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Tuesday, March 1, 2005

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Catherine A. Fraser, Administrator of the Province of Alberta, dated the 7th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five;

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

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CATHERINE A. FRASER,
Administrator.

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...

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice and
Deputy Attorney General

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of March 2005, at the hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005

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 CATHERINE A. FRASER, Administrator of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 7th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Five and in the Fifty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

RON STEVENS
Provincial Secretary.

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

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took his seat on the Throne.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

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

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

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

Election of Speaker

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

Mr. Kowalski, nominated by Ms Haley

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared Mr. Kowalski the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 26th Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

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

Honourable Members, it is with the deepest of humility that I thank you all, all Members of Alberta's 26th Legislature, for the great honour bestowed upon me today. As we close the first 100 years of Alberta as a province and embark upon our second centennial, we should all be cognizant of the tremendous responsibility placed upon all of us as Members of this Legislative Assembly. As the future unfolds, I have no doubt that the 26th Legislature will experience momentous events that will define the new Alberta. Your integrity, your honesty, and your transparency will define you as a Member of Alberta's Legislative Assembly. You will make a difference.

Thank you again for electing me as your Speaker. To the Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, thank you for believing in me and thank you for your humbling nomination. The best to all. Thank you.

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

Let us pray. Father, on this day of a new beginning we ask for your guidance in the responsibility we have undertaken and your help in fulfilling our duties. As Members of this Legislative Assembly, may we faithfully serve all Albertans and, in serving them, serve you. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

Mr. Shariff, nominated by Mr. Amery

Mr. Marz, nominated by Mr. McFarland

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Ministerial Statement

While the ballots were being counted, the Speaker called upon Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, who presented all Members of the Legislative Assembly with a silver Centennial Medallion.

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

Election Results

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 42. The Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Marz. Mr. Marz is hereby declared the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 26th Legislature.

Mr. Marz thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committees

Mr. Speaker advised the House that nominations were open and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

Mr. Cao, nominated by Mr. Johnson

Rev. Abbott, nominated by Mr. Danyluk

Mr. Shariff, nominated by Ms Haley

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the first ballot for the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 42. No candidate has received a majority of the votes cast. Rev. Abbott has received the least number of total votes cast. Rev. Abbott's name will therefore be excluded from subsequent ballots.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Journals/Table Research, Parliamentary Counsel and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

The Clerk then announced the following:

The results of the second ballot for the election of the Deputy Chair of Committees are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 82; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 42. The Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Shariff. Mr. Shariff is hereby declared the Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the 26th Legislature.

Mr. Shariff thanked the Assembly for electing him Deputy Chair of Committees.

Unanimous consent was granted to destroy all ballots and materials related to the elections.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m. until Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole, who passed away on January 6, 2005.

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took his seat on the Throne.

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

The Speaker said:

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

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

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

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

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

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

Speech From the Throne

Fellow Albertans, it is my privilege to welcome you to the First Session of the 26th Alberta Legislature.

The Next Alberta

It is my great honour to deliver the Speech from the Throne as it is my great honour to serve as this province's Lieutenant Governor. In this role I have big shoes to fill, or perhaps I should say big rubber boots. My predecessor, the Late, The Honourable Lois Hole, was much beloved by Albertans. She brought warmth, grace, kindness, and compassion to this office. She personified the very best qualities of this province.

I had the honour and privilege of meeting Bill and Valerie and Jim and Marcia this afternoon and know that their mother's qualities are carried on in the family.

All of us here can do no less than endeavour to follow Mrs. Hole's example. We must strive to fulfill the duties of our offices with diligence and dignity. We must respect each other even when we disagree. Above all, we must always remember the people we serve and act in ways that will bring honour to them and this province, as she did.

This year the Government will establish lasting tributes to Lois Hole. Later on I will announce two initiatives in recognition of Mrs. Hole's dedication to libraries and learning. The Government will also celebrate the Late Lieutenant Governor's first love, gardening, with the creation of a memorial garden on the grounds of the Alberta Legislature. There will be a seating area where visitors can enjoy the beauty of the garden and the grounds. The garden will be named after Lois Hole and will include a cairn with a plaque featuring her portrait and biographical highlights of her life and legacy.

During this centennial year we will also remember the legacies of the many other great Albertans who came before us and we will celebrate the wonderful province they helped to build.

The Centennial: A Century of Achievement

It's amazing to think of how far Alberta has come from its roots 100 years ago. Back in 1905 Alberta's population was only 185,000, much smaller than that of either Saskatchewan or Manitoba, and the people were outnumbered by the livestock. There were nearly a quarter million horses and a million cattle in Alberta at that time.

A look back at this province's first Speech from the Throne, delivered by Lieutenant Governor George Bulyea in the First Legislature at McKay Avenue School, shows some surprising similarities with the business that concerns us today. Mr. Bulyea noted, as I also will, the importance of agriculture to the province. He spoke about the pressures a rapidly growing population puts on infrastructure, pressures we continue to face today. Back in 1905 Alberta was developing a telephone system while 2005 will see the completion of the SuperNet.

The people who heard Lieutenant Governor Bulyea's words couldn't have known all the struggles they would face. They didn't know how difficult it would be to build the roads, bridges, and railroad tracks that would connect this province to the rest of the country. They didn't know that fires, floods, and droughts were on their way. They didn't know that many of their sons and daughters would give their lives building this province and this country and defending it overseas.

What they did know was that theirs was a land blessed with beauty and natural resources. They knew they would have to work hard to turn the land's promise into prosperity. They knew that with provincehood came great responsibility. It was a responsibility they willingly accepted and together they built a strong, vibrant province.

Today all Albertans owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before us: to the aboriginal people, whose deep connection to this land spans generations and centuries; to our seniors, who laid the foundations for the communities that took root all across this province and made it home; to the settlers, who came from all over the world to make a fresh start here, often bringing nothing more with them than dreams and determination; to those who fought for this nation in armed conflicts; and to everyone who had faith in this province and what it could become. The fruits of their labours are all around us.

Alberta now enters its second century with a strong economy, no debt, nation-leading rates of growth and employment, a high standard of living, and an enviable quality of life. The credit for all these achievements rests with Albertans themselves and they are indeed achievements worth celebrating in this centennial year.

Albertans will mark the centennial in ways that are as grand and unique as Alberta itself. Among the highlights of the province's centennial celebrations will be a visit from Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh this spring. In honour of the centennial a new graduate scholarship and fellowship program will be established. Beginning in the next school year 200 students enrolled in full-time masters programs in Alberta will each receive a \$9,300 scholarship, and 100 students enrolled in full-time Ph.D. programs will each receive a \$10,500 fellowship. A total of 300 students will receive nearly \$3 million through this program, a number that will grow with the number of graduate students in Alberta.

Another way Alberta will mark its centennial is by presenting centennial medallions to all schoolchildren and to Albertans who are 100 years or older.

As Albertans celebrate the province's past, they will also look ahead with enthusiasm to the next Alberta, the Alberta our children and grandchildren will inherit. My Government's goal is to make sure that the next Alberta is even better than the Alberta of today.

The Next Alberta Will Be a Leader in Learning

That's why the next Alberta will continue to be a leader in learning. The children of Alberta already benefit from one of the best education systems in the world. Its success is due to dedicated students, outstanding teachers, and a high-quality curriculum. Alberta will continue to invest in its children's futures by supporting initiatives that build on the strong foundation of the kindergarten through grade 12 system and enhance learning opportunities for students across the province.

Previous efforts to strengthen the education system are already showing results: class sizes are coming down and will meet the Learning Commission guidelines two years ahead of schedule, and our students continue to outperform their peers on national and international tests.

Now it's time to make sure that the province's post-secondary education system is able to meet the needs of the next Alberta. A strong post-secondary education system is crucial for continued economic diversification, growth, and prosperity as well as personal fulfilment. Strengthening the post-secondary learning system is the Government's top priority during this centennial year.

The Government is taking immediate action to improve access to advanced education. Over the next three years 15,000 new spaces will be added to the post-secondary system. In six years that will double to 30,000 new spaces. By 2020 a total of 60,000 new spaces will be created. Our goal with this bold expansion plan is to move Albertans to the highest rate of post-secondary education in the country.

Particular attention will be paid to increasing training opportunities in areas experiencing skills shortages. Government will invest in new apprenticeship certification programs. Investment will also be directed to new apprenticeship training initiatives, particularly for aboriginal people. It will bring opportunities closer to the learner by exploring increased use of alternate delivery training mechanisms such as distance learning and mobile delivery to rural communities.

This Government will also make advanced education more affordable. The Government will pay the full cost of tuition increases at Alberta's public post-secondary learning institutions for the 2005-06 academic year. It will also create a new policy, the most innovative, entrepreneurial, and affordable in the country, to ensure that tuition and schooling costs aren't a barrier to learning in Alberta.

The first legislation introduced during this session will call for a significant new investment in the post-secondary learning system. Bill 1, the Access to the Future Act, aligns Government's fiscal strategy with its 20-year strategic plan. It will lay the groundwork for investments that will allow Alberta to continue to prosper in the increasingly globalized, knowledge-based economy.

The signature piece of this Act will allow for the creation of a \$3 billion endowment fund to sustain Alberta's post-secondary education system into the future. The Access to the Future Fund will support innovation and excellence in post-secondary education. For example, it will provide matching contributions to help create a new centre for Chinese studies at the University of Alberta. This landmark institute will promote greater understanding of the culture, language, and history of one of the world's largest economies and a country with which this province has long enjoyed a special relationship.

The new fund will also support the development of an Alberta-wide digital library that will allow all students and faculty, wherever they are located in the province, to access the resources and knowledge currently held in the individual libraries of our post-secondary institutions. To be named the Lois Hole Digital Library, this leading-edge initiative is centred on the work already under way at the University of Calgary. The Government will also create the Lois Hole Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship. Beginning in the next academic year four students will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward his or her post-secondary studies.

This Government is committed to removing obstacles from the path of any Albertan who wants to get an education, whether it's from a university, college, or technical institution, and it will show its commitment through its actions.

The Next Alberta Will Have a Diverse and Growing Economy

Having an educated workforce is key to ensuring continued prosperity in the next Alberta. We know that a strong economy is not an end unto itself; rather, it is the means to achieve the things we want as a society such as strong health and education systems and supports for those who are vulnerable. This Government remains committed to the fiscal principles that have served the province so well: balanced budgets, no debt, and low taxes. These principles have made Alberta the economic leader of the nation. We're at the head of the pack and we're staying there.

Growth brings its own challenges and among them are tremendous pressures on infrastructure. This Government will maintain one of the most aggressive infrastructure programs in Canada to make sure Albertans have the roads, schools, hospitals, and facilities they need.

Work will begin this year on the southeast portion of the Edmonton ring road thanks to a public/private partnership that will see the road's completion in just two and a half years. Government will explore continued use of this innovative form of financing for large capital projects as it aims to complete the ring roads around Edmonton and Calgary within the next decade.

Secondary highways are also critical to the province's continued economic growth. These roads are vital links to and between rural communities and many are long overdue for improvements. This year the Government will increase its investment in this area to rehabilitate and upgrade more provincial highways throughout the province.

Our Government will work with municipal partners by allocating the \$3 billion that has been committed to address municipal infrastructure needs beginning in Budget 2005.

Now that the province's debt has been paid off, the Government will begin inflation-proofing the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to ensure that it is sustained as a legacy for future generations.

We will take steps to protect consumers by strengthening legislation on collection practices, credit reporting, public auctions, and loan brokering. We will also introduce standardized, plain-language contracts for residential natural gas and electricity consumers.

Alberta will continue to implement its water for life strategy this year, including developing a provincial plan for water conservation in partnership with the Alberta Water Council.

We will increase consultation with aboriginal people on resource development and land access issues to help them participate fully in the growing economy.

This Government will continue to stand by agricultural producers, who face the future with renewed optimism. The economic hardships of recent years have prompted improvements to the agriculture sector, including increased domestic processing capacity, and the expansion of value-added products, which will make the industry more competitive than ever.

We will work to strengthen this vital sector by continuing to advocate for marketing choice for wheat and barley. The global marketplace is demanding that we move to a more competitive marketing system. Alberta will push for a new business model for the Canadian Wheat Board, one with market choice so that Alberta farmers can be more competitive in the value-added market.

Vibrant rural communities are vital to this province. That's why this Government will act on the recommendations of the rural development strategy to sustain and strengthen the rural economy.

Much as the land sustains the agriculture industry, it also sustains other economic mainstays such as energy, forestry, and tourism. Wise land management is crucial to ensure the sustainability of these sectors and continued prosperity for Albertans. That's why this Government will develop a land-use management framework supported by effective resource and environmental policies and shared, integrated information systems. It will also continue to leverage energy resources to their full value.

The Government will explore ways for the economy to be more knowledge based by adding value to primary resource industries and expanding manufacturing and business services.

Taking a coordinated approach will help protect the province's environment and ensure that all the province's resources are wisely managed with their benefits maximized for future generations.

The Next Alberta Will Be the Healthiest Province in Canada

Having a strong economy gives Alberta the ability to invest in areas like health care, but Albertans, and indeed all Canadians know that if simply adding money to the system was enough, the challenges in health care would have been resolved long ago. The days of endlessly studying and debating health care reform are over and the time for action is here. That's why Albertans will pioneer a new way of health care.

Alberta's third way for health care is about making sure Albertans get the best health care services, what they need and when they need it, at a price taxpayers can afford. We're going to get on with the things that need to be done such as developing systems to improve wait-list management and allowing electronic referrals between family physicians and specialists. We'll make whatever legislative changes are needed to allow innovation to occur throughout the health system.

We'll keep looking at new ideas. In May Alberta will host an international symposium to examine best practices in health care delivery. The symposium will give Albertans an opportunity to examine a range of solutions that could benefit our province.

And we'll take steps to make Albertans the healthiest people in the world because even the best medical treatments aren't as good as staying healthy in the first place. The Government will work with community partners to find new ways of encouraging Albertans to make health and wellness part of their daily lives. We will examine a range of wellness strategies promoting healthy outcomes for all Albertans.

The Government will introduce daily physical activity in schools for grades one through nine beginning this fall. It will also introduce a wellness initiative starting at the kindergarten level beginning in 2006 to help foster a lifelong commitment to healthy and active living in students.

We will take steps to manage future health risks. The Government will develop a plan to reduce the unacceptably high number of deaths and injuries on Alberta's streets and highways. We will invest in water infrastructure to provide a safe, clean water supply, and we will complete an emergency response plan for communicable disease emergencies.

All Albertans Will Share in the Alberta Advantage

Albertans are caring, compassionate people who want every member of this province to have the opportunity to share in the Alberta advantage both today and in the next Alberta. This means making sure that Albertans are protected in their workplaces and that they feel safe and secure in their communities.

This year the Government will review employment standards to make sure that the laws dealing with overtime, vacation, hours of work, and other workplace standards are current and relevant. It will raise the minimum wage to \$7 per hour, a rate that reflects the strength of Alberta's economy. Albertans are being consulted about whether this increase should be phased in or introduced all at once. We will work closely with affected employers to see that the impact on business is minimized.

Following the review of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program, Government will increase financial benefits for program recipients. Details of these changes will be announced during this legislative session.

This spring we will implement programs to provide dental and optical assistance to seniors and help cover annual increases in the education portion of their property taxes.

We will also review the Dependent Adults Act and revise accommodation standards for long-term care and seniors' housing.

Government will update the Police Act to enhance civilian oversight of police services. The province will continue to be the leading voice in pushing the Federal Government for conditional sentencing reform. Our position on this issue is very clear: in order to maintain the public's confidence in the justice system, those convicted of serious offences must face real jail time.

We will fight to protect our children from crimes such as sexual exploitation. The Government will introduce an education campaign to help prevent sexual exploitation of young people through Internet luring, child pornography, and child prostitution.

Government will strive to reduce family violence through effective interventions, including treatment, through the province's specialized domestic violence courts. Increased emphasis will be placed on training police and Crown prosecutors to investigate and prosecute family violence cases more effectively.

The system of Parent Link Centres will be expanded and Alberta will become the first province in Canada to introduce a child care worker accreditation program.

We will also continue to fulfil our commitment to children through Alberta's Promise and encourage all sectors of our communities to contribute their time, volunteer efforts, and finances to benefit young people.

These initiatives and others will help Albertans who are vulnerable receive the supports they need to participate fully in the social, economic, and cultural life of the province.

The Next Alberta Will Be a Leader in Canada and the World

In these past hundred years Alberta has grown from humble roots. It's gone from being a long shot on the Canadian prairie to becoming a magnet for modern-day pioneers from all around the world. It's gone from being a rough-edged frontier to offering among the best qualities of life of any province in Canada, with world-class museums and libraries, breathtaking parks and recreational opportunities, and a vibrant arts and cultural scene. It's gone from being the new kid at the Canadian family's table to playing a major role on the national stage, and Albertans are ready to play an even bigger role in Canada because, as this province's 100-year history illustrates so unmistakably, Albertans have what it takes to be leaders.

Like those who were faced with the task of building this province back in 1905, Albertans today cannot know what challenges lie ahead. We know only that we will meet them, as Albertans have always done, with courage, innovation, and determination. We live in a land rich in blessings, and like those who came before us, we are willing to work hard to make it even better for those who will follow us.

This centennial year people across Alberta will celebrate the amazing province we call home, and from this firm foundation we will look ahead to the prospect of building something even greater: the next Alberta.

