merit Foundation Scholarship

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: The need for a hospital in southeast Calgary

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Fred Stenson, recipient of the 2004 Grant MacEwan Author's Award, and Rachelle Delaney, Meghan Masterson, Carley Okamura, and Wela Quan, recipients of a 2004 Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Dean Lien, retired Farmer's Advocate for Alberta

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Perky McCullough, who will be inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame on May 28, 2004

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace, April 28, 2004

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 30 Camrose residents requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 226 Calgary and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Report dated March 2004, entitled "Water and Oil: An overview of the use of water for enhanced oil recovery in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Environment
Sessional Paper 273/2004

Preliminary report dated March 31, 2004, entitled "Advisory Committee on Water Use Practice and Policy" prepared by Alberta Environment
Sessional Paper 274/2004

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Response to a question raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 25, 2004, Department of Seniors, 2003-04 Supplementary Estimates Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 275/2004

Letter dated April 13, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, to Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, responding to questions asked by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during a Public Accounts Committee meeting held March 10, 2004
Sessional Paper 276/2004

Response to Written Question WQ50, asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 19, 2004:

What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Seniors improve its system for monitoring the performance of management operations that deliver social housing programs for the Ministry?

Sessional Paper 277/2004

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Report, undated, entitled "2003 Highlights. Making a difference. For the industry, for Alberta" with attached information sheet entitled "Need information for waterfront purchasers?," both prepared by the Alberta Real Estate Foundation

Sessional Paper 278/2004

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 279/2004

Victims Programs Status Report 2002/2003 prepared by Alberta Solicitor General

Sessional Paper 280/2004

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

InnoVisions Canada web site article entitled "Royal Bank of Canada Survey - January 2002" regarding an IPSOS-Reid survey on telecommuting

Sessional Paper 281/2004

Fraser Alert article dated April 2004, entitled "Lemons and Peaches: Comparing Auto Insurance Across Canada" prepared by the Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 282/2004

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

Business in Calgary article dated April 2004, entitled "Charged Up: Empty Government Promises, Cranky Business Owners and the Real Cost of Electricity Deregulation"

Sessional Paper 283/2004

Letter dated April 16, 2004, from Roger Mariner, FOIP Coordinator, Alberta Finance, to Frank Borsato, Portfolio Officer, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, objecting to recommendations of an investigation regarding file #2906

Sessional Paper 284/2004

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

News release dated April 8, 2004, entitled "RTO West Becomes Grid West" prepared by Grid West

Sessional Paper 285/2004

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness

\$7,994,063,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
24,895,000	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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

(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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Justice and Attorney General

\$256,645,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Ducharme

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

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

Bill 28 Feeder Associations Guarantee Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Goudreau

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:34 p.m. until Thursday, April 29, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 29, 2004

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the Calgary Flames hockey team.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the North American cattle industry and recommendations in a recent report from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding provincial funding for municipalities.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24.

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Canadian citizens' rights and responsibilities.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Notices of Motions

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 Monday, May 3, 2004:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR66, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR197, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 4, 2004, from Robert Swanson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to de-universalizing the health care system

Sessional Paper 286/2004

Letter dated March 2, 2004, from Suzanne Lawrence, R.N., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the effect of health care reform on health care workers

Sessional Paper 287/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 3 to May 6, 2004:

Monday, May 3	9:00 p.m.	- Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill Pr4, 29
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill Pr4, 27, 28, 29
		Third Reading
		Bill 22, 25, 26
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 4	Aft.	- Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24)
		Human Resources and Employment
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 27, 28, 29

Third Reading

Bill Pr4, 22, 25, 26

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 21 of 24)

Gaming

Committee of the Whole

Bill 27, 28, 29

Third Reading

Bill Pr4, 22, 25, 26

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 5

Aft. - **Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 22 of 24)

Infrastructure

Committee of the Whole

As per the Order Paper

Third Reading

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates (Day 23 of 24)

Executive Council

Committee of the Whole

As per the Order Paper

		Third Reading
		As per the Order Paper
		And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, May 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24)
		Seniors
		Revert to Introduction of Bills
		Appropriation Bill
		Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		As per the Order Paper
		Third Reading
		As per the Order Paper
		And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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. Friedel 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Energy

\$113,833,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 5:17 p.m. until Monday, May 3, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Louis and Ruth Maria Adria for their work as elder advocates

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Floyd McLennan, Mayor of Grande Cache, who passed away on April 24, 2004

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 25th Anniversary of the Edmonton Folk Music Festival

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Alberta Government briefing of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps on April 30, 2004

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Saints junior "A" hockey club

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: May Day, May 1, 2004

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Calgary business woman Irene Besse

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 120 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Report dated April 30, 2004, entitled "Alberta Beef - Focus on the Future, 'Strategic Framework for Repositioning the Industry'" prepared by a drafting team comprised of beef industry, Alberta Government, and Federal Government representatives

Sessional Paper 288/2004

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

News release dated April 29, 2004, entitled "Direct Energy Marketing Limited and ATCO I-Tek Enter Into Long-Term Contract" prepared by ATCO I-Tek and Direct Energy

Sessional Paper 289/2004

Letter dated April 29, 2004, from Colleen Smith, Tri Parish Peace and Justice Ministry, St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Churches, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing support for an increase in the minimum wage and requesting Hon. Mr. Hancock's opinion concerning an increase in the minimum wage

Sessional Paper 290/2004

Letter dated April 27, 2004, from Aline McMillan, Chairman, Social Justice Ministry, St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Churches, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Legislative Assembly to increase the minimum wage

Sessional Paper 291/2004

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

May Week web site calendar outlining May Week events, April 28 to May 9, 2004

Sessional Paper 292/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated April 26, 2004, concerning cancer treatment for adults prepared by Colleen Babiuk-Ilkiw of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 293/2004

Letter dated April 29, 2004, from Diane Oxenford of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding preparations for Alberta's centennial celebrations as they relate to the grounds surrounding the Legislature Building and the historical significance of Rossdale Flats

Sessional Paper 294/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 295/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ67, WQ70, WQ74, WQ82, WQ83, WQ84, WQ85, WQ86, WQ87, WQ88.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR45. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the number of acute care beds per 1,000 people for each Regional Health Authority.

MR49. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any and all contracts and Memoranda of Understanding between the Calgary Health Region and Anglo Canadian Clinics regarding the transfer of any doctors, nurses, licensed practical nurses, technicians or any other employees of the Calgary Health Region to the United Kingdom.

MR79. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All activities, meetings, and events the Minister of Community Development partook in during his trip to India between January 11, 2004 and January 21, 2004 inclusive, broken down by his itinerary for each day.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR58. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All reports or documents dealing with the consultation process with Albertans over the creation of a single trial court.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All *public reports and consultation papers* dealing with the consultation process with Albertans over the creation of a single trial court.

MR80. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of seniors who applied to the Ministry and Department of Seniors for financial assistance due to rising utility bills in fiscal year 2002-2003, broken down by how many were given assistance and the range of amounts each received.

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of seniors who applied to the Ministry and Department of Seniors for financial assistance due to rising utility bills in 2003, broken down by how many were given assistance and the range of amounts each received.

MR81. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total television, radio, billboard, and print media advertising budget, broken down by each advertising campaign for each Ministry and the Public Affairs Bureau, for fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004.

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:
The total advertising *costs incurred by Government Departments, broken down by each department*, for fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR40. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers and Unit Leaders for the Department of Environment.

MR41. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers and Unit Leaders for the Department of Economic Development.

MR42. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister and all Assistant Deputy Ministers for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

MR44. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the East Central Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR46. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of staff in the Public Affairs Bureau broken down by job title, job description, salary and bonus range for each position.

MR47. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Aspen Regional Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR48. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Capital Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR52. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for the Executive Council.

MR53. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total costs associated with the establishment of electronic health records for each Regional Health Authority, broken down by costs associated with implementation, dissemination of information, equipment costs, and conversion of hard copy records to electronic format.

- MR55.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Palliser Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR56.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR57.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Peace Country Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR59.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the David Thompson Regional Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR60.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount spent by the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR61.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Government Services on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR62.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Energy on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

- MR64.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Calgary Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR66.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Human Resources and Employment over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of and amount paid to each official.
- MR69.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Government Services over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of and amount paid to each official.
- MR70.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Seniors on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR71.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR72.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Gaming on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR73.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Community Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR75. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any and all accounting statements in the possession of the Government regarding the use of monies by Horse Racing Alberta collected and distributed for the Racing Industry Renewal in Alberta.

MR78. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Northern Lights Regional Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR82. Moved by Mr. Mason on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Department of Environment's mandate for Watershed Stewardship Groups (WSGs) and any other documents indicating the timeline for establishing WSGs, their terms of reference, criteria for membership, the process of becoming a member, what recruitment efforts will be undertaken, and on what basis funding will be provided to these WSGs.

MR83. Moved by Mr. Mason on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any documents from the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and April 1, 2003 to February 24, 2004, indicating the terms of reference for any review of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program, the membership of the committee undertaking such a review, and a list of the groups and individuals who were consulted.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210.

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 34(2) to allow the Assembly to move on to Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders.