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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, it was Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Access to the Future 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 His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2005

Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, two reports containing the results of the General Election conducted on the 22nd day of November, 2004. The first report states that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions and the said report further shows that the following Members were duly elected:

Airdrie-Chestermere	Carol Haley
Athabasca-Redwater	Mike Cardinal
Banff-Cochrane	Janis Tarchuk
Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	Kenneth Kowalski
Battle River-Wainwright	Doug Griffiths
Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Denis Ducharme
Calgary-Bow	Alana DeLong
Calgary-Buffalo	Harvey Cenaiko
Calgary-Cross	Yvonne Fritz
Calgary-Currie	Dave Taylor
Calgary-East	Moe Amery
Calgary-Egmont	Denis Herard

Calgary-Elbow	Ralph Klein
Calgary-Fish Creek	Heather Forsyth
Calgary-Foothills	Len Webber
Calgary-Fort	Wayne Cao
Calgary-Glenmore	Ron Stevens
Calgary-Hays	Arthur Johnston
Calgary-Lougheed	Dave Rodney
Calgary-Mackay	Gary Mar
Calgary-McCall	Shiraz Shariff
Calgary-Montrose	Hung Pham
Calgary-Mountain View	David Swann
Calgary-North Hill	Richard Magnus
Calgary-North West	Greg Melchin
Calgary-Nose Hill	Neil Brown
Calgary-Shaw	Cindy Ady
Calgary-Varsity	Harry Chase
Calgary-West	Ronald Liepert
Cardston-Taber-Warner	Paul Hinman
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Leonard Mitzel
Drayton Valley-Calmar	Tony Abbott
Drumheller-Stettler	Shirley McClellan
Dunvegan-Central Peace	Hector Goudreau
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Ray Martin
Edmonton-Calder	David Eggen
Edmonton-Centre	Laurie Blakeman
Edmonton-Decore	Bill Bonko
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Bharat Agnihotri
Edmonton-Glenora	Bruce Miller
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Hugh MacDonald
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	Brian Mason
Edmonton-Manning	Daniel Backs
Edmonton-McClung	Mo Elsalhy
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Maurice Tougas
Edmonton-Mill Creek	Gene Zwozdesky

Edmonton-Mill Woods	Weslyn Mather
Edmonton-Riverview	Kevin Taft
Edmonton-Rutherford	Richard Miller
Edmonton-Strathcona	Raj Pannu
Edmonton-Whitemud	David Hancock
Foothills-Rocky View	Ted Morton
Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	Guy Boutilier
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	Edward Stelmach
Grande Prairie-Smoky	Mel Knight
Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Gordon Graydon
Highwood	George Groeneveld
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Luke Ouellette
Lac La Biche-St. Paul	Ray Danyluk
Lacombe-Ponoka	Raymond Prins
Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	George Rogers
Lesser Slave Lake	Pearl Calahasen
Lethbridge-East	Bridget Pastoor
Lethbridge-West	Clint Dunford
Little Bow	Barry McFarland
Livingstone-Macleod	David Coutts
Medicine Hat	Rob Renner
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Richard Marz
Peace River	Frank Oberle
Red Deer-North	Mary Anne Jablonski
Red Deer-South	Victor Doerksen
Rocky Mountain House	Ty Lund
Sherwood Park	Iris Evans
Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	Doug Horner
St. Albert	Jack Flaherty
Stony Plain	Frederick Lindsay
Strathcona	Rob Lougheed
Strathmore-Brooks	Lyle Oberg
Vermilion-Lloydminster	Lloyd Snelgrove

West Yellowhead

Ivan Strang

Wetaskiwin-Camrose

LeRoy Johnson

Whitecourt-Ste. Anne

George VanderBurg

Mr. Speaker, I have also received a second report from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to Section 149 of the Election Act, containing the results of the General Election conducted on the 22nd day of November, 2004, for the electoral division of Edmonton-Castle Downs and the said report declares the Member duly elected as of January 24, 2005:

Edmonton-Castle Downs

Thomas Lukaszuk

Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Thursday, March 3, 2005.

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

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

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

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND (9 Members)

Liepert (Chair)

Goudreau

McFarland

Rogers (Deputy Chair)

MacDonald

Pham

Cao

Mather

Snelgrove

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (11 Members)

Tarchuk (Chair)	Griffiths	Pannu
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Lougheed	Rodney
Blakeman	Magnus	Strang
Flaherty	Marz	

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Brown (Chair)	Johnson	Pham
Liepert (Deputy Chair)	Johnston	Prins
Agnihotri	Lindsay	Rodney
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Shariff
Eggen	Mitzel	Swann
Elsalhy	Morton	Tougas
Groeneveld	Oberle	VanderBurg

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS, STANDING ORDERS AND PRINTING

(21 Members)

Haley (Chair)	Flaherty	Lukaszuk
Cao (Deputy Chair)	Groeneveld	MacDonald
Abbott	Herard	Marz
Amery	Johnson	Mitzel
Blakeman	Knight	Pannu
Danyluk	Liepert	Pastoor
DeLong	Lougheed	Zwozdesky

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

MacDonald (Chair)	Danyluk	Oberle
VanderBurg (Deputy Chair)	Eggen	Prins
Abbott	Griffiths	Rodney
Blakeman	Johnston	Rogers
Bonko	Lindsay	Webber
Chase	Morton	

MEMBERS' SERVICES (11 Members)

Kowalski (Chair)	Horner	McFarland
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Jablonski	Shariff
Ady	Knight	Taylor
Backs	Martin	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:58 p.m. until Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 3, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members: Mr. Roderick Macleod, Member for Olds, 1959 to 1963, who passed away on June 8, 2004; Mr. Percy Wickman, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud and Edmonton-Rutherford, 1989 to 1997, who passed away on July 3, 2004; Mr. Euell Montgomery, Member for Peace River, 1961 to 1967, who passed away on October 9, 2004; and Mr. Stanley Ruzycki, Member for Vegreville, 1955 to 1959, who passed away on October 15, 2004.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1930 the first prairie mail service by air began in the City of Edmonton.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding the March 2, 2005 temporary court injunction to stop the US government from reopening the border to Canadian cattle on March 7, 2005.

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

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General, made a statement regarding an RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) drug raid currently taking place near Mayerthorpe.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period Rotation

Honourable Members, before we begin Oral Question Period today, I would like to provide a statement with respect to the conduct of Question Period today and Monday and Tuesday. All Honourable Members should have on their desk a copy of a memo that I forwarded to the various House Leaders yesterday, but I would like, on the record, to share these comments as we proceed to the first Oral Question Period of the 26th Legislature.

First, for the information of new Members, the Chair wants to quote from page 415 of House of Commons Practice and Procedure by Marleau and Montpetit about the nature and importance of Oral Question Period, where it is stated:

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

The Chair notes that there is no House Leaders' agreement about the conduct of Oral Question Period. Accordingly, it falls to the Chair to determine the rotation of questions. In the interest of certainty, for today, Monday, March 7 and Tuesday March 8, the Chair will follow the practice in place for the 25th Legislature. At the end of the Daily Routine next Monday, the Chair will invite Members to make submissions concerning the rotation of questions. After hearing those submissions the Chair will rule on the operation of Question Period for this Legislature by the time the Assembly adjourns on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

This means that for today, next Monday, and Tuesday, the Leader of the Official Opposition or his designate will be entitled to the first three questions. The Leader of the New Democrat Opposition or his designate will be entitled to the fourth question. A Member from the Government Caucus will be entitled to the fifth question. The Official Opposition will be recognized for the sixth, eighth, and 10th questions and Members of the Government Caucus for the seventh and ninth questions. The New Democrat Opposition will be entitled to the 11th question. A Member of the Government Caucus may ask the 12th question, the Official Opposition the 13th question, and a Government Member the 14th question. Following the Chair's ruling of April 11, 2001, which governed the operation of the last Legislature, Government Members will be entitled to ask subsequent questions should there be any.

In terms of proportion of seats, the Alliance Member would be entitled to the 58th question each week although we will not hit that number by the end of Question Period on Tuesday.

The practice that has developed in Alberta is for each Member asking a question to be entitled to a main question which may include a preamble of a few sentences and up to two supplementary questions with no preambles. The Chair sees no reason to depart from this practice.

It has long been a concern of Members that some questions and answers take up too much time. Members may be aware that the Canadian House of Commons has a 35-second time limit on questions and answers. The Chair would like to see a similar system put in place in Alberta and would appreciate the contributions of Members next Monday. For today, Monday, and Tuesday I will attempt to apply a 45-second rule.

Another practice that will continue is that of caucuses submitting lists to the Speaker's Office by 1:00 p.m. each day the Assembly sits, of those Members who wish to ask questions. In accordance with the practices and traditions of this Assembly, the Chair will retain discretion when it comes to recognizing Members during Question Period.

The Chair understands that there might be some agreement amongst House Leaders concerning Members' Statements and Recognitions. While the Chair recognizes the need to operate according to the will of the Members, it must be done in accordance with the rules that govern the proceedings. In this case the Chair is reluctant to depart from the requirements in the Standing Orders until the appropriate amendments to those Standing Orders are passed or there is unanimous consent to waive those requirements. Accordingly, unless the House decides to do otherwise, the Chair will apply the rules from the last Legislature concerning Members' Statements. So, as provided for in Standing Order 7(4), there will be four Members' Statements today and next Tuesday, March 8. Today, two will be by Government Members and two from the Official Opposition. Next Tuesday, Government Members will be entitled to three Members' Statements and the Official Opposition one. On Monday, March 7, under Recognitions, up to seven Members other than members of Executive Council may make one-minute statements of congratulation or recognition. The Chair will recognize five Members of the Government Caucus and two Members of the Official Opposition.

The Chair will revisit the rotation for these items of business at the same time as the decision on the rotation of questions for Oral Question Period.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement congratulating Dr. Brent Saik and his teammates on breaking a Guinness world record for the world's longest hockey game on February 21, 2005, and for raising over \$100,000 for pediatric cancer research.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding drug abuse and its effects on children.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Freedom to Read Week, February 20-26, 2005, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on receiving an award honouring freedom of expression from the Calgary Freedom of Expression Committee.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 401 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 4,175 Albertans requesting the Government increase monthly AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) benefits and annually adjust the benefits to reflect the inflation rate.

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 provide all necessary funding to municipalities to cover the operation of ambulance services for the 2005-2006 fiscal year so as to maintain uninterrupted ambulance services and ensure no municipality is put into a position of hardship as a result of this Government's decision to cancel the transfer of ground ambulance services from municipalities to Regional Health Authorities.

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 7, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Report dated December 2001 entitled "Review, Coverage of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta from the Alberta Risk Management Fund" prepared by Cambridge Strategies Inc.

Sessional Paper 3/2005

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

Letter dated March 3, 2005, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting a legal opinion regarding the authority of Hon. Chief Justice Catherine Fraser in her role as Administrator of the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 4/2005

Letter dated February 28, 2005, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that an all-party committee be established to review the Election Act

Sessional Paper 5/2005

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Healthy Choices" listing new, wholesome products available from the Bon Ton Bakery

Sessional Paper 6/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Reprint of a Calgary Sun article dated March 2, 2005, entitled "Plans for EMS Takeover Killed; Bronco Mad at Allegations of Inflated Estimates"

Sessional Paper 7/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Report, undated, entitled "Project Stanley - July 20th Review Meeting, Initial Market Analysis, Privileged and Confidential Communication with Counsel" prepared by Frontier Economics

Sessional Paper 8/2005

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

Letter dated March 1, 2005, from Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) forensics lab in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 9/2005

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated March 2, 2005, from Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, to Hon. Ralph Goodale, Federal Minister of Finance, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) forensics lab in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 10/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Office of the Ombudsman, 37th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 11/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 12/2005

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

Chief Electoral Officer, Twenty-seventh Annual Report for the Calendar Year 2003

Sessional Paper 13/2005

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

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta dated July 20, 2004, entitled "Investigation by Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Gary Masyk, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmonton-Norwood"

Sessional Paper 14/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-65, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2003-2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 15/2005

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

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2003 and 2003 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 16/2005

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 7 to March 10, 2005:

Monday, March 7	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 4, 5, 6, 7 Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 1 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 8	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Supplementary Supply Message Government Motions Motion 8, 9 Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 2 of 10) Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 2 of 10) Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 9	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 3 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 3 of 10) Committee of Supply Supplementary Estimates (Day 1 of 2) And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 10	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Estimates (Day 2 of 2) And as per the Order Paper

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide all necessary funding to municipalities to cover the operation of ambulance services for the 2005-2006 fiscal year so as to maintain uninterrupted ambulance services and ensure no municipality is put into a position of hardship as a result of this Government's decision to cancel the transfer of ground ambulance services from municipalities to Regional Health Authorities.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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.

Speaker's Statement - Royal Canadian Mounted Police

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) killed in the line of duty earlier today.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Monday, March 7, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 7, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the deaths of Constable Anthony Fitzgerald Orion Gordon, Constable Lionide Nicholas Johnston, Constable Peter Christopher Schiemann, and Constable Brock Warren Myrol, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General, made a statement regarding the need to honour the deaths of four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005, and a national public memorial service to be held for the fallen officers on March 10, 2005.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in March 1906 the first Edmonton-to-Calgary automobile journey was undertaken in a 29-horsepower Ford. Twenty gallons of gasoline and a gallon of lubrication oil were used to complete the journey.

Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Rescue of nine year old Steven Hillman from the North Saskatchewan River by Patrizio and Patricia Bartolozzi, Jack King, and Lawrence Yuskow on February 24, 2005

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: University of Alberta Pandas women's hockey team on completing their season undefeated and winning the Canada West Conference Championship on February 26, 2005

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Kyle Shewfelt, gold medallist in the floor event of men's gymnastics at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: University of Alberta Golden Bears men's volleyball team on winning the 2005 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship on March 6, 2005

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Spitz Sylvan Lake Ice Marathon held on February 26, 2005, organized by the Foothills Speed Skating Marathon Association

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: The effects of recent flooding in Guyana

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung: Pharmacists Awareness Week, March 7-13, 2005

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 401 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns at the regular hour on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, it shall stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2005, to permit Members' attendance at Thursday's memorial service for the deaths last Thursday of the four RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Officers in Mayerthorpe.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar
Bill 3 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove
Bill 4 Alberta Science and Research Authority Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen
Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
Bill 6 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme
Bill 7 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 201 Smoke-free Places Act — Mr. Rodney
Bill 202 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act — Mrs. Jablonski

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 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove
Bill 6 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document dated March 7, 2005, entitled “Proposal for Question Period, 26th Legislature, Alberta” prepared by the New Democrat Opposition
Sessional Paper 17/2005

Copy of an article from the Peace River Block Daily News website dated September 7, 2004, entitled “Tender Beef wants your questions” written by Gary Rusak
Sessional Paper 18/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Position paper dated January 2005 entitled “AFGA (Alberta Fish and Game Association) Position on Métis Hunting and Fishing Rights in Alberta” prepared by the Alberta Fish and Game Association
Sessional Paper 19/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated January 3, 2005, from Sylvia McIntosh, Industry Liaison, Academy of Learning, Edmonton South, unaddressed, providing information regarding the availability of skilled workers from Venezuela and Curacao
Sessional Paper 20/2005

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

Letter dated February 16, 2005, with associated attachment, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, and Mr. Martin, New Democrat Opposition House Leader, requesting amendments to the Standing Orders regarding the Public Accounts Committee's mandate and authority

Sessional Paper 21/2005

Letter dated February 25, 2005, from Joanne Dykstra, Chair, Fulton Child Care Association and the Fulton Afterschool Association, to Jenise Bidulock, Director of Planning and Transportation, Edmonton Public Schools, expressing concern regarding the potential closure of Fulton Place School

Sessional Paper 22/2005

Copy of a petition signed by 77 Edmonton and area residents requesting that Fulton Place School not be closed

Sessional Paper 23/2005

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

2 e-mail messages dated March 25, 2001, from Richard B. Sanders to Andrew Edison and March 26, 2001, from Richard B. Sanders to Peter Keohane both regarding "Project Stanley tapes"

Sessional Paper 24/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, schedule 10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 25/2005

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 26/2005

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 27/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 28/2005

Authorized Accredited Agencies Activity Summary for April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 29/2005

Submissions to the Speaker - Oral Question Period

On the issue of the rotation of questions during Oral Question Period, the Speaker heard submissions from Ms Blakeman, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Mr. Chase, Ms Haley, Dr. Pannu, Dr. Brown, and Mr. Knight.

As indicated on March 3, 2005, the Speaker stated he would rule on this matter before 5:30 p.m. on March 8, 2005.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow for Second Reading of Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) to allow for consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech.

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

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider using taxes from tobacco sales to create a wellness fund to support wellness programs, public health initiatives, and research.

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: 11

Backs	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Bonko	Flaherty	Swann
Chase	Hinman	

Against the motion: 31

Ady	Goudreau	Mitzel
Brown	Groeneveld	Oberg
Calahasen	Haley	Pham
Cao	Hancock	Prins
Cardinal	Johnston	Renner
Cenaiko	Knight	Rogers
Coutts	Liepert	Stevens
Danyluk	Lindsay	Strang
DeLong	Magnus	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Marz	Webber
Fritz		

Government Motions**4.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

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.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 24, 2005, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 4, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 26th 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 His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:58 p.m. until Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

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

Speaker's Ruling - Oral Question Period, Members' Statements, and Recognitions Rotation

The Chair wants to thank all Honourable Members who participated in the discussion Monday afternoon about what should be the proper rotation of questions for Oral Question Period. As most Members noted in their submissions, Question Period is of fundamental importance to our parliamentary system of government. The Chair recognizes the gravity of this matter and has carefully weighed the various submissions against the history and traditions of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In those submissions some Members encouraged the Chair to apply the rules that existed for the 21st Legislature, which commenced in 1986. As the Chair noted yesterday at page 58 of Hansard, there were many differences in 1986 with respect to the operation of Question Period. At that time a person asking a question was entitled to three supplementaries and then anyone could ask another supplementary. So there were four supplementaries to every question and one of those rotated among the parties. That practice ended in 1989 and the Chair has no intention of reviving it.

There were arguments advanced about moving the New Democrats up in the order of questions. The Chair would note that while the New Democrats have doubled the size of their caucus, they are still one-quarter the size of the Official Opposition. After the 2001 election they had two Members to the Official Opposition's seven Members, which was a little more than a quarter, but retained the fourth position in Question Period.

The Official Opposition has had the first three questions since the 1993 election when they had 32 seats. Of course, there was no other Opposition Party until 1997 when the New Democrats elected two Members. They had the fourth question then as they did in 2001.

In their presentations Members referred to practices in other jurisdictions across Canada. While this Chair has always welcomed advice on procedures in other jurisdictions, it is fair to say that after 99 years of being a province, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta has developed its own practices and traditions which we can draw upon. As the Chair has noted, the practice across Canada with respect to Question Period varies widely, with the length running from 15 minutes to one hour.