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 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 204 Blood Samples Act — Mr. Lukaszuk

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 —
Ms Kryczka

Mr. Loughheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment agreed to by Committee of the Whole on April 26, 2004, for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 203 (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-West on April 26, 2004) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 296/2004

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hlady

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. McFarland:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the legal drinking age in Alberta to 19 as is the current requirement in the neighbouring Provinces of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Maskell

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

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 28 Feeder Associations Guarantee Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

The following Bill was reported with an amendment:

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

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 Pr4 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 297/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of Rolls-Royce on May 4, 2004.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake on June 18, 2004.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding 5 students, recipients of a Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal and Scholarship.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding public health care.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 108 Albertans requesting the Government pass legislation that eliminates health care premiums.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Highways Development and Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

2004-05 School Year Jurisdiction Funding Profiles for all schools in Alberta funded by Alberta Learning

Sessional Paper 298/2004

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

Report dated May 2001, entitled "Facts and Myths About Tolls" prepared for the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association, Washington, D.C. by Linda M. Spock Consulting

Sessional Paper 299/2004

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated March 30, 2004, from Kip Snelling of Michener Centre to Whom it May Concern attaching a petition signed by 54 Ventures workers expressing opposition to the impending closure of the Ventures program

Sessional Paper 300/2004

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

Letter dated December 22, 2003, from Roger Mariner, FOIP Coordinator, Alberta Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, providing Mr. MacDonald with information relating to the KPMG actuarial study commissioned by the Alberta Government, pursuant to a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act request

Sessional Paper 301/2004

Report dated July 28, 2003, entitled "Impact of Proposed Tort Reform on Private Passenger Automobile Rates in New Brunswick" prepared by KPMG LLP

Sessional Paper 302/2004

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

Copy of an e-mail message, undated, from Phil Flaumitsch of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the high cost of auto insurance

Sessional Paper 303/2004

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

News release dated May 3, 2004, entitled "Crossroads Program forced to close inner-city homes" prepared by the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation

Sessional Paper 304/2004

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Human Resources and Employment

\$1,147,879,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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, MAY 4, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 21 — 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Gaming

\$164,712,000 Operating Expense
\$1,167,831,000 Lottery Fund Payments

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 27 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 28 Feeder Associations Guarantee Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:45 p.m. until Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Robert Dixon of Mannville, recipient of the 2004 4-H Premier's Award

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne: 59th anniversary of the liberation of Holland by Canadian soldiers, May 5, 2004

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Opening of a shopping facility in Camrose for area farmers and ranchers by the United Farmers of Alberta

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 14th annual International Day of the Midwife, May 5, 2004

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Hope Foundation's "Hope in Action" Gala held in Edmonton on April 30, 2004

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Several European and Mediterranean countries that recently joined the European Union

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Government's handling of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy requests

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 80 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to not rescind the tax exempt status of Alberta Blue Cross.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

3 letters, the first dated November 17, 2003, from David C. Lock, Deputy Chief, Blood Tribe Police, the second dated November 26, 2003, from Graham Abela, Inspector, Taber Police Service, and the third dated November 20, 2003, from M.L. Chalmers, President, Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police, all to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing support for Bill 204, Blood Samples Act

Sessional Paper 305/2004

Letter dated March 9, 2004, from Michael Rennich, Chair, AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees), Local 003, to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing support on behalf of AUPE Local 003 members for Bill 204, Blood Samples Act

Sessional Paper 306/2004

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

Letter dated May 4, 2004, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to Cindy Jeffries, Chair, Red Deer Public School Board, commenting on an April 29, 2004 news release issued by the Red Deer Public School Board concerning education funding

Sessional Paper 307/2004

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

Key Notes newsletter article dated April 2004 entitled "Edmonton Public Schools responds to provincial budget announcements" prepared by the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 308/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 22 — 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. VanderBurg 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Infrastructure

\$1,537,000,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$73,489,000	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 31 Highways Development and Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Adjournment

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2004

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 23 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Executive Council

\$24,399,000 Operating Expense

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

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding May being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the effects of energy deregulation.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the New School Initiative Committee in Calgary-West.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre made a statement regarding the implementation of a ticketing service developed by the Pumphouse Theatre Society in Calgary.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 76 Lethbridge and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 116 Albertans requesting the Government pass legislation that eliminates health care premiums.

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 10, 2004:

Written Questions: WQ67, WQ70, WQ74, WQ82, WQ83, WQ84, WQ85, WQ86, WQ87, WQ88.

Motions for Returns: MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 34 Income Trusts Liability Act — Mr. Hlady

Bill 35 Companies Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hutton

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

Bill 34 Income Trusts Liability Act — Mr. Hlady

Bill 35 Companies Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hutton

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Dr. Taft on behalf of Mr. MacDonald on March 8, 2004:

What increase in remuneration or salary and benefits is required for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to attract and maintain sufficient numbers of veterinary pathologists to meet requirements for timely testing of animals since the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta?

Sessional Paper 309/2004

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 8, 2004:

What programs are being developed to aid elk ranchers who have suffered economic losses due to shrinking markets as well as the recent case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy?

Sessional Paper 310/2004

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 8, 2004:

What consultations are presently taking place between the Government and game farm operators regarding the future of the elk ranching industry in Alberta?

Sessional Paper 311/2004

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald on March 8, 2004:

How much was spent on division and branch restructuring initiatives within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, broken down by initiative, for the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Sessional Paper 312/2004

Return to Order of the Assembly MR21, asked for by Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 8, 2004:

Any report received by the Government from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in calendar years 2003, 2002, 2001, and 2000 regarding the well-being of animals at the Kneehill Animal Control and Rehabilitation Centre Ltd. (GuZoo)

Sessional Paper 313/2004

Return to Order of the Assembly MR43, asked for by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 8, 2004:

The total dollar amount allocated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to applied research and forage associations, broken down by the amount given to each association, for the fiscal year 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 314/2004

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on April 21, 2004, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2004-2005 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 315/2004

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on April 21, 2004, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2004-2005 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 316/2004

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 21, 2004, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, 2004-2005 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 317/2004

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, 2003

Sessional Paper 318/2004

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Act Appeal Tribunal, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 319/2004

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Several summaries and agendas relating to discussions held by the New Schools Initiative Committee in Calgary-West held throughout 2002, 2003, and 2004, with attached committee contact sheet and background

Sessional Paper 320/2004

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

InnoVisions web site article, undated, entitled "US Telework Scene - Stats and Facts"

Sessional Paper 321/2004

Imperial Parking of Canada Corporation "notice of debt owing" issued to Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on May 2, 2004

Sessional Paper 322/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copies of auto insurance rate quotes obtained from ING Insurance Company of Canada, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, and Manitoba Public Insurance

Sessional Paper 323/2004

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

Program from the 2004 Graduation Convocation of the King's University College held on May 1, 2004

Sessional Paper 324/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Final Report of the Alberta Official Song Committee dated March 2004 and musical excerpt of the winning song

Sessional Paper 325/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 10 to May 13, 2004:

Monday, May 10	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 31, 33, 34, 35 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 11	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 32

Government Motions

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Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 31, 33, 34, 35

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bill 32

**Committee of the Whole /
Third Reading**

Bill 31, 33, 34, 35

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 12

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bill 32

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

Bill 32

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 13

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 32

And as per the Order Paper

Adjourn Spring Sitting pursuant
to Government Motion 7

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY**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, 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Seniors

\$406,422,000 Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

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 5:16 p.m. until Monday, May 10, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 2004

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

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, made a statement noting that Pages Greg Andrews, Maya Gordon, Andrea Balon, Natalie Wilson, and Lara Kinkartz would not be returning for the next Session of the Legislature and presented the Pages with a gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

The Speaker read a letter he received from the 5 Pages of the Legislative Assembly who will not be returning for the next Session.

Recognitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Upcoming retirement of David Lovett from the Fine Arts Theatre Design Program, University of Alberta

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: National Nursing Week, May 10-16, 2004

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Nominees and recipients of the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards from the Wetaskiwin-Camrose constituency

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Organizers of the 2004 Alberta Summer Games to be held in Okotoks, High River, and the Municipal District of Foothills, July 22-25, 2004

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: National Nursing Week, May 10-16, 2004

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Melissa Krizsan, Gloria Layton, Virginia Layton, and Kristen Reti, recipients of Apex Youth Awards sponsored by the Taber Rotary Club and the Taber Times

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 6th annual Art From the Heart dinner and auction hosted by the Rotary Club of Calgary Sarcee on May 7, 2004

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Alberta Personal Income Tax (School Tax Credit) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Vandermeer

Bill 212 Alberta Association of Former M.L.A.s Act — Mr. Johnson

Bill 214 Public Automobile Insurance Commission Act — Dr. Pannu

Bill 215 Alberta Official Folk Dance Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 216 Low-cost Electricity for Alberta Act — Mr. MacDonald

Bill 217 Government Accountability (Identification of Expenditures) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Cao

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated May 10, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Bob Nicholson, President, Hockey Canada, congratulating the members of Hockey Canada on winning their second-straight World Hockey Championship in Prague, Czech Republic on May 9, 2004

Sessional Paper 326/2004

Letter dated May 10, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Brad Banister, President and General Manager, Calgary Roughnecks Lacrosse Club, congratulating the Club on winning the 2004 Champion's Cup in Calgary on May 7, 2004

Sessional Paper 327/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Term paper, undated, entitled "Allende, Pinochet and the Chilean Media" prepared by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier

Sessional Paper 328/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 7, 2003, from David D. Megran, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P.C., Chair, Medical Advisory Board, Calgary Health Region, to 14 addressees with the names struck out, discussing a purported conflict of interest concerning the Calgary Health Region's Division Chief of Ophthalmology

Sessional Paper 329/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 15, 2004, from Julie Woodyer, Campaigns Director, Zoocheck Canada Inc., to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, with associated attachments, expressing concern regarding poor conditions at the Guzoo Animal Farm in Three Hills

Sessional Paper 330/2004

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document dated April 16, 1998, entitled "Financial Administration Act, Treasury Board Directive No. 14/98" with associated attachments, prepared by the Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 331/2004

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Memorandum dated September 24, 2003, from Julian Nowicki, Deputy Minister, Executive Council, to all Cabinet Ministers attaching material concerning documentation required for Ministry related expenses

Sessional Paper 332/2004

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated May 10, 2004, unsigned, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2004, in relation to the military coup d'état in Chile on September 11, 1973

Sessional Paper 333/2004

Letter dated May 7, 2004, to the Editor of the Edmonton Journal, from Leo Campos Aldunez of Edmonton expressing concern regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2004, in relation to the military coup d'état in Chile on September 11, 1973

Sessional Paper 334/2004

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 (APEGGA), Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 335/2004

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

Certified Management Accountants of Alberta, Financial Statements, June 30, 2003

Sessional Paper 336/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ67. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What was the Government purpose that resulted in the Trade Director for Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean charging \$226 to the Alberta taxpayer at the Four Seasons restaurant on September 30, 2002?

- WQ70.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
What established service quality benchmarks is the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board using to ensure quality customer service following its December 19, 2003 announcement to implement service quality plans for regulated gas and electric rate tariff providers and electric wire owners effective January 1, 2004 and how were these benchmarks determined?
- WQ74.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
How often are utility companies in Alberta required to submit performance reports?
- WQ82.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:
What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Learning measure whether the tuition fee policy and its related programs are effective in making post-secondary education affordable to students?
- WQ83.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:
What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Learning require public post-secondary institutions to comply with the tuition fee policy?
- WQ84.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:
What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Learning improve its grant processes by not approving the money before defining the nature and extent of the grant commitment or establishing accountability criteria?
- WQ87.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:
What progress has the Government made and what measures have been put in place to implement all the class size recommendations of the Alberta Commission on Learning?
- WQ88.** Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
How much money has the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board distributed to energy customers whose utilities were disconnected in error between January 1, 2004 and March 9, 2004?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ85. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to conduct an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of “service delivery alternatives” to managing parks and protected areas to correct serious flaws in its implementation as indicated in the Auditor General’s 2002-2003 Annual Report?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to conduct an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of “service delivery alternatives” *for operating* parks and protected areas *as recommended* in the Auditor General’s 2002-2003 Annual Report?

WQ86. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

What measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to implement the changes to the process for awarding and monitoring park management contracts to private operators as recommended in the Auditor General’s 2002-2003 Annual Report to ensure that taxpayers’ dollars are not being wasted?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to *improve* the process for awarding and monitoring park management contracts to private operators as recommended in the Auditor General’s 2002-2003 Annual Report?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR90. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent on information technology initiatives within the Department and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, broken down by initiative, for the fiscal year 2002-2003.

MR148. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including but not limited to correspondence, business plans, budgets, and contracts related to the creation of the Utilities Consumer Advocate Office between September 22, 2003 and February 17, 2004.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR108. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Region 1 Southwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Hon. Ms Evans moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Region 1 Southwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority, *and each of the Child and Family Services Authorities, or their predecessors, referred to in Motions for Returns 108-116 inclusive, and 121*, on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The following Motions for Returns were removed from the Order Paper as a result of the acceptance of Motion for Returns MR108 as amended:

MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR121.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR88. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount, broken down by transaction, of funds transferred into and out of the Capital Plan between April 1, 2003 and February 17, 2004.

MR89. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount, broken down by transaction, of funds transferred into and out of the Alberta Fiscal Stability Fund between April 1, 2003 and February 17, 2004.

MR91. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of oil and gas wells drilled within 25 kilometres of a park or protected area in Alberta between January 1, 1985 and February 17, 2004, broken down by the type of well and the number of wells drilled for each year.

MR92. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of oil and gas wells drilled within 50 kilometres of an urban area in Alberta between January 1, 1985 and February 17, 2004, broken down by the type of well and the number of wells drilled for each year.

MR93. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Office of the Premier over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by position and amount paid to each official.

MR94. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within Executive Council over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by position and amount paid to each official.