In the final analysis, the Chair sees little reason to depart substantially from the rotation that applied for the previous Legislature and the Legislature before that. For this Legislature, like in the 25th Legislature, the Official Opposition will be entitled to ask the first three main questions. The New Democrat Opposition will be entitled to the fourth question each day. On three out of four days a Member of the Government caucus will be entitled to the fifth question. On those days the Official Opposition will be entitled to the sixth, eighth, and 10th questions and Private Members of the Government caucus will be recognized for the seventh and ninth questions. The New Democrat Opposition will be entitled to the 11th question every day. A Member from the Government caucus will have the 12th and 14th questions. The Official Opposition will have the 13th question.

The Chair was gratified that those participating in yesterday's discussion generally endorsed the 45-second rule for questions and answers that the Chair put forward on Thursday, March 3. The Chair believes that this time limit will result in more questions in Question Period. Members reviewing the Chair's ruling of April 11, 2001, will note that in the last Legislature Government Members were entitled to the 14th and subsequent questions each day. In light of the 45-second guideline it is entirely conceivable that there may be more questions asked each day than in the previous Legislature.

In recognition of the greater number of seats held by the Official Opposition they will be entitled to the 15th and 17th questions on three out of four days. The Government will be entitled to the 16th question. In recognition of the increase in seats by the New Democrats, a Member of that caucus will be entitled to the 18th question.

The Chair indicated that this is the rotation that would apply on three out of four days. The Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, who is the sole representative of the Alliance Party in this Assembly, must be entitled to ask questions in this Assembly. While he is one of 58 Private Members, allotting the 58th question to him would seem to invite logistical problems. For instance, should the Member displace the Leader of the Official Opposition if his turn corresponded with the first question on a given day? While the Chair takes very seriously the role of protecting the interests of the minority, he also wants to ensure the orderly progression of the business of the Assembly. Accordingly, the Chair finds that the Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner will be entitled to the fifth question of the day every four days.

On those days, the sixth, eighth, and 10th, questions will go to Government Members, the Official Opposition will be entitled to the seventh and ninth questions, the New Democrat Opposition will have the 11th question, the Official Opposition will have the 12th, 14th, and 16th questions, Government Members will have the 13th, 15th, and 17th questions, and the New Democrat Opposition will have the 18th question.

Honourable Members, this rotation means that on most days, assuming 17 questions, the Official Opposition would have nine questions, Government Members six, and the New Democrats two. Every fourth day the Official Opposition would have eight questions, Government Members six, New Democrats two, and the Alliance Member one. If there were 15 questions asked a day, on most days the Official Opposition would have eight, Government Members five, and the New Democrats two. On the fourth day the Official Opposition would have seven questions, Government Members five, the New Democrats two, and the Alliance Member one. If there were only 13 questions asked a day, then most days the Official Opposition would have seven, Government Members four, and the New Democrats two. On the fourth day, Official Opposition Members would have one fewer question and the Alliance Member one.

In approximate percentage terms, whether there were 13, 15, or 17 questions asked a day for a week, the Official Opposition would have just over 50 percent of the questions, Government Members between 30 and 35 percent, New Democrats between 12 and 15 percent, and the Alliance Member between 1.5 and two percent.

The Chair has, as Members know, made sure that copious statistics were kept on the time allocated to the different parties within the Assembly. Based on the time spent on questions and answers in the four sessions of the 25th Legislature, with a similar rotation, the Official Opposition questions and responses accounted for between 48.4 and 53.7 percent of time spent. Government Members' questions accounted for between 28 and 34 percent and the New Democrats between approximately 17 and 18 percent.

The Chair has been advised that there may be an agreement between the House Leaders about replacing the items of business Members' Statements and Recognitions with an item called Statements. However, until the appropriate changes are made to the Standing Orders, the Chair will apply the rules that exist for Members' Statements and Recognitions. Based on the standings in the Assembly, for Recognitions over a four-week period Government Members would be entitled to 35, the Official Opposition 16, the New Democrats four, and the Alliance Member one. To remind Members, seven Members may make a one-minute statement of recognition or congratulation every Monday and Wednesday.

With respect to Members' Statements, over a seven-week period Government Members will have 35, the Official Opposition 16, the New Democrats four, and the Alliance Member one. Members' Statements are two minutes in length and there are four such statements every Tuesday and Thursday.

So starting tomorrow, Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Members of the Government caucus will be entitled to four Recognitions, the Official Opposition two, and the New Democrats one. Rather than take any more time, the Chair will ask the Clerk's Office to contact the caucuses with respect to who will be entitled to how many Members' Statements and Recognitions on any given day in the future.

In conclusion, the Chair wishes to emphasize that the general rules for Question Period noted last Thursday will continue, namely, a short preamble to main questions and no preamble to supplementary questions. The practice of providing a list to the Speaker's Office of Members who wish to ask questions will continue. Of course, should circumstances change, the Chair will revisit this allocation of questions. This ruling will take effect Wednesday, March 9, 2005. March 9 will be day 1 for the implementation of this ruling.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the World Schools Debate Championship held in Calgary from February 9-18, 2005.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement regarding the four RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Officers who were killed near Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2005.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding International Women's Day, March 8, 2005.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding International Women's Day, March 8, 2005.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 8 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Groeneveld
- Bill 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 10 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 13 Railway (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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

- Bill 8 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Groeneveld
- Bill 10 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document dated March 8, 2005, entitled "Statement in Honour of International Women's Day" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition
Sessional Paper 30/2005

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

Statement dated May 28, 2004, entitled "The Province's Commitment" regarding funding for ground ambulance services, prepared by the Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 31/2005

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

E-mail message dated June 8, 2000, from Nella Cappelletto to Mark E. Haedicke regarding "Project Stanley"
Sessional Paper 32/2005

Compilation of documents entitled "Project Stanley, Summary of Transactions, 83829/44 Enron" prepared by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
Sessional Paper 33/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Resolution, undated, entitled "The Decade of Difference for Aboriginal Women in Canada, 2005-2015" prepared by the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women
Sessional Paper 34/2005

Several detailed lists of Alberta Heritage Fund investments and their respective values as at March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 35/2005

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

Letter dated February 28, 2005, from Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, requesting a copy of the AIRB's (Automobile Insurance Rate Board) recent review of Alberta's automobile insurance premiums
Sessional Paper 36/2005

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

Document dated March 8, 2005, entitled "Speaker's Ruling on the Operation of Question Period for the 26th Legislature"
Sessional Paper 37/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10:

Government of Alberta 2003-04 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 38/2005

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14 on behalf of:

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

2003-2004 Annual Report, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Sessional Paper 39/2005

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 40/2005

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 41/2005

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Annual Report, Community Development, for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 42/2005

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 43/2005

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 44/2005

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment:

Ministry of Environment, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 45/2005

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 46/2005

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Alberta Finance, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 47/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Alberta Gaming, 2003-2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 48/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services:

Annual Report, Alberta Government Services, 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 49/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2003/2004, Section I

Sessional Paper 50/2005

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2003/2004, Section II

Sessional Paper 51/2005

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

Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report, 2003/2004

Sessional Paper 52/2005

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report, 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 53/2005

Alberta Transportation, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 54/2005

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

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report, 2003-2004 (includes Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, and Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research)

Sessional Paper 55/2005

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Government of Alberta Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 31st Annual Report for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 56/2005

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report, 2003/04

Sessional Paper 57/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 2003/2004

Sessional Paper 58/2005

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 59/2005

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Alberta Revenue Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 60/2005

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Alberta Seniors 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 61/2005

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General:

Alberta Solicitor General, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 62/2005

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

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 63/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, 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, Year Ended March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 64/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2004"
Sessional Paper 65/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 66/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30:

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 67/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Annual Report 2004, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 68/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for Year Ending December 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 69/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s(8(1):

Budget 2004, 2004-2005 Quarterly Budget Report, Q1 Fiscal Update
Sessional Paper 70/2005

Budget 2004, 2004-2005 Quarterly Budget Report, Q1 Activity Report
Sessional Paper 71/2005

Budget 2004, 2004-2005 Quarterly Budget Report, Q2 Fiscal Update
Sessional Paper 72/2005

Budget 2004, 2004-2005 Quarterly Budget Report, Q2 Activity Report
Sessional Paper 73/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 74/2005

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 75/2005

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 76/2005

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 77/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Alberta Treasury Branch Financial, Annual Report 2004
Sessional Paper 78/2005

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 79/2005

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the
fiscal year ended March 31, 2001
Sessional Paper 80/2005

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered)
Pension Plans, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002
Sessional Paper 81/2005

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered)
Pension Plans, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003
Sessional Paper 82/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust
Fund Committee:

2004-05 First Quarter Update, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, for the three
months ended June 30, 2004
Sessional Paper 83/2005

2004-05 Second Quarter Update, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, for the six
months ended September 30, 2004
Sessional Paper 84/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the
Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

The Minister of Finance tabled the following budget-related documents, pursuant to the
Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2004-05 Supplementary Estimates General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 85/2005

Budget 2004, 2004-2005 Quarterly Budget Report, Q3 Fiscal Update
Sessional Paper 86/2005

Budget 2004, 2004-2005 Quarterly Budget Report, Q3 Activity Report
Sessional Paper 87/2005

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related document, on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2004-05 Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 88/2005

Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery 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. McClellan:

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 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Liepert 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 4:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

12. Oral notice having been given Monday, March 7, 2005, Hon. Mr. Stevens moved the following motion on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cenaiko:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns at the regular hour on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, it shall stand adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2005, to permit Members' attendance at Thursday's memorial service for the deaths last Thursday of the four RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Officers in Mayerthorpe.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Conflicts of Interest Act as provided in section 48 of that Act, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Brown (Chair)	Lukaszuk	Oberle
Shariff (Deputy Chair)	Martin	Pastoor
DeLong	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Rogers
Groeneveld	Morton	

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 Ethics 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 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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that the report entitled "Coverage of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Risk Management Fund, Cambridge Strategies Inc., 2001," tabled in the Assembly on Thursday, March 3, 2005, be referred to the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Oberle moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in March 1941 the Legislative Assembly, under the leadership of Premier William Aberhart, amended the provincial School Act making it illegal not to salute the Union Jack.

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Youth Science Month, March 2005

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: Western Canadian Blind Curling Championship hosted by the Calmar Lions Club

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon: Ken Flescher of Devon, Provincial Masters' Curling Champion

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays: British Commonwealth Air Crew Memorial unveiled on September 3, 2004 in Calgary

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Youth shelters and the Edmonton Youth Emergency Shelter Society

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore: Ukrainians and the democratic process in Ukraine

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: International Women's Day, March 8, 2005

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 14, 2005:

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 14 Student Financial Assistance Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
 Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber
 Bill 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown
 Bill 17 Agrology Profession Act — Mr. Danyluk
 Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers
 Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

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

- Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber
 Bill 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown
 Bill 17 Agrology Profession Act — Mr. Danyluk
 Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers
 Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

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| Chinook Health Region Annual Report 2003-2004 | Sessional Paper 89/2005 |
| Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2003-2004 | Sessional Paper 90/2005 |
| Calgary Health Region, 2003-2004 Annual Report | Sessional Paper 91/2005 |
| David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report April 2003 - March 2004 | Sessional Paper 92/2005 |
| East Central Health, Annual Report 2003-2004 | Sessional Paper 93/2005 |

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4):

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| Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2003/2004 | Sessional Paper 94/2005 |
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Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 2003
Sessional Paper 95/2005

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 96/2005

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 97/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2003
Sessional Paper 98/2005

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Projected Government Business, Week of March 14, 2005
Sessional Paper 99/2005

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

Letter dated March 8, 2005, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Svend Hansen, Chair, Edmonton School District, expressing concern regarding the current public school utilization policy
Sessional Paper 100/2005

Letter dated June 9, 2005, from Fred J. Dunn, F.C.A., Auditor General, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, confirming his position on not providing copies of University of Alberta and University of Calgary management letters to Mr. MacDonald
Sessional Paper 101/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 25, 2005, from Don K. Lind of High Prairie to Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, unsigned, responding to a meeting with Hon. Ms Calahasen and to a letter from Hon. Ms Calahasen dated February 14, 2005, expressing concern regarding the Interim Métis Harvest Agreement
Sessional Paper 102/2005

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

Media release dated March 2, 2005, entitled "Alberta Displays Positive Steps to Post-secondary Education: Major Questions Still Remain" prepared by the University of Alberta Students' Union
Sessional Paper 103/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**
(Day 3)

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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. Hinman 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 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 12 agreed to on March 8, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:38 p.m. until Monday, March 14, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on March 14, 1979, a general election was held in Alberta. Of the 79 MLAs elected, 74 were Progressive Conservative, four were Social Credit, and one was New Democrat. Included in that election were the fathers of the current Members for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert and Calgary-Foothills. Their fathers then represented the constituencies of Barrhead and Calgary-Bow respectively.

Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Randy Ferbey, Marcel Rocque, Scott Pfeifer, Dave Nedohin, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2005 Tim Horton's Brier held in Edmonton, March 7-13, 2005

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Great Kids Awards held on March 13, 2005, at the Fantasyland Hotel

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Alaina Smith of Bonnyville, recipient of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: National Memorial Service held on March 10, 2005, to honour the Members of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) killed near Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2005

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education: Alyse Geiger of Edmonton, recipient of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Randy Ferbey, Marcel Rocque, Scott Pfeifer, Dave Nedohin, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2005 Tim Horton's Brier held in Edmonton, March 7-13, 2005, and the volunteers who helped make the event a success

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development: University of Alberta Pandas women's hockey team on winning a silver medal at the 2005 CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) Championship

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight
- Bill 21 Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 23 Administrative Procedures Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 25 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 203 Report on Alberta's Legacy Act — Mr. MacDonald
- Bill 204 Pharmacy and Drug (Methamphetamine Limiting) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang

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

Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight

Bill 21 Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2003, Section 1, Almadina School Society to Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 2

Sessional Paper 104/2005

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2003, Section 2, FFCA Charter School Society to Moberly Hall School Society

Sessional Paper 105/2005

School Jurisdictions Audited Financial Statements For the Year Ended August 31, 2003, Section 3, New Horizons Charter School Society to Wolf Creek School Division No. 72

Sessional Paper 106/2005

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

2005 calendar prepared by the AHFMR (Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research)

Sessional Paper 107/2005

AHFMR (Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research) Programs and Financial Highlights, 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 108/2005

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Consolidated Financial Statements, March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 109/2005

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

2005 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations, prepared by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Sessional Paper 110/2005

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, 25th Legislature,
4th Session, February 2004 - May 2004

Sessional Paper 111/2005

Several documents containing transcripts of taped telephone conversations
involving Enron employees

Sessional Paper 112/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 18, 2005, unsigned, from Gloria Campbell of Edmonton to
Whom it May Concern expressing concern regarding the way physician
misconduct complaints are dealt with by the College of Physicians and Surgeons

Sessional Paper 113/2005

Letter dated February 8, 2005, from Ruth Hanna-Fath of Vulcan to Ms Blakeman,
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding hospital
facilities in the Vulcan area

Sessional Paper 114/2005

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

5 letters dated March 14, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Randy Ferbey,
Dave Nedohin, Marcel Rocque, Scott Pfeifer, and Dan Holowaychuk
congratulating them on winning the 2005 Tim Horton's Brier held in Edmonton,
March 7-13, 2005

Sessional Paper 115/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

5 recent letters from Paul McDonald, Tim Sochowksi, Jamie Dalton, Monte Ryan,
and David Mallet to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern
regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 116/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 9, 2005, from Ted C. Frederickson of Strathmore
to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, expressing
concern regarding the Alberta Métis Interim Harvesting Agreement

Sessional Paper 117/2005

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

Program from the National Memorial Service held on March 10, 2005, to honour
the Members of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) who were killed
near Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2005

Sessional Paper 118/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

British Medical Journal article dated April 24, 2004, entitled “Reduced incidence of admissions for myocardial infarction associated with public smoking ban: before and after study” prepared by Richard P. Sargent, Robert M. Shepard, and Ashton A. Glantz

Sessional Paper 119/2005

Research update dated June 2003 entitled “The Economic Impact of a Smoke-Free Bylaw on Restaurant and Bar Sales in Ottawa, Canada” prepared by the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit

Sessional Paper 120/2005

Press release dated July 23, 2003, entitled “Employment up in city bars and restaurants since implementation of the Smoke-free Air Act” prepared by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Sessional Paper 121/2005

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.

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.

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 201 Smoke-free Places Act — Mr. Rodney

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: 56

Abbott	Graydon	Oberle
Ady	Groeneveld	Pannu
Agnihotri	Haley	Pastoor
Backs	Hancock	Pham
Blakeman	Hinman	Prins
Bonko	Jablonski	Renner
Boutilier	Johnson	Rodney
Brown	Knight	Rogers
Cao	Liepert	Shariff
Cardinal	Lindsay	Stevens
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Strang
Chase	MacDonald	Swann
DeLong	Mar	Taft
Doerksen	Marz	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Mason	Taylor
Elsalhy	Mather	Tougas
Evans	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Webber
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Zwozdesky
Goudreau	Mitzel	

Against the motion: 3

Danyluk	Griffiths	Ouellette
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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 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Agnihotri:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate fees for library cards in all public libraries in tribute to the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole to honour her belief in the importance of literacy and the principle that access to libraries should be free for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Agrology Profession Act — Mr. Danyluk

Mr. Danyluk 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 4 Alberta Science and Research Authority Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:36 p.m. until Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

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

Deputy Speaker's Comment

The Deputy Speaker commented that today marks the 99th anniversary of the opening of the first session of the first Legislature in Alberta in 1906. Also on this day in 1972 the first radio and television coverage of regular sittings of the Alberta Legislature began.