MR95. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The number of natural gas pipeline ruptures, bursts, breaches, and leaks that have occurred in Alberta in the calendar years 2002 and 2003, broken down by location and level of environmental damage.

MR96. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Economic Development over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by position and amount paid to each official.

MR97. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by position and amount paid to each official.

MR98. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by position and amount paid to each official.

MR99. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by position and amount paid to each official.

MR100. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

MR101. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Revenue.

MR102. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Transportation.

MR103. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Transportation on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR104. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence received by the Premier between January 1, 2002 and November 18, 2003 regarding potential conflicts of interest over the usage of a private-public partnership to build the Calgary court house.

MR105. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports in the possession of the Government detailing a cost analysis for the use of private-public partnerships for infrastructure development.

MR117. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The business and cost analysis for the proposed private-public partnership for the hospital in south Calgary including any analysis of the savings accrued by using a private-public partnership over a public model.

MR118. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount of and a copy of all receipts for the Premier's trip to Asia between January 11, 2004 and January 21, 2004, broken down by travel costs, dining costs, costs for hosting events, entertainment costs, accommodation costs, and miscellaneous costs.

MR119. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount of and a copy of all receipts for the Minister of Community Development's trip to India between January 11, 2004 and January 21, 2004, broken down by travel costs, dining costs, costs for hosting events, entertainment costs, accommodation costs, and miscellaneous costs.

MR120. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all minutes taken at meetings of the Treasury Board between January 1, 1994 and February 17, 2004.

MR122. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Solicitor General on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR123. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Infrastructure on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR128. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for the Personnel Administration Office.

MR134. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

MR135. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Justice and Attorney General.

MR136. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Children's Services.

MR137. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Learning.

MR138. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Innovation and Science.

MR139. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR140. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Energy and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR141. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Children's Services and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR142. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Innovation and Science and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR143. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Learning and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR146. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Children's Services on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR147. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, correspondence, and recommendations from the Utilities Consumer Advocate to the Government regarding consumer utilities issues between September 22, 2003 and February 17, 2004.

MR149. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents regarding Government compensation to companies whose natural gas wells in the Athabasca-Wabasca-McMurray region have been ordered shut-in by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR150. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents regarding the development of regulations and/or guidelines for the development of natural gas in coal or coalbed methane between January 1, 2001 and February 17, 2004.

MR151. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including but not limited to correspondence, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes of the Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee between January 1, 2003 and February 17, 2004.

MR152. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all economic reviews and evaluations of the Alberta Crude Oil Royalty Marketing Process between January 1, 2003 and February 17, 2004.

MR153. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, business plans, and correspondence regarding the Government's electricity transmission development policy between January 1, 2001 and February 17, 2004.

MR154. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, reports, statistical data, and correspondence regarding the blow-out of a Redwood Energy well located near Edson between June 7, 2001 and February 17, 2004.

MR155. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, business plans, performance measures, and statistical data regarding the Government's deregulation of electricity between January 1, 1992 and January 1, 2001.

MR156. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence between TransAlta Corporation, including any subsidiaries, and the Government regarding electricity deregulation between January 1, 1990 and February 17, 2004.

MR157. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all performance measures and statistical data regarding the effect of the Government's deregulation of electricity on residential, and small and medium business customers between January 1, 2001 and February 17, 2004.

MR158. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total cost of all reports commissioned by the Government regarding electricity deregulation between January 1, 1990 and February 17, 2004, broken down by the cost for each report.

MR159. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Finance and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR160. Moved by Mr. Bonner:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR161. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all business plans or business models prepared by the Government regarding electricity deregulation between January 1, 1995 and March 16, 2004.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210, MR211, MR212, MR213.

Unanimous Consent

During consideration of Motions for Returns, Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 34(2) to allow the Assembly to move on to Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders at 5:00 p.m.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Kryczka

Bill 204 Blood Samples Act — Mr. Lukaszuk

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Mason speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions**508.** Moved by Mr. McFarland:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the legal drinking age in Alberta to 19 as is the current requirement in the neighbouring Provinces of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

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: 26

Abbott	Hlady	Mar
Bonner	Jablonski	Marz
Cao	Jacobs	Maskell
Cardinal	Johnson	McFarland
Coutts	Jonson	Nelson
Danyluk	Klapstein	O'Neill
DeLong	Kryczka	VanderBurg
Doerksen	Lord	Yankowsky
Evans	MacDonald	

Against the motion: 16

Amery	Graham	Pham
Ducharme	Graydon	Snelgrove
Dunford	Griffiths	Stevens
Fritz	Knight	Tarchuk
Gordon	Lukaszuk	Zwozdesky
Goudreau		

509. Moved by Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a dedicated fund for the purpose of conducting research to develop scientifically credible information about the safety and effectiveness of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), that will assist health care professionals, health policy-makers, and the public in making informed decisions.