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 4-20, 2005.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 4-20, 2005.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Social Work Week, March 13-19, 2005.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the use of foreign replacement workers at the Horizon oil sands project work site.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 1,088 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation providing tuition relief to students attending Alberta post-secondary institutions.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 87 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government introduce legislation to allow parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and fund urgently required drug use treatment centres.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 26 Corporate Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report for 2003-2004 to the
Minister of Seniors for the Year Ended March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 122/2005

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

Statistics Canada website table setting out the population per police officer by
province and territory
Sessional Paper 123/2005

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

News release dated March 11, 2005, entitled “Patients pay more in cuts to
physical therapy” prepared by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta
Sessional Paper 124/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 2, 2005, from David Cournoyer of Edmonton to
Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the severance package
provided to the Office of the Premier’s former Chief of Staff, Dr. Steve West
Sessional Paper 125/2005

News release dated March 15, 2005, entitled “City holds Province’s feet to fire
over delay of ambulance transfer” prepared by the City of Red Deer
Sessional Paper 126/2005

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

Letter dated March 8, 2005, from James Carss, President, University Heights Community Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of community involvement in Government plans to widen portions of Calgary's 16th Avenue in order to accommodate access to proposed new health care facilities

Sessional Paper 127/2005

Document dated March 8, 2005, entitled "An Important Message for the Residents of University Heights" prepared by James Carss, President, University Heights Community Association

Sessional Paper 128/2005

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

Report dated December 19, 2002, entitled "Decision 2002-103, Transmission Administrator, Finalization of Articles 4 and 24 of Terms and Conditions of Service for 2001 and 2002" prepared by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 129/2005

E-mail message dated January 1, 1980, from Twanda Sweet to Richard Sanders regarding "Project Stanley"

Sessional Paper 130/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Capital Health, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 131/2005

Aspen Regional Health, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 132/2005

Peace Country Health, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 133/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Resolution, undated, entitled "Planned Employment Immigration in Alberta" prepared by the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

Sessional Paper 134/2005

Letter dated January 27, 2005, from Grand Chief Joe Whitehead Jr., Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 135/2005

6 recent letters from Ian Murphy, Jeremy Allen, James Dunham, Darren Gallacher, Brian Johnstone, and Frank Barnes to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 136/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 7, 2005, from Sharon, Nick, and Nancy Hawrelak, and Kris and Jason Kropinski, all of Edmonton, to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, requesting Mr. Miller's support for a total smoking ban in Alberta workplaces

Sessional Paper 137/2005

E-mail message dated March 13, 2005, from Wealtha M. McKenzie, President, Alberta Bed and Breakfast Association, to David Kincade, Caucus Researcher, Liberal Caucus Office, commenting on the Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005

Sessional Paper 138/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Ministry of Environment, Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 139/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Deputy Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Minister of Finance then tabled a copy of the Interim Supply Estimates:

2005-06 Interim Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 140/2005

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2005-06 Interim Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2005-06 Interim Supply Estimates 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 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 6 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 21 Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rodney

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005 — 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 Bill was reported:

Bill 21 Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rodney

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 3 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove

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

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

Bill 7 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Mitzel on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

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

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

Bill 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on March 16, 1967, a portrait of Roberta Catherine MacAdams Price was presented to the Alberta Legislature to honour her achievements. She was one of the first two women elected to the Alberta Legislative Assembly on June 7, 1917, and she was the first woman to introduce a piece of legislation in what was then known as the British Empire. She was elected as Roberta MacAdams as a nonpartisan MLA to represent the province at large in the 1917 election.

Recognitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Red Deer College Kings men's volleyball team on winning their sixth straight national title

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Tom Baldwin, Executive Director of the Northern Alberta Development Council, who passed away on March 13, 2005

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Jared Potts of Millet and Jennifer Ross of Camrose, recipients of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain: Stony Plain Atom AA hockey team on winning a gold medal at the provincial championship recently held in Barrhead

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

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Safeway Show Your Heart campaign and the Edmonton Oliver Safeway for supporting ArtStart

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 324 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 648 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

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

Bill 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2003-04
Sessional Paper 141/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2003-04
Sessional Paper 142/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3) (AR 286/94):

Alberta Mental Health Board, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 143/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 144/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Charitable Gaming in Alberta, 2003-2004 in Review

Sessional Paper 145/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 146/2005

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

Letter dated February 15, 2005, from Ken and Barb Quaiife of Red Deer to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, expressing support for Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act

Sessional Paper 147/2005

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

Backgrounder, undated, regarding an investigation of certain transactions involving Enron and Powerex during the period of June to October 1999

Sessional Paper 148/2005

E-mail message dated March 26, 2001, from Peter Keohane to Richard Sanders regarding "Project Stanley"

Sessional Paper 149/2005

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

4 e-mail messages, all dated March 15, 2005, from Tom Yanota, E. Seidle, Frances Plaunt, and Bettie Yanota, all of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the lack of community involvement in the planning process for an interchange at 16th Avenue in Calgary

Sessional Paper 150/2005

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

Utilities Consumer Advocate web page article entitled "A Message from Roger Jackson, the Utilities Consumer Advocate"

Sessional Paper 151/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Media release dated March 15, 2005, entitled "AUMA Frustrated With Provincial Funding Formula for Ambulance Transitioning" prepared by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

Sessional Paper 152/2005

Far Side cartoon entitled "The Real Reason Dinosaurs Went Extinct" by Gary Larson

Sessional Paper 153/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Thirty-first Annual Report 2004 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 154/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Year ended March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 155/2005

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented on the history of the committee system in British Parliamentary tradition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 of 1 — Interim Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 14 agreed to on March 15, 2005, at 5:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Interim Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Webber reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2005-06 Interim Estimates, Offices of the Legislative Assembly, Government and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense	\$12,000,000
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Office of the Auditor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,500,000
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Office of the Ombudsman

Expense	\$700,000
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense	\$700,000
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Expense	\$100,000
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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Expense	\$1,100,000
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Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,600,000
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Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$255,000,000
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Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$20,300,000
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Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$160,600,000
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Children's Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$348,100,000
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Community Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$90,000,000
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Capital Investment	\$11,000,000
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Economic Development

Expense	\$14,000,000
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Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$665,600,000
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Energy

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$59,000,000
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Environment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$22,700,000
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Executive Council

Expense	\$5,300,000
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Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$20,600,000
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Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$11,700,000
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Gaming

Expense	\$38,200,000
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Lottery Fund Payments	\$316,000,000
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Government Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$17,600,000
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Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,044,200,000
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Capital Investment	\$5,600,000
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Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$136,500,000
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Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$485,300,000
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Capital Investment	\$116,800,000
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Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$35,400,000
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International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,000,000
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Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$67,300,000
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Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$31,600,000
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Restructuring and Government Efficiency

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$66,200,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$347,100,000
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Solicitor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$74,100,000
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Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$41,900,000
Capital Investment	\$3,500,000

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 156/2005

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 5:24 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 16, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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 10:02 p.m. until Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on March 17, 1937, the Late, The Honourable Philip C.H. Primrose died in Edmonton, having served as Alberta's Lieutenant Governor for only six months. The Honourable Colonel Primrose was known for his long and distinguished career with the North West Mounted Police, now known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He was the first Lieutenant Governor of Alberta to die in office and his was the first state funeral in the history of the province.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Christianna Wood-Roddick, Eva Davis, Kevin Mark, Pat Nixon, and Dr. Harvey Rabin, all of Calgary, who were recently honoured by the Mountain of Heroes Foundation of Calgary.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Canadian Agriculture Safety Week, March 9-15, 2005.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative Agreement signed by Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, on March 3, 2005.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding perceived unethical investing of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 310 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

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 21, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General on the Alberta Government's BSE-Related Assistance Programs dated July 27, 2004

Sessional Paper 157/2005

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 158/2005

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

Information kit entitled "Unlocking Tomorrow's Energy" prepared by EnergyINet (Energy Innovation Network)

Sessional Paper 159/2005

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 160/2005

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne:

Copy of a petition signed by 662 Albertans requesting the Government provide funding for a long-term care facility in the Village of Onoway

Sessional Paper 161/2005

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

Document dated February 21, 2005, entitled "Life and Death Sentence of the Addicted Child" prepared by Maralyn Benay

Sessional Paper 162/2005

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

E-mail message dated January 9, 2000, from Mark E. Haedicke to Rob Milnthorp regarding Project Stanley and TransAlta Utilities

Sessional Paper 163/2005

Document dated October 13, 2000, entitled "Market Surveillance Administrator Report on Power Pool of Alberta Prices - Summer 2000"

Sessional Paper 164/2005

Memorandum dated November 3, 2000, unsigned, from Dalton McGrath to Glenn F. Leslie, A. Webster Macdonald Jr., Q.C., and Mark A. Morrison regarding the Market Surveillance Administrator Report on Power Pool of Alberta Prices - Summer 2000 and its relevance to Enron Canada and Powerex

Sessional Paper 165/2005

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

Copy of a document, undated, entitled "Appeal Process" outlining the appeal process for people or organizations affected by decisions made by the Public Service Pension Corporation in British Columbia

Sessional Paper 166/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated March 14, 2005, from Don Koenig, President, Humpty's Restaurants International Inc., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for a province-wide smoking ban and requesting that the Government caucus be allowed a free vote

Sessional Paper 167/2005

5 recent letters from Jeremy Allen, James Dunham, Chris Leblanc, Darrien Gallacher, and Kenneth Terry to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 168/2005

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Backgrounder dated January 25, 2005, entitled "Anthony Henday Drive South East Project" prepared by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

Sessional Paper 169/2005

Document, undated, entitled "MLA Questions and Answers, Anthony Henday Drive South East - Public-Private Partnership"

Sessional Paper 170/2005

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 21 to March 24, 2005:

Monday, March 21	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 13, 17, 18, 27, 30 Committee of the Whole Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 28 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 21 Second Reading Bill 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25 Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 6, 27, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 23	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Government Motions Motion 15 And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading As per the Order Paper Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 Third Reading Bill 27, 30 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 24	Aft.	- Royal Assent Bill 21, 27, 30 Government Bills and Orders Second or Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 9 agreed to on March 8, 2005, at 5:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Supplementary Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Webber reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

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

Legislative Assembly**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Operating Expense	\$1,018,000
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Advanced Education

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$19,000,000
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Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$528,267,000
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Children's Services

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$26,755,000
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Community Development

Capital Investment	\$2,801,000
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Economic Development

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$506,000
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Education

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$64,800,000
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Environment

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$8,000,000
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Executive Council

Operating Expense	\$75,000
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Finance

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,400,000
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Gaming

Operating Expense	\$40,000,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$40,000,000

Government Services

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$180,000
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Health and Wellness

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$362,350,000
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Human Resources and Employment

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$34,925,000
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Infrastructure and Transportation

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$614,348,000
Capital Investment	\$99,550,000

Innovation and Science

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$38,000,000
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Justice and Attorney General

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$8,993,000
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Municipal Affairs

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$26,600,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$34,500,000
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Solicitor General

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$9,777,000
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Sustainable Resource Development

Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$125,000,000
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Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 171/2005

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, March 21, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 21, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on March 21, 1930, the Floral Emblem Act was assented to making the wild rose the official floral emblem of Alberta.

The Speaker then commented that on March 21, 1940, a general election was held in Alberta. Of the 57 MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly) elected, 36 were Social Credit, 19 were Independent, one was Liberal, and one was Labour. There were 309,000 votes cast province-wide.

Recognitions

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2005

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Brendan Thomas Bellingham of Calgary, recipient of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Parents Empowering Parents (PEP), a support group for parents whose minor children are abusing alcohol and drugs

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace: Recent consolidation of NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) and Fairview College and its inaugural graduation ceremony held March 12, 2005

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont: Lord Beaverbrook Lords basketball team on winning the Alberta 4A high school basketball championships

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2005

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2005

Presenting Petitions

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

of Albert F. Holthuis, Marvin W. Phillips, Edward G. Latvala, Werner Scheidler, Brenda Caston, Richard Hester, and John Davis for the Bow Valley Community Foundation Act;

of Camrose Lutheran College Corporation for the Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act;

of Rodney A. Wutch, Kathy Mandeville, Walter Sauve, Fred Weinheimer, and Michael R. Christie for the Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005;

of Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega, an infant, by her legal guardian and father, Douglas George Rewega, for the Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 259 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

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

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 172/2005

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 173/2005

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

Letter dated February 5, 2005, from Peter Verchomin of Edmonton to Sirs expressing concern regarding royalties paid on natural gas used in the production of nitrogen fertilizers and requesting a 50% rebate on the royalties

Sessional Paper 174/2005

Letter dated February 24, 2005, from Ami Brodribb of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a lack of midwifery funding by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 175/2005

Letter dated January 4, 2005, from Gracie Seto of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting an increase in AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding

Sessional Paper 176/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated March 21, 2005, from Denise Toppman of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the proposed closure of Strathearn School

Sessional Paper 177/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 14, 2005, from William Becze, Co-producer, 775 990 Alberta Ltd., to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding perceived inequities in the marketing of videos produced in Alberta

Sessional Paper 178/2005

Document, undated, entitled "Caring for our seniors needs to be a priority" prepared by Judy Brown

Sessional Paper 179/2005

St. Albert Gazette website editorial dated February 2, 2005, entitled "We have a stake in safe injections"

Sessional Paper 180/2005

E-mail message dated March 4, 2005, from Mary Talbot of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting Mrs. Mather's support for Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act

Sessional Paper 181/2005

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

Letter dated March 16, 2005, from Mary Abel of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the project to widen Calgary's 16th Avenue and install an interchange between the Foothills Hospital and the new Alberta Children's Hospital, which is proceeding without any opportunity for community input

Sessional Paper 182/2005

Letter dated March 16, 2005, from Sheila Donaldson of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, protesting the exclusion of community involvement and input regarding the development of the new Alberta Children's Hospital and resulting roadway infrastructure

Sessional Paper 183/2005

E-mail message dated March 18, 2005, from Valerie and Doug Bonnyman of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, objecting to the construction of an interchange to accommodate the new Alberta Children's Hospital resulting in the destruction of community reserve lands

Sessional Paper 184/2005

Letter dated March 17, 2005, from Don Smith to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requesting Dr. Swann urge the Government to consult with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation when considering names for provincial parks and protected areas

Sessional Paper 185/2005

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

St. Albert Gazette article dated October 30, 2004, entitled "St. Albert firefighters train for meth lab fire" prepared by Peter Boer

Sessional Paper 186/2005

Document, undated, entitled "Building knowledge resources, A Case for Investment" prepared by the University of Alberta Board of Governors

Sessional Paper 187/2005

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

CNN website article, undated, entitled "Enron paid hefty bonuses before bankruptcy"

Sessional Paper 188/2005

Letter dated March 21, 2005, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Marlene Bruyere, Alberta Energy FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) Manager, responding to Ms Bruyere's letter regarding the fees to be charged to access records pertaining to the Department of Energy and Enron Canada Corporation and its affiliates

Sessional Paper 189/2005

Transcript of a telephone conversation, undated, between a TransAlta employee and an Enron employee

Sessional Paper 190/2005

Report dated September 2003, entitled "Markets and Strategic Initiatives" prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 191/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 17, 2005, from Shannon Critchley of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the closure of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) forensic laboratory in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 192/2005

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

Document dated February 21, 2005, entitled "Parental Challenges with a Drug Addicted Child" prepared by Chris Uttley

Sessional Paper 193/2005

St. Albert Gazette editorial dated October 16, 2004, unsigned, entitled "Treatment centres needed to help kids get off meth"

Sessional Paper 194/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated March 11, 2005, from Christine Rogers of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing conditional support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 505 regarding fine arts requirements in high school

Sessional Paper 195/2005

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Edmonton Journal website article dated January 7, 2005, entitled "Battling drugs" prepared by Jac MacDonald

Sessional Paper 196/2005

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

St. Albert Gazette website article dated March 5, 2005, entitled "Addiction bill finds MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) support" prepared by Mark Wells

Sessional Paper 197/2005

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

Letter dated March 8, 2005, from Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, confirming commitments made at a meeting between Hon. Mr. Stevens and Ms Marks on March 4, 2005, regarding certain aspects of Bill 45, Family Law Act

Sessional Paper 198/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 3, 2005, from Ron Watt, President, Southern Alberta Bowhunters Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding an interim harvesting agreement recently granted to the Métis Nation of Alberta by the Government

Sessional Paper 199/2005

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.

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.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions**502.** Moved by Mr. Agnihotri:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate fees for library cards in all public libraries in tribute to the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole to honour her belief in the importance of literacy and the principle that access to libraries should be free for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Backs	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	MacDonald	Pastoor
Chase	Mather	Swann

Against the motion: 28

Boutilier	Groeneveld	Mitzel
Brown	Haley	Oberg
Calahasen	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cao	Johnson	Prins
Cardinal	Knight	Rogers
Danyluk	Lindsay	Snelgrove
DeLong	Magnus	Stevens
Doerksen	Mar	Strang
Goudreau	Melchin	Webber
Griffiths		

503. Moved by Mr. Knight:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of increasing the value of the Alberta Ingenuity Fund to \$1 billion over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Administrative Procedures Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

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

Bill 25 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Hon. Mr. Stevens 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 17 Agrolgy Profession Act — Mr. Danyluk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1909 a general election was held in Alberta. Of the 41 MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly) elected, 36 were Liberal, two were Conservative, one was a Socialist, one was an Independent, and one was an Independent Liberal. 50,004 votes were cast province-wide.

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding a rural tourism conference entitled "What's the Big Idea?" held in Camrose from March 7-9, 2005.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the sixth annual Great Kids Award ceremony held on March 13, 2005 and the 19 recipients of a 2005 Great Kids Award.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the announcement of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology's (NAIT) Walter Paszkowski Agricultural Legacy Endowment.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Government's school utilization policy and the closure of public schools.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, March 21, 2005, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

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

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, presented the following report:

Select Special Health Information Act Review Committee, Final Report October 2004

Sessional Paper 200/2005

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 548 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 105 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Animal Keepers Act — Mr. Goudreau

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

Bill 33 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Bill 32 Animal Keepers Act — Mr. Goudreau

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Letter dated March 22, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in response to Dr. Taft's letter dated March 3, 2005 to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the authority of Hon. Chief Justice Catherine Fraser to sign the Proclamation commencing the current sitting of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 201/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Report, undated, entitled "Labour force survey estimates by national occupation classification for statistics and sex, monthly" prepared by Statistics Canada
Sessional Paper 202/2005

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

Report dated February 2005 entitled "A Clean and Sustainable Tomorrow, the Alberta NDP Opposition's plan for meeting Kyoto targets" prepared by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder
Sessional Paper 203/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 21, 2005, from Jane E. Ballantine, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., President, Alberta Medical Association, to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing support for Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, in its present, unamended form
Sessional Paper 204/2005

2 letters dated March 13, 2005, and 1 e-mail message dated March 20, 2005, from Brad Molnar of Edmonton to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the use of foreign contract workers in Alberta and to the Canadian Natural Resources Limited Horizon Project being granted "division 8 status"
Sessional Paper 205/2005

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

Report dated March 2005 entitled "A Plan for Alberta's Universities" prepared by the Council of Alberta University Students
Sessional Paper 206/2005

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

Fact sheet, undated, entitled "Did you know..." listing information about Strathearn School
Sessional Paper 207/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

5 recent letters from Michael J. Denley, Brad Minty, Bill Miller, Nathan Ebenal, and Faron Materi to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force
Sessional Paper 208/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 209/2005

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

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 210/2005

Alberta Dental Association and College, Annual Report 2004
Sessional Paper 211/2005

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 212/2005

Alberta Dental Hygienists Association, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 213/2005

College of Alberta Denturists, Annual Report 2003
Sessional Paper 214/2005

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 215/2005

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2003
Sessional Paper 216/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Document dated February 3, 2005, entitled "Process to Apply for Temporary Foreign Workers"
Sessional Paper 217/2005

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

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

Bill 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

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

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

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

Bill 3 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 7 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 8 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Groeneveld

Bill 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rodney

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 10:45 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bills standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1937 the Late, The Honourable Colonel John Campbell Bowen was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. He was the sixth Lieutenant Governor of Alberta and served from March 23, 1937 to February 1, 1950.

Recognitions

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain: Jennifer Heil of Spruce Grove on winning a gold medal in dual moguls at the World Freestyle Skiing Championships recently held in Finland

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright: Mohammed El Mais of Calgary on winning the 2005 Calgary Herald CanWest CanSpell Regional Championship and runner-up Matthew Fergul

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Boston Pizza Royals Pee Wee AA hockey team on winning the provincial championship and the Foremost High School Falcons basketball team on winning the 1A provincial championship

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon: Curler Kevin Martin and his team on winning the Canada Cup

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

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore: Justin Yaassoub of Edmonton, recipient of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Global Day of Action, March 19, 2005

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 104 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

News release dated March 23, 2005, entitled "Insurers file reduced premiums with Auto Insurance Rate Board, Board favours voluntary approach over mandatory reduction" prepared by the Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board
Sessional Paper 218/2005

Report on Premium Redundancy dated February 2005 prepared by the Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board
Sessional Paper 219/2005

Press release dated March 23, 2005, entitled "Response of the Part-Time Commissioners to the two March 23, 2005 National Post Articles authored by Theresa Tedesco" prepared by Alan D. Hunter, Q.C., Code Hunter LLP
Sessional Paper 220/2005

Letter dated January 12, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Members of the Alberta Securities Commission regarding allegations surrounding the conduct of the Chair and Executive Director of the Commission
Sessional Paper 221/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Oral Question Period on March 22, 2005
Sessional Paper 222/2005

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3), the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-16, s38(3), the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-18, s46(3), and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Manager's Report, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 223/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 224/2005

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Document dated March 16, 2005, entitled "House Leader Agreement, 26th Legislature" concerning the Daily Routine and Private Members' Business
Sessional Paper 225/2005

Unanimous Consent - House Leaders' Agreement

During Tabling Returns and Reports, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to concur with the provisions contained in the House Leaders' Agreement dated March 16, 2005, pertaining to Members' Statements, Recognitions, and Motions Other Than Government Motions.

The Speaker directed that a copy of the House Leaders' Agreement be provided to all Members before unanimous consent be considered.

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Memorandum of Understanding, undated, between Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and Alberta Learning regarding the entry of temporary foreign workers for projects in the Alberta oil sands

Sessional Paper 226/2005

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

Article dated March 7, 2005, entitled "Did Don Hill ruffle feathers in Alberta with discussions about gay rights, electrical de-regulation?" prepared by Penney Kome

Sessional Paper 227/2005

Letter, undated, from Bev Muendel-Atherstone to fellow CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) radio listeners concerning Don Hill, former CBC radio host of the Wild Rose Forum

Sessional Paper 228/2005

E-mail message dated March 17, 2005, with associated attachment, from Bob Ware and Diana Hodson to Shannon Phillips concerning Don Hill, former CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) radio host of the Wild Rose Forum

Sessional Paper 229/2005

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

3 e-mail messages from Kate Reed, M.D., C.C.F.P., Lois Kelly, and Linda McGeachy to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, 1 e-mail message from Rob Virgil of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and 1 e-mail message from Garry Dewar to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, all urging the Government to support a total smoking ban in all public places

Sessional Paper 230/2005

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

Letter dated January 25, 2005, from Gloria Spooner, teacher assistant, Ellerslie Campus North, to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding a perceived lack of coordination surrounding the distribution of information and equipment resources for students with special needs

Sessional Paper 231/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated February 25, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Dennis Tychkowsky of Redwater in response to Mr. Tychkowsky's letter concerning the temporary foreign worker program
Sessional Paper 232/2005

4 letters from Jason Terry, Derrick Fisher, Pierce M. Edmunds, and James Wade to Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force
Sessional Paper 233/2005

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

Document dated November 2000 entitled "Enron Wholesale Services - Legal Department, Monthly Report, Significant Transactions/Matters"
Sessional Paper 234/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Miller speaking.

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

Bill 13 Railway (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 14 Student Financial Assistance Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott

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

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

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

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

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, 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

15. 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 His 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

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 3 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 4 Alberta Science and Research Authority Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 7 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Railway (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Mr. Webber, 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 5 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Adjourned debate

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight

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

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1930, the Edmonton Grads beat the Seattle Ferry Lines by 59 points over two games to retain the Underwood Trophy and the women's international basketball title.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Open the Border website launched by Alex Baum and Dan Kroffat of Cochrane.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding increased market value property assessments.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the 20 Parent Link Centres in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the bombing of Air India flight 182 and the subsequent investigation by the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service).

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

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 4, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR1, MR4.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Petition signed by hundreds of Albertans requesting the Provincial and Federal Governments make several changes to legislation regarding the ceiling on monetary allowances, pensions, income tax forms, building codes, care for seniors, and recreational programs for seniors

Sessional Paper 236/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 23, 2005, from Mick Beale to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the safety of Highway 63 north of Fort McMurray

Sessional Paper 237/2005

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

2 e-mail messages dated February 16, 2005, from Dr. Donna Manca and Dr. Nigel Flook, both of Edmonton, expressing support for a smoking ban in all public places in Alberta

Sessional Paper 238/2005

Letter dated March 10, 2005, from Karon Kosof, Executive Director, West Edmonton Business Association, to Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing support for Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act

Sessional Paper 239/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 23, 2005, from Patricia J. Muir of Calgary to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, expressing opposition to the 16th Avenue interchange plan in Calgary and the lack of community consultation

Sessional Paper 240/2005

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

Thompson's World Insurance News article dated March 14, 2005, entitled "Rumblings of rate rollback heard in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 241/2005

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Copy of a photograph of an animal carcass

Sessional Paper 242/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

4 letters from Ronald L. Whaler, Dennis Tychowsky, Dana Armstrong, and Cory Charlebois to Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, and Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 243/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Document dated March 9, 2005, entitled "Foreign Workers Program: Communications Plan for Suncor Major Projects and Oil Sands" prepared by Brenda Erskine, Warren Douglas, and Scott Rankin

Sessional Paper 244/2005

Excerpt of a report dated October 2001 entitled "Prepared for Growth: Building Alberta's Labour Supply" prepared by the Alberta Labour Force Planning Committee

Sessional Paper 245/2005

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

Initial Report dated August 2002 on Enron trading strategies and a fact-finding investigation of the potential manipulation of electric and natural gas prices, Docket No. PA02-2-000 prepared by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sessional Paper 246/2005

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 week of April 4, 2005.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 4 to 7, 2005:

Monday, April 4	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 11, 12, 15, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
		Third Reading
		Bill 3
		Government Motions
		Motion 16
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 5	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 26, 31, 32, 33, 34
		And as per the Order Paper

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| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Order
Committee of the Whole
Bill 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 17, 20, 34
Government Motions
As per the Order Paper
And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, April 6 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bill 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
Third Reading
Bill 3
Second Reading
As per the Order Paper
And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bill 1, 5
As per the Order Paper
Government Motions
As per the Order Paper
And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, April 7 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Government Motions
As per the Order Paper
Government Bills and Orders
Third Reading
As per the Order Paper
And as per the Order Paper |

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Royal Assent

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

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

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

- 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act
- 21 Hotel Room Tax (Tourism Levy) Amendment Act, 2005
- 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005
- 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005

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

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

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Corporate Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

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

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Mr. Oberle 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 10 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

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 6 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 6 agreed to on March 7, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until Monday, April 4, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 4, 2005

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 His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, who passed away on April 2, 2005.

Recognitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, who passed away on April 2, 2005

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: The Mad Butcher, located in Innisfail, on winning the Alberta Food Processors' Association and Alberta Pork Congress best overall sausage awards

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team on winning the 2005 Telus University Cup on March 28, 2005

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Immigrants of Distinction Awards held on April 1, 2005 in Calgary with this year's theme "A Century of Dreams, Honouring 100 Years of Immigration to Alberta"

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon: Sandy McCallum of Beaumont, the first Canadian to compete in the Desert Grand Slam

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, who passed away on April 2, 2005

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity: Cancer Awareness Month, April 2005

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1906 the village of Vegreville was established.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 120 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

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

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report dated October 2004 entitled “Privacy and the USA (United States of America) Patriot Act, Implications for British Columbia Public Sector Outsourcing” prepared by the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia

Sessional Paper 247/2005

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Oral Question Period on March 22, 2005

Sessional Paper 248/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

2 letters, the first dated March 10, 2005, from Penny Kuny and the second dated March 24, 2005, from Shirley Kubrak, both to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding staffing levels at long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 249/2005

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

Letter, undated, from Andrew Affleck, M.D., President, Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, to Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing support for Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act

Sessional Paper 250/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 29, 2005, from Deb Cautley, Youth Emergency Shelter Society, to Steven Rowe, Alberta Liberal Caucus, expressing concern regarding Family and Community Support Services youth shelter funding

Sessional Paper 251/2005

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

E-mail message dated July 24, 2000, from Maureen McVicker to Aleck Dadson, Robert Hemstock, Mark Palmer, Richard Sanders, and Richard Shapiro regarding “Project Stanley”

Sessional Paper 252/2005

Memorandum dated October 2, 2000, from Peter Keohane, Enron, to Glenn Leslie, Web Macdonald, and Dalton McGrath, all of Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP, regarding "Project Stanley"

Sessional Paper 253/2005

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

Letter dated February 22, 2005, from Stuart McGrandle of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 254/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

5 recent letters from David Lamoureux, Gary McCormick, Allan Pettipas, Dwight Metheral, and John de Groot to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 255/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s44(1):

Letter dated March 24, 2005, from O. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, listing registered candidates together with their chief financial officers who did not file a financial statement with the Chief Electoral Officer on or before March 22, 2005, following the 2004 Alberta Provincial General Election held on November 22, 2004

Sessional Paper 256/2005

Letter dated March 24, 2005, from O. Brian Fjeldheim, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, listing registered Senate nominee candidates together with their chief financial officers who did not file a financial statement with the Chief Electoral Officer on or before March 22, 2005, following the 2004 Alberta Provincial General Election held on November 22, 2004

Sessional Paper 257/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s35 and s39:

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 1/05 Transportation Amendment Order (No. 5)

Sessional Paper 258/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 2/05 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 14)

Sessional Paper 259/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 3/05 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 15)

Sessional Paper 260/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 4/05 Transportation
Amendment Order (No. 6)

Sessional Paper 261/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 5/05 Members' Allowances
Amendment Order (No. 9)

Sessional Paper 262/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 6/05 Members' Group Life
Insurance and Members' Group Plans Amendment Order (No. 1)

Sessional Paper 263/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services:

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Semi-Annual Report, October 2002 to
March 2003

Sessional Paper 264/2005

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.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR4. Moved by Dr. Pannu on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, an
itemized list of all groups and individuals representing either specific
tobacco-related companies, or any association, group, or organization
representing the interests of the tobacco industry who have met with the
Premier, the Minister of Health and Wellness, the Deputy Minister of Health
and Wellness, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, or any
Alberta Standing Policy Committee.

Unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to withdraw the following Motion for Returns:

MR1. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of the Cambridge Strategies review of the Risk Management Fund commissioned by Alberta Justice.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR2, MR3, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 201 Smoke-free Places Act — Mr. Rodney

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 1 is amended

(a) by adding the following after clause (d):

(d.1) “minor” means a person who is under 18 years of age;

(b) in clause (e) by adding “and” at the end of subclause (v);

(c) in clause (j) by adding “means all or any part of a building, structure or other enclosed area in which employees perform the duties of their employment, whether or not members of the public have access to the building, structure or area as of right or by express or implied invitation, and” before “includes”.

B Section 2(2) is amended by striking out “This Act” and substituting “Subject to section 4, this Act”.

- C** Section 3 is amended by striking out “No” and substituting “Subject to section 5, no”;
- D** Section 5 is amended
- (a) in subsection (2) by adding “and” at the end of clause (c) and by striking out clause (d);
- (b) by adding the following after subsection (2):
- (3)** A person may smoke in a public place or workplace or part of a public place or workplace if the manager of the public place or workplace
- (a) designates the public place or workplace or a part of the public place or workplace as a place where smoking is permitted,
- (b) ensures that signs are posted and conspicuously displayed indicating that minors are not permitted to enter or be in the place where smoking is permitted, and
- (c) subject to the regulations, takes reasonable steps to ensure that smoke does not enter any place where smoking is prohibited under this Act.
- (4)** The manager of a public place or workplace must not permit minors to enter or be in a public place or workplace or part of a public place or workplace where smoking is permitted under subsection (3).
- E** Section 7(3) is amended by striking out “section” and substituting “Act”.
- F** Section 8 is struck out.
- G** Section 10 is amended
- (a) by striking out clauses (a), (b) and (c) and substituting the following:
- (a) for greater certainty, designating a place or class of place as a public place, workplace, hotel, public vehicle or restaurant for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) in clause (d) by striking out “section 7” and substituting “sections 5 and 7”;
- (c) by adding the following after clause (e):
- (e.1) respecting requirements for the purpose of section 5(3)(c) to ensure that smoke does not enter any place where smoking is prohibited;

H Section 11 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Municipal bylaws

11(1) Nothing in this Act affects a municipality's power to make bylaws to regulate, restrict or prohibit smoking.

(2) Where there is a conflict between a provision of this Act and a provision of a municipal bylaw that regulates, restricts or prohibits smoking, the more restrictive provision prevails.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(b), the question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Abbott	Herard	Ouellette
Cao	Horner	Pham
Cardinal	Jablonski	Prins
Cenaiko	Johnston	Renner
Coutts	Liepert	Rogers
Ducharme	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Dunford	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Lund	Stevens
Graydon	Magnus	Strang
Griffiths	McClellan	Tarchuk
Groeneveld	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Haley	Oberle	

Against the motion: 23

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Backs	Forsyth	Pannu
Blakeman	Hinman	Pastoor
Bonko	MacDonald	Swann
Chase	Mar	Taft
Eggen	Martin	Taylor
Elsalhy	Mather	Tougas
Evans	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(5)(b), the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Abbott	Haley	Oberle
Cao	Hinman	Ouellette
Cardinal	Horner	Pham
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Prins
Coutts	Liepert	Renner
Ducharme	Lindsay	Rogers
Dunford	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Evans	Lund	Stelmach
Forsyth	Magnus	Stevens
Fritz	Mar	Strang
Graydon	McClellan	Tarchuk
Griffiths	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Groeneveld		

Against the motion: 19

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Pannu
Backs	MacDonald	Pastoor
Blakeman	Martin	Swann
Bonko	Mather	Taft
Chase	Miller <small>(Edmonton-Glenora)</small>	Taylor
Eggen	Miller <small>(Edmonton-Rutherford)</small>	Tougas
Elsalhy		

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 201 Smoke-free Places Act — Mr. Rodney

Mr. Oberle, 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 201 (Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster) —
Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 265/2005

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Knight:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of increasing the value of the Alberta Ingenuity Fund to \$1 billion over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to allow for consideration of Private Members' Public Bills in the time remaining for Private Members' 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 203 Report on Alberta's Legacy Act — Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski

Mrs. Jablonski 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 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:11 p.m. until Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding his father, Pilot Officer Allan Brown, recipient of a Distinguished Flying Cross, and the end of World War II 60 years ago today.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding a lack of infrastructure spending in Alberta, particularly in Fort McMurray.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the implementation of a national high school CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) program sponsored by the Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation (ACT) and the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS).

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding heckling in the Legislative Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 118 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 86 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Report dated December 10, 2004, entitled "Mega Project Excellence: Preparing for Alberta's Legacy" prepared by the Alberta Economic Development Authority
Sessional Paper 266/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated March 29, 2005, from Georgina Szoke, Canadian Cattle Identification Agency, to Whom it May Concern expressing concern regarding the proposed requirement for a second tag on cattle and the added financial hardship this would bring to cattle producers

Sessional Paper 267/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Statistics Canada website article entitled "Labour force survey estimates by national occupational classification for statistics and sex, monthly" with attached occupation index chart

Sessional Paper 268/2005

5 recent letters from Barry A. Suian, Glenn S. Jamieson, Terry Cardinal, Kevin Guenette, and Hugo E.R. Pittoors to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 269/2005

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

Letter dated March 21, 2005, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, requesting that Hon. Mr. Melchin seek the resignation of Martin Merritt, Market Surveillance Administrator, with attached response dated March 23, 2005, stating there were no grounds to ask for Mr. Merritt's resignation

Sessional Paper 270/2005

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 15, 1908, the first dial telephones in Canada for general use were put into service in the City of Edmonton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

Mr. Bonko moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate continued.