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 31 Highways Development and Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
Bill 33 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 34 Income Trusts Liability Act — Mr. Hlady
Bill 35 Companies Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hutton

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Medicine Hat Tigers hockey team on winning their first Western Hockey League Championship.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the dedication and hard work of the Alberta Youth Advisory Panel.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding revenues from international sources.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding the twinning of Highway 4 near Milk River.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 689 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 90 Albertans requesting the Government invest a portion of the multi-billion dollar budget surplus to properly fund education, thereby avoiding layoffs of teachers and staff, ballooning class sizes, program cuts, and closure of schools.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta's Promise Partners' Report dated 2003, entitled "Keeping Promises"
Sessional Paper 337/2004

Letter dated May 11, 2004, from Lynn Jerchel, Director, Service Support, Alberta Children's Services, to Today's Parent magazine in response to the Child Care Report Card published in the May 2004 issue of Today's Parent
Sessional Paper 338/2004

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 20, 2004, Department of Children's Services, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 339/2004

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Summary dated May 11, 2004, of expenses for the official party that attended the Premier's mission to India and Hong Kong, January 10-21, 2004, prepared by Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations
Sessional Paper 340/2004

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR80, asked for by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman on May 3, 2004:

The total number of seniors who applied to the Ministry and Department of Seniors for financial assistance due to rising utility bills in 2003, broken down by how many were given assistance and the range of amounts each received
Sessional Paper 341/2004

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated March 22, 2004, from Preston Parks of Red Deer to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, with 249 attached letters signed by Albertans requesting the reinstatement of all seniors' benefits removed by the Government in 1993/94

Sessional Paper 342/2004

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

Report, undated, entitled "The Influence of the Social Pricing of Insurance on Road Safety in British Columbia" prepared by the Insurance Bureau of Canada
Sessional Paper 343/2004

Report, undated, entitled "The Reality of Government-run Auto Insurance" prepared by the Insurance Bureau of Canada

Sessional Paper 344/2004

E-mail message dated September 4, 2003, from Suzanne Walters, Director of Communications, Fraser Institute, to Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, attaching the text of a media release dated September 4, 2003, entitled "Public Auto Insurance Causes More Deaths and Damage According to New Study" prepared by the Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 345/2004

Text of a National Post article dated October 22, 2003, entitled "Private insurance saves lives"

Sessional Paper 346/2004

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

Report dated March 10, 2001, entitled "Milk River Hwy 4 Alternate Routes Survey" prepared by Peter McCormick, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 347/2004

Copy of a petition signed by 700 Albertans urging the Government to chose an easterly Milk River Highway 4 bypass route and abandon the west bypass plan

Sessional Paper 348/2004

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

Copy of a brochure, undated, entitled "National Day of Healing and Reconciliation" listing events to be held at Edmonton City Hall on May 25, 2004

Sessional Paper 349/2004

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

18 recent letters signed by grade 5 students of Rundle School requesting assistance from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to introduce legislation requiring the use of seat belts in school buses

Sessional Paper 350/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 351/2004

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2003"

Sessional Paper 352/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Alberta Official Song Act (section 8(1)), the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Alberta Official Song Committee, tabled by the Minister of Community Development in the Assembly May 6, 2004, and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that a composition entitled “Alberta” by Mary Kieftenbeld of Rivière Qui Barre, Alberta, be proclaimed as the Official Song for Alberta in conjunction with the Province’s celebration of its Centennial Year, 2005.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Appropriation Act, 2004, be not now read a Second time because the Bill does not adequately provide for the following: a reduction in classroom sizes, comprehensive health care benefits for seniors, and relief for utility customers.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — 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 Bills were reported:

Bill 31 Highways Development and Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 33 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 34 Income Trusts Liability Act — Mr. Hlady

Bill 35 Companies Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hutton

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 1:30 p.m, Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Successes of the Calgary Flames, Team Canada, and the Calgary Roughnecks Lacrosse Club

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert constituent Tim Cooper, recent recipient of a President's Citation from the University of Alberta

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Warner Hockey School

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Educator Sandra Woitas, recently named one of the top 100 Edmontonians of the century by the Edmonton Journal

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Asian Pacific Heritage Month, May 2004

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

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised during Oral Question Period on May 11, 2004, by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry

Sessional Paper 353/2004

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

Petition signed by 48 Albertans requesting an apology from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, for comments made during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2004, in relation to the military coup d'état in Chile on September 11, 1973

Sessional Paper 354/2004

Letter dated May 10, 2004, signed by 44 members of the Chilean-Canadian community to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2004, in relation to the military coup d'état in Chile on September 11, 1973