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

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

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 26 Corporate Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 32 Animal Keepers Act — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Mr. Goudreau

Bill 33 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Dr. Brown 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 5:08 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 17 Agrolgy Profession Act — Mr. Danyluk

Bill 32 Animal Keepers Act — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 33 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 271/2005

Amendment to Bill 5 (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General on March 23, 2005) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 272/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

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

Recognitions

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: PCL, recipient of several 2005 business awards

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Tartan Day, April 6, 2005

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: The Alberta team on winning the Optimist Under-18 International Curling Championship recently held in Calgary

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Jessica Robertshaw, a grade 12 student from Calgary on winning the 2005 CanWest National Public Speaking Championships and on being named the third best overall speaker and the best young impromptu speaker at the 2005 World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships on April 3, 2005 in Nicosia, Cyprus

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 128 new Alberta's Promise partners recently recognized by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Dr. Klein, and Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services for their commitment to increase support of children and youth programs

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: Triplets Emma, Olivia, and Samantha LaBelle, born on March 21, 2005 in Lethbridge

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Birth to Three Society of Edmonton

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 6, 1967, George Brinton McClellan, former Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was named Ombudsman of Alberta. Not only was Mr. McClellan the first Ombudsman of Alberta but he was also the first Ombudsman appointed in Canada.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 107 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition signed by 150 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass legislation to extend a special community school designation to certain school buildings that have a wide variety of uses in the community

Sessional Paper 273/2005

Media release dated April 4, 2005, entitled "EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) Proposes to Weaken Enforcement Policy"

Sessional Paper 274/2005

EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) bulletin 2005-09, dated March 21, 2005, entitled "EUB Compliance Assurance Initiative"

Sessional Paper 275/2005

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

Letter dated March 14, 2005, from Liam Martin, M.B., M.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.P.C., Associate Professor, Chief, Division of Rheumatology, University of Calgary, and 2 e-mail messages, dated April 1, 2005, from Bistrin Opacic and Floyd Paxman, all to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing support for Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, in its unamended form

Sessional Paper 276/2005

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Response to questions raised by Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, during Oral Question Period on April 5, 2005

Sessional Paper 277/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 15, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005, be not now read a Second time because full consultation with appropriate stakeholders has not taken place.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 10

Backs
Eggen
Elsalhy
Flaherty

MacDonald
Mather
Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)

Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Pastoor
Tougas

Against the amendment: 35

Amery	Goudreau	Melchin
Brown	Groeneveld	Oberg
Calahasen	Haley	Ouellette
Cardinal	Hancock	Prins
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Rodney
Coutts	Johnson	Rogers
Danyluk	Johnston	Shariff
DeLong	Knight	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lindsay	Strang
Ducharme	Lund	VanderBurg
Dunford	McClellan	Webber
Fritz	McFarland	

Debate continued on the main motion.

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, notwithstanding whether or not the Spring sitting of the Assembly has concluded, a special sitting of the Assembly be called the day of Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at such time as the Speaker may determine, for the sole purpose of the attendance by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the Assembly and that any normal sitting scheduled for that day be suspended.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski

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 10 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang

Bill 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Thursday, April 7, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 7, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the achievements of the University of Alberta Golden Bears basketball, volleyball, and hockey teams, and the University of Alberta Pandas hockey team.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Sue Moleski of Banff, recent recipient of a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding drug abuse and drug addicted children.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for a national child care strategy.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 105 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 11, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11.

Motions for Returns: MR2, MR3, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Fair Trading (Telemarketing) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Pham

Bill Pr2 Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act — Mr. Johnson

Bill Pr3 Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, Annual Report 2004
Sessional Paper 278/2005

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on March 16, 2005, 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 279/2005

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2003-2004 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 280/2005

Alberta Economic Development International Offices, 2003-2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 281/2005

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

Letter dated March 14, 2005, from Irene Kyle, Ph.D., to Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding Alberta Children's Services' lack of support for a national child care program

Sessional Paper 282/2005

Letter dated March 14, 2005, from Irene Kyle, Ph.D., to Hon. Ken Dryden, Minister of Social Development Canada, offering congratulations for the efforts of the Federal Government to begin the process of creating a national child care system

Sessional Paper 283/2005

E-mail message dated April 6, 2005, from Allison Wagner of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's decision not to participate in a national child care strategy

Sessional Paper 284/2005

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

Letter dated April 4, 2005, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, expressing concern regarding the closure of four Edmonton schools, the purchase of portables for use at Kenilworth School, and the use of expansion project funding

Sessional Paper 285/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Statistics Canada website article entitled "Labour force survey estimates by national occupational classification for statistics and sex, monthly" for 2004 and January and February 2005

Sessional Paper 286/2005

5 recent letters from Blair W. Savoie, Greg Wymer, Robert Eroshinsky, Don Elmore, and Sheldon Blackwood to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 287/2005

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Report dated April 2005 entitled "A Sustainable and Equitable Economy, A Pre-Budget Commentary" prepared by the Parkland Institute
Sessional Paper 288/2005

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

Letter dated April 22, 2003, from G.G.S. (Scott) Sutton, Ombudsman, to Yvonne Nadeau of Calgary regarding Mr. Sutton's investigation into Ms Nadeau's complaints concerning Alberta Community Development, Seniors Division
Sessional Paper 289/2005

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

Text of an Observer-Dispatch article, undated, regarding a white-tailed deer diagnosed with chronic wasting disease that was served for human consumption at the Verona Fire Department's Annual Sportsmen's Feast
Sessional Paper 290/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes - For the Year Ended June 30, 2003, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education - For the Year Ended March 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 291/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2003-2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 292/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2):

Farm Implement Board, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 293/2005

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 11 to 14, 2005:

Monday, April 11	9:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Second Reading <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Bill 15, 16, 23, 24, 36, 38 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Committee of the Whole <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Bill 8, 12 <li style="padding-left: 40px;">And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 12	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Second Reading <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Bill 15, 23, 24, 36, 38 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Committee of the Whole <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Bill 8, 12, 15, 22 <li style="padding-left: 40px;">And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Committee of the Whole <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Bill 1, 5, 8, 15, 23, 24, 25 <li style="padding-left: 40px;">And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 13	Approx. 2:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporary Recess
	Approx. 3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Messages <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Budget Address <li style="padding-left: 40px;">And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Motions <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion 18 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Government Bills and Orders <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Committee of Supply <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24) <li style="padding-left: 40px;">Restructuring and Government Efficiency <li style="padding-left: 40px;">And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 14

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**Opposition Leaders' responses to
the Budget

And as per the Order Paper

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

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended as follows:

1. Standing Order 7 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (1)
 - (i) by striking out "Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)";
 - (ii) by striking out "(Tuesday and Thursday)" after "Members' Statements";
 - (b) in suborder (4)
 - (i) by striking out "on Tuesdays and Thursdays";
 - (ii) by striking out "four" and substituting "six";
 - (c) by adding the following after suborder (4):

(4.1) Members' Statements shall be allocated in proportion to the number of members other than members of the Executive Council in each party represented in the Assembly or as agreed to by House Leaders or, failing agreement, as determined by the Speaker.
 - (d) by striking out suborder (6).
2. Standing Order 8 is amended
 - (a) by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:

(2) On Monday evening, from 8 p.m. until the vote is called pursuant to suborder (4), the order of business for consideration of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Motions other than Government Motions
 - (b) in suborder (3) by striking out "on Monday evening commencing at 9 p.m." and substituting "on Monday evening after the vote is called under suborder (4),";
 - (c) in suborder (4) by striking out "shall retain its place on the Order Paper" and substituting "shall be considered".
 - (d) by adding the following after suborder (4.1):

(4.2) Only one motion other than Government motion shall be considered on Monday evening.
3. The amendments to the Standing Orders in this motion shall take effect on Monday, April 11, 2005.

A debate followed.

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 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

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

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

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Ms Evans on behalf of
Mrs. Ady

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

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

Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight

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 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Ms Haley, 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.

Subamendment to Bill 5 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 294/2005

Amendment to Bill 5 (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Justice and
Attorney General on March 23, 2005) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 295/2005

Third Reading

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

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

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

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

Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers

A debate followed.

Mr. Agnihotri moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 4 Alberta Science and Research Authority Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 7 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Mitzel on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Railway (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until Monday, April 11, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 11, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2005 Men's World Curling Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on April 10, 2005.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the value of education and the Alberta 2005 Excellence in Teaching Awards nominees and finalists.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Pride Rainbow Project initiated by the Unitarian Church of Calgary with the objective of showing support for same-sex marriage in Canada and around the world.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative Association Annual General Meeting held April 8-10, 2005, in Edmonton and the delegates from the Peace River constituency.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2005 Men's World Curling Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on April 10, 2005.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Dorothy Pacquette who recently walked from Fort McMurray to Edmonton to draw attention to the issues of aboriginal and youth training, and the accessibility of other Canadians to jobs in the oil sands.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1950 His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor and Wallace the Duchess of Windsor arrived in Calgary, and among the visits they made was to Alberta's first Legion branch, the Calgary No. 1 branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Interestingly enough, His Royal Highness had turned the sod for the Legion building in 1919, 31 years prior to his return in 1950.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 522 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 117 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 405 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to allow parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and fund urgently required drug use treatment centres.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 87 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Executive Summary dated March 2005 entitled “No more time to wait, Toward benchmarks and best practices in wait-time management, An interim report” prepared by the Wait Time Alliance for Timely Access to Health Care
Sessional Paper 296/2005

News release dated June 30, 2004, entitled “Health renewal strategy improves access and quality now, looks to the future” and backgrounder dated June 30, 2004, entitled “Health Authority Funding Allocations,” both prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness
Sessional Paper 297/2005

News release dated April 8, 2005, entitled “Alberta introduces better access to hip and knee replacements” and backgrounder dated April 8, 2005, entitled “Alberta hip and knee replacement project,” both prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness
Sessional Paper 298/2005

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

Copy of a brochure, undated, entitled “Protect yourself from volatile energy rates - choose a Fixed Price energy plan today!” prepared by Direct Energy
Sessional Paper 299/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 18, 2005, from William and Norma Crooks of Calgary to Members of the Legislative Assembly protesting the exclusion of community involvement and input regarding the development of the new Alberta Children’s Hospital, the resulting roadway infrastructure, and the negative impact on the community’s reserve land
Sessional Paper 300/2005

Letter dated March 22, 2005, from Mary Abel of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, protesting the exclusion of community involvement and input regarding the development of the new Alberta Children's Hospital, the resulting roadway infrastructure, and the negative impact on the community's park land

Sessional Paper 301/2005

Report dated March 2005 entitled "Flawed, Failed, Abandoned, 100 P3s, Canadian and International Evidence" prepared by Natalie Mehra, Ontario Health Coalition

Sessional Paper 302/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Report dated March 2005 entitled "Violence and Abuse in Alberta's Nursing Home Sector: A Serious Public Health Issue" prepared by Bev McKay, Founder, FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare) for submission to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 303/2005

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 11, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Randy Ferbey congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his team members, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, Dan Holowaychuk, and coach Brian Moore on winning the 2005 Men's World Curling Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on April 10, 2005

Sessional Paper 304/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ5. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Which reports, consultation groups, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that \$55 million is the total amount needed to fully fund the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services on April 1, 2005?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

How much money is being spent on leasing accommodation for the Alberta representative in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of student loan defaults, broken down by the last post-secondary institution or private vocational school attended by the student?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total number of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 40

Cao	Jablonski	Morton
Cardinal	Johnson	Oberle
Cenaiko	Johnston	Ouellette
Coutts	Knight	Pham
Danyluk	Liepert	Prins
Ducharme	Lougheed	Rodney
Evans	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stevens
Graydon	Mar	Strang
Griffiths	Marz	Tarchuk
Groeneveld	McFarland	Taylor
Hancock	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Webber
Herard	Mitzel	Zwozdesky
Horner		

Against the amendment: 7

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pannu
Bonko	Martin	Swann
Eggen		

WQ2. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total dollar value of student loan defaults, broken down by the last post-secondary institution or private vocational school attended by the student?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loan defaults for those students who have completed their studies, broken down by the last post-secondary sector attended by the student?

WQ3. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of students who received student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by institution?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of students who received *Alberta* student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector attended by the student*?

WQ4. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of student loans received by students in Alberta, broken down by post-secondary institution or private vocational school attended by the student?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loans received by students *while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school* in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector* attended by the student?

WQ9. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

What is the breakdown of the total dollar value of cash, medical, and other benefits provided monthly to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients in 2003-04 by the Government?

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the total dollar value of cash and *health* benefits provided monthly to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients in 2003-04 by the Government?

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments provided to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions, broken down by institution, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions, broken down by *sector*, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

WQ11. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments provided to students attending private, for-profit educational or training institutions, broken down by institution, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending *the private vocational school sector* in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ7. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Of the total number of coalbed methane wells drilled in Alberta in 2004, how many produced either saline or non-saline water?

WQ8. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Miller:

Of the Albertans who received an automobile insurance rebate between October 1, 2004 and February 28, 2005, what percentage of these received less than \$50?

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: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Backs	MacDonald	Swann
Bonko	Mason	Taylor
Eggen	Mather	

Against the motion: 32

Ady	Horner	Morton
Cao	Johnston	Oberle
Cardinal	Knight	Ouellette
Coutts	Liepert	Pham
Evans	Lougheed	Prins
Forsyth	Lund	Snelgrove
Fritz	Magnus	Stevens
Graydon	Mar	Tarchuk
Griffiths	Marz	Webber
Groeneveld	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Mitzel	

Unanimous Consent

Following consideration of Written Question WQ4, Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move on to consideration of Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the P2406 Sour Gas Blowout Ignition Study, or a copy of the most recent draft of the study, prepared by the Bercha Group of Calgary for the Department of Energy.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR2. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Ministerial Order authorizing the University of Phoenix to operate in Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the letters of approval authorizing the University of Phoenix to offer specific degree programs in Alberta.

MR3. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, memos, faxes, reports, letters, applications, and responses related to the approval of the University of Phoenix to operate as a post-secondary institution in Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents *relied upon by the Government of Alberta* including, but not limited to, memos, faxes, reports, letters, applications, and responses *in approving* the University of Phoenix to *offer specific degree programs* in Alberta.

MR11. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development's business expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, food, accommodation, and conference fees from February 18, 2003 to November 22, 2004.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development's business expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-2004 issued to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coumts, Minister of Sustainable Resource 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR13. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-2004 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coumts, Minister of Sustainable Resource 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR5. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill coalbed methane wells that were denied by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR6. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill coalbed methane wells that were approved by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR7. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, contracts, proposals, memos, and reports (including interim reports) relating to the P2406 Sour Gas Blowout Ignition Study in the possession of the Ministry of Energy prepared by the Bercha Group of Calgary.

MR9. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill critical gas wells that were denied by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR10. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill critical gas wells that were approved by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Dr. Swann:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a royalty reduction program to provide incentives for industry to develop new technologies for cleaner energy.

A debate followed.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved the motion be amended by striking out “to implement a royalty reduction program”.

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 defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Evans 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 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

Bill 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Bill 23 Administrative Procedures Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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 8 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Groeneveld

Mr. Mitzel, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —
Defeated

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:16 p.m. until Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement requesting support from the Members of the Legislative Assembly to grant unanimous consent to allow consideration of Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act, during Private Members' Business on upcoming Mondays.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding crop production insurance changes for Alberta producers.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the traditional definition of marriage and Bishop Henry's public criticism of the Federal Government's Bill to allow same-sex marriage.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Loretta Van Brabant of Edmonton, recent recipient of a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the 25th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the need for political reforms in Alberta.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in 1917 Alberta became one of the first jurisdictions in the world to enfranchise women. On this day in 1965 An Act to Amend the Election Act was assented to allowing aboriginal people the right to vote in provincial elections.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly):

Copy of a petition signed by 147 Albertans requesting the Government add custom-made breast prostheses to the Alberta Aids to Daily Living benefits schedule

Sessional Paper 306/2005

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Kevin Klockow and e-mail message dated April 2, 2005, from Mel Schwanky, both of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the Métis Harvest Agreement recently negotiated by the Alberta Government

Sessional Paper 307/2005

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

6 recent e-mail messages from Erika Jahn, Allison Wagner, Raelene Frache, Gabrielle Zezulka-Mailloux, Allison Thornton, and Leona Jacobs to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the Alberta Government's decision to opt out of a national child care strategy

Sessional Paper 308/2005

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

2 letters, the first dated March 20, 2005, unsigned, from Brian Staples, Chair, Seniors' Action and Liaison Team (SALT) to William Chambers, Vice-President, Communications, CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation), and the second dated March 21, 2005, unsigned, from Ted Woynillowicz of Calgary to D. Orchard, Regional Director, CBC Calgary, both expressing concern regarding the dismissal of Don Hill from the Wild Rose Forum radio program

Sessional Paper 309/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Nellie M. Samek of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the recent lack of care for her 79-year old neighbour at the Rockyview Hospital and requesting a new hospital be built in south Calgary

Sessional Paper 310/2005

E-mail message dated April 8, 2005, from David Cournoyer of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's consistent under-funding of post-secondary education

Sessional Paper 311/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

A debate followed.

Mr. Elsahy 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 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight
- Bill 23 Administrative Procedures Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 25 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Oberle, 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 24 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 312/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie
on April 5, 2005) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 313/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Adjourned
debate

Sessional Paper 314/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:49 p.m. until Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding a celebration held on April 9, 2005 in Bonnyville to honour Victor Ringuette, philanthropist and owner of B and R Eckel's Transport Limited for 40 years.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Alberta Restaurant and Foodservices Association's 2005 ARFEX trade exhibition held April 12-13, 2005 in Edmonton.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding La Ronde Restaurant's first Braille menu presented at the Alberta Restaurant and Foodservices Association's annual general meeting held on April 12, 2005 at La Ronde restaurant.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding two historical projects recently completed by the City of Edmonton Archives.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement urging the Legislative Assembly to support Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 379 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to allow parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and fund urgently required drug use treatment centres.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 105 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Committee of Supply Calendar for the First Session of the 26th Legislature,
Spring 2005

Sessional Paper 315/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Excerpt from a report dated 2004 entitled "Ontario Education, Excellence for All"
outlining school closure guidelines

Sessional Paper 316/2005

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

2 letters, the first dated March 4, 2005, and the second dated March 13, 2005,
both from Hughena Grainger of Gibbons to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of
Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the condition
of several parts of Highway 28

Sessional Paper 317/2005

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

Report dated April 11, 2005, entitled "Response to Edmonton Public School
Board Conduct Report, Edmonton Public School Board Recommendations
Report" prepared by the Strathearn Elementary and Junior High School Parent
Advisory Association and the Strathearn Community League

Sessional Paper 318/2005

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:54 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Budget Address

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

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

Government Motions**18.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2005-06 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2005-06 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.

Prior to moving Government Motion 19, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2005-06 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates	Sessional Paper 319/2005
2005-06 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates	Sessional Paper 320/2005
Budget 2005 Fiscal Plan	Sessional Paper 321/2005

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 2005 Business Plans	Sessional Paper 322/2005
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19. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 3:42 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott 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, 2006, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense	\$42,740,000
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Office of the Auditor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$18,304,000
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Office of the Ombudsman

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,237,000
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense	\$2,497,000
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Expense	\$419,000
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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Expense	\$4,336,000
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Restructuring and Government Efficiency

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$258,071,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing Canmore residents Sara Renner, cross-country skier, and Thomas Grandi, giant slalom skier, for winning several gold and bronze medals in Canadian and world championships, and for their community involvement.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the membership and level of activity of the Assembly's all-party Select Standing Committees.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding Project Discovery, an expansion of the Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Centre at the Leduc #1 Historical Site.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the work of the Old Strathcona Foundation and Liz Iggulden, who is retiring from the Old Strathcona Foundation after 20 years of service.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding National Wildlife Week, April 10-16, 2005.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Alberta Centennial Multicultural Gala Night held in Calgary on March 28, 2005 and the Annual Spring Festival held in East Coulee on April 9, 2005.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1898 a sailor by the name of Charles Walker, a mate of the sailing ship, Orca, arrived at what was then known as the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve, located near St. Paul, after walking 2,500 miles to report the loss of his ship on the west coast of British Columbia.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

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 18, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23.

Motions for Returns: MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 37 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Report dated April 5, 2005, entitled “Paying the full cost of power, an indicative comparative analysis of residential electricity rates across Canadian provinces” prepared for the Independent Power Producers Society of Alberta (IPPSA) by London Economics International

Sessional Paper 323/2005

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

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 324/2005

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

Letter dated April 8, 2005, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, regarding the Department of Education’s and the Edmonton Public School Board’s use of an outdated Closure of Schools Regulation

Sessional Paper 325/2005

Report to the Edmonton Public School Board of Trustees dated April 11, 2005, entitled “Parent and Community Based Solution to Maintain the Long Term Viability of Strathearn School” prepared by Deanna Dixon, President, Strathearn Community School Parent Advisory Association

Sessional Paper 326/2005

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

4 recent letters and 3 recent e-mail messages from Ron Watt, President, Southern Alberta Bowhunters Association, Pete Mountain, President, Alberta Chapter, Foundation for North American Sheep (unsigned), Kevin Williams, World Class Alberta Trophy Outfitters Ltd., Brian Rufiange, President, Spruce Grove Fish and Game (unsigned), Dr. Tony Garrow, Chairman, Alberta Chapter, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Tom Foss, Regulations Chairman, Alberta Bowhunters Association (unsigned), to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Métis Interim Harvesting Agreement recently granted by the Government

Sessional Paper 327/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Article, undated, entitled "Still No Vision" commenting on the 2005 Provincial Budget, prepared by Ricardo Acuna and Diana Gibson of the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 328/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2003/2004

Sessional Paper 329/2005

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 18 to 21, 2005:

Monday, April 18	9:00 p.m.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24)
			Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
			Second Reading
			Bill 35, 37, 39
			And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, April 19
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24)
Advanced Education
And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24)
Seniors and Community Supports
Committee of the Whole
Bill 37
Second Reading
Bill 29, 35
And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 20
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24)
Energy
And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24)
Sustainable Resource
Development
Third Reading
Bill 37
Committee of the Whole
Bill 1
And as per the Order Paper

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 202 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Ms Haley, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Red Deer-North) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 332/2005

Unanimous Consent - Order of Business

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(3) to allow for consideration of Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders and Standing Order 8(5)(d) to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed unanimously:

Bill 202 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, April 18, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 18, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 18, 1966, An Act Respecting the Establishment and Operation of Mount Royal Junior College received Royal Assent and noted that this institution has played a role in educating thousands of graduates, including our Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding AADAC's (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) youth drug treatment programs.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding northern Alberta's contribution to the economy.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the Centennial Hockey Challenge held on April 14, 2005 in Lloydminster between Alberta and Saskatchewan junior A hockey players.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding National Organ Donor Awareness Week, April 17-24, 2005.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding 17-year old Caroline Mouris of Edmonton who was recently awarded a four-year scholarship at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding proposed school closures in Edmonton and many rural communities.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 105 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 3,400 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to enhance the quality of care for residents in long-term care and continuing care facilities.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 2005 —
Hon. Mrs. Fritz

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Justice Canada website article entitled "The Top 15 on 15" providing an overview of Supreme Court of Canada cases related to section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Sessional Paper 333/2005

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

Letter dated March 4, 2005, from Cheryl Applewhaite of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing support for a total smoking ban in Alberta work places

Sessional Paper 334/2005

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

4 recent e-mail messages from Ian Kopp and Jolin Fisher, both of Wetaskiwin, Bryan Martin of Hinton, and Richard Duquette of Drayton Valley, and 3 recent letters from Aden Stewart of Calgary, Frederich Kegel of Edmonton, and Duane Radford, all unsigned, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Métis Interim Harvesting Agreement recently granted by the Government

Sessional Paper 335/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated February 19, 2005, from Gary McCormick of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 336/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ17. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

How much money has been spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on hosting expenses in the fiscal years 1996-97 through 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by function and year?

WQ19. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What measures has the Government taken to ensure that reforestation timelines are being met by timber harvesting companies?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ14. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school fees, broken down by school board and by fee type for the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

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

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school fees, broken down by school board and by fee type for the *school* years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ20. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar amount of student loans provided to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the dollar amount of student loans *issued* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ21. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar amount of student loans provided to students attending private for-profit educational or training institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the dollar amount of student loans *issued* to students attending private *vocational schools* in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ12. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

How much money has the Ministry and Department of Economic Development spent on trade shows in the fiscal years 1992-93 through 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ13. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

How much money has the Ministry and Department of Economic Development spent on trade missions in the fiscal years 1992-93 through 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by mission and year?

WQ15. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school-based fundraising initiatives, broken down by school for the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ16. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total did the Ministry and Department of Energy spend on communications contracts in the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by organization?

WQ18. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

What measures has the Ministry of Innovation and Science taken to improve the information technology security awareness of Government employees as recommended in the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report?

WQ22. Moved by Mr. Miller:

What was the total amount paid to the Premier's former Chief of Staff, Mr. Peter Elzinga, in each of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 fiscal years, broken down according to salary, allowances, bonuses, and severance pay?

WQ23. Moved by Mr. Miller:

What is the total maximum amount scheduled to be paid to the Premier's current Chief of Staff, Mr. Rod Love, for each year of the current contract, broken down according to salary, allowances, bonuses, and severance pay?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR19. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any documents from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2002-2003 referring to the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services from municipalities on April 1, 2005.

MR21. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all cost-benefit analyses for the newly-established Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

MR22. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the detailed budget breakdown for the Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Municipal Affairs' expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, food, accommodation, and conference fees from February 18, 2003 to November 22, 2004.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Municipal Affairs' expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

MR15. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-04 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

MR16. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-2004 issued to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR17. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-04 issued to the Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Learning.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Learning.

MR18. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-04 issued to the Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Innovation and Science.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Innovation and Science.

MR20. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all documents, including but not limited to, budget, business, and operational plans related to the establishment of an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of *the* budget, business, and operational plans related to the establishment of an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

MR23. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all submissions to the Renewing AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Committee between August 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004.

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A summary of all submissions to the MLA committee reviewing the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program between September 28, 2004 and January 31, 2005.

Debate adjourned on the following Motion for Returns:

MR24. Moved by Mr. Backs:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any and all documents pertaining to the June 2004 Memorandum
of Understanding between the Government and the Federal Government
regarding foreign temporary workers.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Backs speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR24 (debate adjourned), MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32,
MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at
5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Herard:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider
the benefits of requiring five credits in Fine Arts as a condition for high school
graduation in the province.

A debate followed.

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

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 resumed the Chair and
Dr. Brown 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$29,449,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 19, 1916, An Act to Provide for Equal Suffrage received Royal Assent in Alberta. The Bill gave women “absolute equality with and the same rights and privileges” as men. For the first time in Alberta and for the first time in what was then known as the Commonwealth, women were allowed to vote in provincial elections and hold provincial office.

Since June 17, 1917, when the first two women, Roberta MacAdams and Louise McKinney, were elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly, 56 women have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly including the 13 currently sitting as Members.

Members' Statements

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding An Act to Provide for Equal Suffrage which received Royal Assent on April 19, 1916, and women's participation in Alberta politics.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Youth Secretariat established in 1999 to recognize the importance of youth in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the Camrose Kodiaks junior A hockey team for winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship on April 18, 2005.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Province of Alberta being the top destination for Canadian migration.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, elected as Pope Benedict XVI of the Roman Catholic Church on April 19, 2005.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Ken Fearnley, former Chief Administrative Officer of the Greater Edmonton Foundation, who recently retired.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 428 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 108 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Petition signed by 1,350 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to enhance the quality of care for residents in long-term care and continuing care facilities

Sessional Paper 337/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

E-mail message dated February 7, 2005, from Jay and Taryn (surnames struck out) to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 338/2005

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

News release dated April 15, 2005, entitled "New Coalition Asking for EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) to rescind Bulletin 2005-08 and Bulletin 2005-09" prepared by the Coalition for Alberta's Future

Sessional Paper 339/2005

Several photographs of Lubicon Crown land that has been cleared of trees

Sessional Paper 340/2005

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

Invitation to a school closure summit workshop to be held on April 24, 2005 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 341/2005

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2003/2004

Sessional Paper 342/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Webber 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,582,176,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$117,400,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:18 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 4 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,582,528,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

Second Reading

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

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on April 12, 2005) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 343/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 344/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:49 p.m. until Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

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 National Soil Conservation Week, April 17-23, 2005.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, 2005.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Voyageurs Rendezvous Rupert's Land Canoe Brigade centennial canoe trip to take place May 21-23, 2005.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Finola Hackett of Tofield, CanWest CanSpell National Spelling Bee Champion and recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship who will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. June 1-2, 2005.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the 78-year history of CKUA Radio.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the achievements of several volunteers and organizations in Calgary.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 20, 1999, it was announced that the Government of Alberta and the Métis Nation of Alberta Association signed a seven-year framework agreement focusing on "projects with positive and measurable outcomes for Métis people." The 1999 agreement comes to an end on March 31, 2006. The Speaker recognized that there are at least four Members of the Legislative Assembly who are of Métis heritage, Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring and Government Efficiency, and Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

New York Times article dated April 15, 2005, entitled "The Medical Money Pit" describing reasons for the high cost of health care in the United States
Sessional Paper 345/2005

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

Letter dated April 13, 2005, from Kerry Barrett, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requesting debate on Bill 15, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005, be delayed until there is an opportunity for consultation with stakeholders
Sessional Paper 346/2005

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

Excerpt of a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket relating to Enron generating projects in Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Canada
Sessional Paper 347/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated April 13, 2005, from Kerry Barrett, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, to Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requesting debate on Bill 15, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005, be delayed until there is an opportunity for consultation with stakeholders

Sessional Paper 348/2005

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Letter dated April 13, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Fred Dunn, Auditor General, regarding the Auditor General's review of the Alberta Securities Commission's enforcement processes

Sessional Paper 349/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — 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 Haley 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Energy

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$121,467,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:18 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 6 — Main Estimates)

(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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$219,215,000
Capital Investment	\$20,500,000

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 29 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 2005 —
Hon. Mrs. Fritz

Mrs. Fritz 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 37 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Third Reading

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

Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 19, Securities Amendment Act, 2005, be not now read a Third time because it inadequately addresses the need for a national securities regulator.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Stettler Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight

Bill 23 Administrative Procedures Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 32 Animal Keepers Act — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 33 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:56 p.m. until Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21, 2005

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, made a statement regarding the donation on April 20, 2005 by Sandy and Cécile Mactaggart of over 700 rare Chinese artifacts, valued at \$37 million, to the University of Alberta, which will serve as the foundation for the University of Alberta's new centre for Chinese studies.

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 24-30, 2005, with this year's theme being Public Education: Proud Legacy, Inspired Future.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding a joint declaration of cooperation between the City of Leduc, Leduc County, and the City of Grimma, Germany.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Children's Miracle Network Radiothon held April 20-22, 2005, to raise funds for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and the efforts of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the cooperation of the Assembly in allowing Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act, to receive Third Reading on April 14, 2005.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding democratic renewal.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding two high school girls' basketball teams, the Raymond Comets who won the 4A provincial championship last month and the Cardston Lady Cougars who recently won the 3A provincial championship.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 104 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to declare the grizzly bear an endangered species in accordance with recommendations made by the Endangered Species Conservation Committee, scientists, and other wildlife experts.

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 25, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR24 (debate adjourned), MR25, MR26.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated March 30, 2005, from Melanie Anderson, President, Calgary Local Council of Women, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the Government's recent announcement to raise the minimum wage to \$7 per hour and requesting it be increased further to \$9 per hour

Sessional Paper 350/2005

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Letter dated June 25, 2005, from Brian Bietz, Ph.D., P.Biol., Board Member, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, unsigned, to all oil, gas, oil sands, and pipeline operators regarding the construction of a well site prior to the issuance of a well licence

Sessional Paper 351/2005

Blank Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Well Licence Application

Sessional Paper 352/2005

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

Document, dated March 19, 2005, entitled "Is your public school at risk?" listing several schools meeting the Edmonton Public School Board's criteria for closure

Sessional Paper 353/2005

Notice of an amendment to Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, dated April 11, 2005, signed by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar

Sessional Paper 354/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Alberta Human Resources and Employment website article dated March 2005 entitled "Labour Force Statistics"

Sessional Paper 355/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 356/2005

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 357/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Aircraft charter documents, April 2001 - December 2004

Sessional Paper 358/2005

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 April 25 to April 28, 2005:

Monday, April 25	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 8 of 24)
		Economic Development
		Second Reading
		Bill 35
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 37
		Third Reading
		Bill 5
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 9 of 24)
		Environment
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 10 of 24)
		Children's Services
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 1

Second Reading

Bill 29, 36

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 27

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 11 of 24)

Infrastructure and Transportation

And as per the Order Paper

Eve.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 12 of 24)

Executive Council

Third Reading

Bill 37

Committee of the Whole

Bill 15, 16

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 28

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 13 of 24)

Human Resources and
Employment

And as per the Order Paper

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 21, 1971, two retiring Cabinet Ministers were made honorary life members of the Alberta Legislative Press Gallery. Provincial Treasurer and Member for Alexandra, Anders O. Aalborg and Minister of Mines and Minerals and Member for Lacombe, Allan Russell Patrick were awarded the memberships. Mr. Aalborg was a Cabinet Minister in the Social Credit Government from 1952 to 1971 and Mr. Patrick from 1955 to 1971.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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. Danyluk reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$123,381,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$69,651,000

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 5:18 p.m. until Monday, April 25, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 25, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1914 CPR (Canadian Pacific Railway) President Thomas Shaughnessy formally opened the Bassano Dam on the Bow River, a project to provide water for the Eastern Irrigation District, an area of over 600,000 hectares. The earthen dam has a 107-metre wide base and extends over 2,150 metres beyond the spillway which can handle a flow of 3,000 cubic metres of water through the sluice gates. Almost 300,000 cubic metres of earth were moved to build the dam, which in 1914 was referred to by Scientific American magazine as "America's Greatest Irrigation Project."

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park on April 22, 2005, which surrounds the Big Lake natural area in St. Albert.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Samuel Ian Seright of Calgary, one of Alberta's Centennial Ambassadors, who passed away on April 20, 2005.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding 35 public schools in the Edmonton area eligible for closure based on the requirements of Alberta Infrastructure's school space utilization rate.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the announcement by Advanced Education to increase RAP (registered apprenticeship program) scholarships to 10 times the current level.

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Wes Montgomery, Edmonton radio broadcaster, who passed away on April 25, 2005.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Mayor's Luncheon for Business and the Arts held on April 21, 2005 in Calgary.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly not to pass Bill 15, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 206 Alberta Pharmaceutical Savings Commission Act — Mr. Mason

Bill 207 Alberta Association of Former M.L.A.s Act — Mr. Johnson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview,:

Letter dated April 23, 2005, from Stan I. Buell, P.Eng., President, Small Investors' Association, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, expressing concern regarding the recent dismissal of Grahame Newton from his position as Director of Administrative Services, Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 359/2005

E-mail message dated March 31, 2005, from Paul Pomerleau (address struck out) to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training, the use of temporary foreign workers in the Alberta labour force, and union versus non-union labour practices

Sessional Paper 360/2005

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

E-mail message dated April 15, 2005, from Mark Hambridge of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Legislative Assembly's decision to allow smoking in certain public places

Sessional Paper 361/2005

Program from the Mayor's Luncheon for Business and the Arts held on April 21, 2005 in Calgary

Sessional Paper 362/2005

Speaker's Statement - Comments Related to an Officer of the Assembly

The Speaker invited Members to comment on statements made during Oral Question Period on April 21, 2005 relating to an Officer of the Legislature. Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Blakeman, Mr. Martin, and Mrs. Tarchuk responded to the Speaker's invitation.