Sessional Paper 355/2004

E-mail message dated May 11, 2004, from Adolfo E. Silva, P.Eng., of Milton, Ontario, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein during Oral Question Period on May 6, 2004, in relation to the military coup d'état in Chile on September 11, 1973

Sessional Paper 356/2004

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

Daily Express headline, undated, stating "Power Bills up 20%"

Sessional Paper 357/2004

Advertisement for a public forum regarding electoral reform in Alberta to be held on May 19, 2004 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 358/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-8, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 359/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2003

Sessional Paper 360/2004

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright:

E-mail petition signed by 204 Albertans opposing the exclusion of financial support for infertility treatments under the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 361/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 31 Highways Development and Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
Bill 33 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 34 Income Trusts Liability Act — Hon. Mr. Melchin on behalf of Mr. Hlady
Bill 35 Companies Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mr. Hutton

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 Bill was reported:

- Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:37 p.m. until Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 2004

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

Members' Statements

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding Chestermere Lake Middle School's participation in the International Space Station's EarthKAM Project.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Canmore IceCats Atom A hockey team on winning the Provincial Atom A Championship, and the Canmore Minor Hockey Association and its volunteers for hosting a successful tournament.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Government accountability.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding democracy in Alberta.

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 when the Assembly resumes:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 4, 2004, Department of Gaming, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 362/2004

Response to a question raised by Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, on May 4, 2004, Department of Gaming, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 363/2004

Response to a question raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on May 4, 2004, Department of Gaming, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 364/2004

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Response to a question raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Oral Question Period on May 12, 2004, regarding the Alberta Supernet

Sessional Paper 365/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 28, 2004, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 366/2004

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on April 28, 2004, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 367/2004

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 28, 2004, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 368/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 15, 2004:

What is the total number of *active, capped, abandoned, and* orphaned wells, *and the number of linear kilometres of* pipelines in provincial parks and protected areas?

Sessional Paper 369/2004

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Energy for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Government Services for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Revenue for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Finance for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 15, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Environment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Response to Written Question WQ28, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson on March 29, 2004:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development *and the departments referred to in Written Questions WQ29, WQ30, WQ34, WQ46, WQ60 to WQ65 inclusive, WQ72, WQ73, WQ80, and WQ81* for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 370/2004

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft on March 29, 2004:

The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for *all Ministries and Departments in the Government of Alberta referred to in Motions for Returns MR17, MR50, MR51, MR54, MR63, MR74, MR76, MR77, MR106, MR107, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR144, MR145, and MR206*

Sessional Paper 371/2004

Return to Order of the Assembly MR34, asked for by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald on April 26, 2004:

A breakdown of the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees* within the *Government of Alberta, listed by department*, over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the *range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range.*

Sessional Paper 372/2004

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

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on April 19, 2004, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 373/2004

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

Letter dated May 13, 2004, from Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, to Greg Gigliuk, Coach, Heritage Lanes 5-Pin Bowling Team, offering congratulations on winning the recent National Championship and Gold Medal for 5-pin bowling

Sessional Paper 374/2004

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

Letter dated March 2, 2004, unsigned, from John Dawson Edwards, Alberta Construction Association, unaddressed, regarding the Alberta Construction Association's review of MERF (Market Enhancement Recovery Funds)

Sessional Paper 375/2004

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

Guardian Unlimited web site article dated March 3, 2004, entitled "Victims of a brutal regime: Pinochet on trial, special report"

Sessional Paper 376/2004

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

E-mail message dated May 11, 2004, from Patricia Pasten, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, attaching the text of an open letter regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein in the Legislative Assembly on May 6, 2004

Sessional Paper 377/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 22, 2004, from Kim Robinson of Georgetown, Ontario to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding her visit last summer to the GuZoo Animal Farm

Sessional Paper 378/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Report, undated, entitled "Sustaining Tomorrow's Prosperity, Sustaining the Alberta Advantage" prepared by Alberta Economic Development

Sessional Paper 379/2004

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, advised that as it was anticipated the House would be adjourning today there was no projected Government business to report.

Point of Privilege

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Oral Question Period on May 12, 2004, relating to the Minister's appearance that morning before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Speaker heard from Ms Blakeman.

The Speaker indicated the point of privilege would be dealt with on the day the Assembly next sits.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 7 agreed to by the Assembly on February 18, 2004, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

DISSOLUTION

OCTOBER 25, 2004

Dissolution

[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 dissolve the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Alberta:

NOW KNOW YE THAT by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta, We have ordered and declared and do hereby proclaim that the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Alberta is hereby dissolved and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are discharged from further meetings and attendance.

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 25th day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Four and in the Fifty-third Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice and
Deputy Attorney General

David Hancock,
Provincial Secretary