The Speaker then made the following statement.

Well, then, Honourable Members, on Thursday last the Chair was very, very dismayed by the tone of the questions, so then looked in Hansard on Friday to make sure again, that this was not a mistake and looked at Hansard again on Sunday and then looked at Hansard again today, and after those four reviews still comes to a conclusion by looking at Hansard on page 947 and quoting the following, the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

“We need someone who will get to the bottom of these problems. My questions are to the Minister of Finance. Given that the Alberta Auditor General has been the auditor of record for the Securities Commission and has repeatedly given the Commission unqualified auditor approval, will she do the right thing and bring in a genuinely independent out-of-province investigator?”

Further, next question:

“To the same Minister, will she admit that the Alberta Auditor General has no credibility on this issue given that year after year his office has given the Commission a clean audit report?”

Go on to the next question. Once again the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

“Again to the same Minister, will she admit that the only reason she has asked the Auditor General to prepare one report for her and a separate one for the Legislature and the public is to keep the public in the dark about the real goings-on at the Alberta Securities Commission?”

I am a pretty imaginative person but I cannot believe that we're talking about any person other than the Alberta Auditor General in any of this. There is only one Alberta Auditor General and the Member for Banff-Cochrane has clearly identified who that Auditor General is and the process by which the Auditor General is among us.

Now, I do want to expand upon some of those comments that were made last Thursday, especially reflecting Officers of the Legislature and it is on the point of Officers of the Legislature that I make my comments. I started off by saying that perhaps this was still early in the life of the 26th Legislature but the fact is this is not early in the life of the 26th Legislature. This is Day 27, I believe. Including the evening sittings, it probably makes it 54. So the time for inexperience and the time for being a novice and the time for being a rookie is behind us. That is not an excuse anymore.

The Chair wants to identify for Members that the Officers of the Legislature are the Auditor General, the Chief Electoral Officer, the Ethics Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Ombudsman. These individuals are all appointed or reappointed on the recommendation of a special search committee or the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. Each and every appointment is the subject of a motion in this Assembly. All are debatable and all are amendable. These five Officers occupy positions that by statute are independent of Government. The fact that the sums required to run these offices are not part of the Government's estimates but those of the Legislative Assembly reflects this principle of independence from the Government.

Last Thursday the Chair referred Members to paragraph 493 of Beauchesne's and page 524 of Marleau and Montpetit, House of Commons Procedure and Practice. The same principle of not reflecting on certain persons in debate is found in Erskine May, the 23rd edition, at pages 438 and 439. If there is any doubt after reading those authorities, it is the Chair's view that the Officers of the Legislature in the Province of Alberta occupy positions of "high official status," as the term is used in Beauchesne 493(3), similar to judges and senior public servants even though they are not specifically mentioned. To be absolutely clear, this Chair will not tolerate personal attacks against Officers of the Legislature.

Honourable Members, so that there is no misunderstanding, the Chair is not attempting in any way to become involved with questions on the grounds that they deal with sensitive issues. This was not the reason for the Chair's comment last Thursday. The Chair intervened because it was the Chair's view that there were allegations or innuendos about the individuals who serve as Officers of the Legislature. This Chair takes very seriously the rights of Members to freedom of speech in this Assembly. However, it is the Chair's role to ensure that this important right is exercised fairly and within the limits that have been recognized in this and other Assemblies over many years.

The Chair also wants to take this opportunity to say that for the most part the use of language in this Chamber and the decorum of Members is of a high standard amongst jurisdictions in Canada. The Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview cautioned us about having to deal with this on a regular basis. The fact is, Honourable Members, that we deal with this on a very infrequent basis. If Honourable Members want to go back in Hansard, Honourable Members can go back to 1999, when to the chagrin of most of us, on November 23, 1999, when one Honourable Member was providing to the Assembly the report of the information and privacy committee the then Member for Edmonton-Riverview said, "Whose pocket is he in?" in reference to an Officer of this Legislature. That created quite a commotion in this Assembly on that day in 1999 and led to considerable anxiety amongst the various Members. It led to a retraction, and the retraction came before further serious damage could have been done to a particular individual.

Then from 1999 we switch to March 23, 2005. Hardly a frequent occurrence; a very infrequent occurrence. On March 23, 2005, another Member for Edmonton-Riverview used the following phrase in saying this about another Member: "Who is she trying to protect?" That led to a discussion and was dealt with by a two-line retraction on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview.

So this is not a frequent thing. This is an infrequent thing and the House is not wasting its time in dealing with these Members. The House's time is well used in terms of dealing with this. I repeat, for the most part – and this is the 99th year of history of this Assembly – the use of language in this Chamber and the decorum of Members is of a high standard amongst jurisdictions in Canada. In fact, I believe the highest standard of decorum of any jurisdiction in Canada is found in this Assembly and that's good. However, Members may have recently noted that the tone and content of proceedings in other Assemblies in this land may not today be of the similar high standard that they were accustomed to seeing even in those Assemblies. There has been a deterioration in two Assemblies for sure, but that deterioration is not the tradition and it is not the practice in this Assembly.

I believe that the people of Alberta expect Members to conduct themselves in the best traditions of parliamentary democracy. This Chair intends to meet those expectations for the good of this institution and for the good of all of its Members.

The Chair views the question of what constitutes proper parliamentary language in an Assembly in the 21st century as such an important matter that I'm now going to make a suggestion to the Assembly. Regardless of whether or not a motion for privilege is proceeded with, and I would hope, in fact, that on the basis of what I have said, that we have now entered a new century, perhaps there is an important time every once in a while to stop and review everything that we are doing and ask ourselves the question: is this appropriate for the time that we are now in?

I am going to ask the Honourable Members through the various House Leaders to consider a motion to refer this whole matter to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing or by creating a select special committee to look at this and other parliamentary issues as was done in 1993, when the Chair was the Government House Leader, to review in particular the language, such things as put forward by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the specific identification, even though the Chair has already indicated that in his mind the Officers of the Legislature are those people who meet those offices of high standard, and generally to review this whole question of decorum and decorum in our Assembly.

We will soon be entering our 100th year and I believe that there's a caution that must be given to all Members that we have to be better than what some Members would see us be on any given day. I think the people of Alberta expect that of us, and I think that if there is any gift we can give to the people of Alberta on our 100th anniversary of this Legislative Assembly, it is to recognize that the highest calling in the land is to be an elected person and we should be expected to act in the highest possible standard.

I want all Members to know that if there are questions such as the type that were raised in this Assembly last Thursday, there will be an immediate intervention from the Chair henceforth, and if that means that time is now lost in the Question Period, that is the way it will be. Those questions will be ruled out of order and the Member will also be told that that's it for his or her participation in the Question Period on that day. There will be a vigilance. I will not allow people who are Officers of this Legislature to be chastised in this Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR25. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The salaries of contracted employees and/or consultants employed by the Ministry and Department of Energy during the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by amount and position title.

MR26. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Energy, his staff, and/or designate on non-international trips during the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR24. Moved by Mr. Backs:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any and all documents pertaining to the June 2004 Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and the Federal Government regarding foreign temporary workers.

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: 14

Backs	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Blakeman	MacDonald	Pastoor
Bonko	Martin	Swann
Elsalhy	Mason	Taylor
Flaherty	Mather	

Against the motion: 34

Boutilier	Johnson	Oberle
Cao	Johnston	Pham
Coutts	Knight	Renner
DeLong	Liepert	Rodney
Evans	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	Stevens
Griffiths	Marz	Strang
Groeneveld	McClellan	Tarchuk
Herard	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Horner	Morton	Zwozdesky
Jablonski		

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43.

Unanimous Consent

Prior to consideration of Motion for Returns MR24, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Following consideration of Motion for Returns MR24, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 201 Smoke-free Places Act — Mr. Rodney

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering section 5(3).

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 17

Backs	MacDonald	Pastoor
Bonko	Mar	Rodney
Elsalhy	Martin	Swann
Evans	Mason	Taft
Flaherty	Mather	Taylor
Forsyth	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Against the amendment: 26

Cao	Johnston	Pham
Coutts	Knight	Renner
Graydon	Liepert	Snelgrove
Griffiths	Lougheed	Stelmach
Groeneveld	Magnus	Stevens
Herard	Marz	Strang
Horner	Mitzel	Tarchuk
Jablonski	Morton	Zwozdesky
Johnson	Oberle	

The question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Agnihotri	Jablonski	Morton
Bonko	Johnson	Oberle
Cao	Johnston	Pham
Coutts	Knight	Renner
Evans	Liepert	Rodney
Forsyth	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Graydon	Magnus	Stelmach
Griffiths	Mar	Stevens
Groeneveld	Marz	Strang
Herard	Mather	Tarchuk
Horner	Mitzel	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Backs	Martin	Pastoor
Elsalhy	Mason	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taft
MacDonald	Pannu	Taylor

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Smoke-free Places Act — Mr. Rodney

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Chase:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to prohibit the use of hand-held cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Committee of Supply (Day 8 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Oberle 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, 2006, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Economic Development

Expense \$79,750,000

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 37 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:36 p.m. until Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

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

Members' Statements

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. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 24-30, 2005.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 24-30, 2005.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding new technologies in the agriculture and agrifood industries.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Government's \$577 million commitment for the construction of the Health Sciences Ambulatory Learning Centre at the University of Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Alberta Energy and Utilities Board regulations.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1887 Joseph Ora Card and a small group of Mormons founded the community that was to become Cardston, Alberta. Experienced in dry farming, they introduced a variety of new crops and began irrigation in southern Alberta. Their Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was the first Mormon Temple built outside of the United States.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill Pr3 Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005 —
Mr. Mitzel

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr2 Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act — Mr. Johnson

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill be deferred to the Fall 2005 sitting of the Legislature:

Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act —
Mr. Oberle

The Committee has had under consideration the fees charged for petitioning for Private Bills and recommends that Standing Order 87(1) be amended to increase the fee to \$500 for petitioning for a Private Bill.

Dr. Brown, 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 Pr2, Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act
Sessional Paper 363/2005

Mr. Speaker, I request concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 109 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Report dated February 23, 2005, entitled “Recommendations to the Utilities Consumer Advocate on Retail Energy Options for Electricity” prepared by Ted Pound, Chair, Utilities Consumer Advocate Advisory Council
Sessional Paper 364/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 365/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Package of information relating to the Memorandum of Understanding between Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and Alberta Learning to allow the entry of temporary foreign workers into Alberta for projects in the Alberta oil sands

Sessional Paper 366/2005

Speaker's Ruling - Item Previously Decided

If Honourable Members look in the Order Paper, Members will find Motion 507 in the name of the Leader of the New Democrats. That motion is due to be considered next Monday evening, May 2, under Motions Other Than Government Motions. The motion reads "Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prohibit smoking in public buildings and indoor workplaces."

This motion raises issues virtually identical to those considered in connection with Private Member's Bill 201 which received Third Reading just yesterday, April 25, 2005. The Chair finds that Motion 507 duplicates the issues already debated and decided by the Assembly with respect to Bill 201.

This is not the first time this type of issue has arisen in the Assembly. On March 28, 1995, Speaker Schumacher ruled the motion by the then Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark concerning electoral boundaries out of order on the grounds that it violated the rules of anticipation found in Standing Order 23(e) as there was a Government Bill, Bill 20, Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, 1995, standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading. This rule is based on the principle that the same question should not be raised twice during the same session. Speaker Schumacher quoted Beauchesne 566(7) as follows: "A motion dealing with the same subject-matter of a Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading cannot be considered." The rationale then as now is that a Bill leads to a more effective result than a motion as stated in Beauchesne's 513(2) and Erskine May (23rd edition) pages 388-389.

In this case Motion 507 does not merely anticipate a debate but clearly deals with a matter already decided during this session. Bill 201 received Third Reading yesterday. It is fair to say that its ultimate fate and contents were in doubt up to the concluding vote.

The Chair could have ruled the Honourable Leader's motion out of order earlier but in fairness to the Member and in keeping with the latitude the Chair gives Private Members, there was no intervention. At this time, however, it is clear, even clearer than the 1995 example, that the House would be considering the same issue twice. To allow the motion to proceed would depart from the precedents of the Assembly and mark a relaxation of the rules as they have been applied.

Clearly, this is a unique circumstance, so in keeping with the practice of this and in granting Private Members the greatest leeway possible in bringing matters before the Assembly, the Chair is willing to relax the interpretation of Standing Order 39.2 and to invite the Honourable Member to present a revised motion to the Clerk's Office by the end of business tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, April 27, 2005, for inclusion in Thursday's Order Paper and debate next Monday evening.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 9 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Webber 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Environment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$136,003,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:14 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.

Committee of Supply (Day 10 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding the proposed 2005-06 Main Estimates for the Department of Children's Services and absented himself from the debate and vote on these Estimates.

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Oberle 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Children's Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$793,954,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on April 19, 2005) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 367/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 368/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) —
Withdrawn by unanimous consent of Committee of the Whole
Sessional Paper 369/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 370/2005

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the documents tabled by Mr. Taylor during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 1, Access to the Future Act (\$)

4 notices of amendments to Bill 1, Access to the Future Act (\$), dated April 5, 2005

Sessional Paper 371/2005

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 2005 —
Hon. Mrs. Fritz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:15 p.m. until Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945 exhibit currently on display at Calgary City Hall.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Northlands Park.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the construction of an academic school in south Edmonton by the Edmonton Catholic School District.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, made a statement regarding Alberta's agricultural industry.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 24-30, 2005.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Chris Muller of Cochrane who was killed in a hang-gliding competition on April 22, 2005, in Orlando, Florida.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the loss of investor confidence in the Alberta Securities Commission's ability to adequately regulate the securities market and the resulting threat to Alberta's capital markets.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services:

Report dated April 14, 2005, entitled "Response to DOE's (Department of Energy) Call for Comments on its Discussion Paper on Wholesale and Retail Market Design" prepared by Ted Pound, Chair, Utilities Consumer Advocate Advisory Council for the Utilities Consumer Advocate

Sessional Paper 372/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

E-mail message dated April 26, 2005, from Brad Wutzke, Vice-President TWU (Telecommunications Workers Union) Local 204, "to all addressed" providing an update regarding the current labour situation at TELUS Corporation

Sessional Paper 373/2005

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

News release dated April 27, 2005, entitled "Alberta's Centennial - 100 Years, 9,219 Workplace Deaths, AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour) Adds Up Workplace Fatalities for International Day of Mourning" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 374/2005

Excerpt from the Government of Alberta Consumer Choice website providing questions and answers regarding the purchase of electricity or natural gas by consumers from a competitive retailer

Sessional Paper 375/2005

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the loss of investor confidence in the Alberta Securities Commission's ability to adequately regulate the securities market and the resulting threat to Alberta's capital markets.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(5)

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(5) to allow Committee of Supply to be called after 3:10 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 11 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lindsay 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,463,437,000
Capital Investment	\$699,618,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Lindsay 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, 2006, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Executive Council

Expense	\$26,246,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, on May 5, 2005, welcome to the floor of the Assembly three representatives of the Canadian Armed Forces, one from each branch of the services, with one of those members being invited to address the Assembly to mark the occasion of the 60th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize July 27 to be Korea War Veterans Day.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 37 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 37, Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$), Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, tabled the following:

Response to questions raised during Second Reading consideration of Bill 37, Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$)

Sessional Paper 376/2005

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 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

Mr. Lindsay, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 377/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:02 p.m. until Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28, 2005

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. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2005, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed on the job.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, commented on the statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Government's rural development strategy.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Forum for Young Albertans.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the Glendale Elementary School production of the film entitled "Frankenstein" which will be screened at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival on May 2, 2005.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding a curriculum in policing developed by the Lethbridge Community College and the need for a police recruiting and training centre.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding electricity marketing.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement opposing private health care.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that at 4:10 a.m. on April 29, 1903, a huge 74-million tonne slab of limestone slid off the east slope of Turtle Mountain and swept 1.6 kilometres through the Crowsnest Pass valley and the coal-mining village of Frank, burying the mine entrance and killing at least 70 people in 100 seconds. Only 23 people survived and 17 trapped miners dug themselves to safety 13 hours later. The slab was 400 metres high, 1,200 metres wide, and 150 metres thick.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 651 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 2, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31.

Motions for Returns: MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Act, cP-8, s22(4):

Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 378/2005

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

Document dated February 5, 2004, entitled "Key Messages" regarding information on the Government's 20-year strategic plan noting a Government Members Extranet website address, prepared by the Public Affairs Bureau
Sessional Paper 379/2005

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

New York Times article dated April 22, 2005, entitled "Passing the Buck" outlining the high cost of using private medical insurers in the United States
Sessional Paper 380/2005

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 2 to 5, 2005:

Monday, May 2	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 14 of 24) International and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Whole Bill 31, 34 Third Reading Bill 16 Second Reading Bill 35 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 3	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 15 of 24) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 16 of 24)
Justice and Attorney General
Third Reading
Bill 1
Second Reading
Bill 36
Committee of the Whole
Bill 29
And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 4

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 17 of 24)
Education
And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 18 of 24)
Gaming (includes Lottery Fund)
Third Reading
Bill 12, 31
Committee of the Whole /
Third Reading
Bill 22, 29, 36
Second Reading
Bill 39, 40
And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 5

Aft.

- **Ceremony**

60th Anniversary
VE (Victory in Europe) Day

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 19 of 24)

Municipal Affairs

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**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 Rev. Abbott 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$778,691,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, May 2, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 2, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 2, 1923, Florence Lassandro, née Filumena Costanzo, was hung for the murder of Constable Stephan Lawson at the Fort Saskatchewan jail. She was the first and only woman to be hanged in Alberta.

In 2003 the Calgary Opera and the Banff Centre commissioned and produced an operatic version of her involvement in a sordid tale of booze smuggling and crime in the Crowsnest Pass. The opera, *Filumena*, opened Canada's National Arts Centre's two-week festival of Alberta culture, *Alberta Scene*, in Ottawa, last Thursday.

Members' Statements

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding two recent Government announcements, the first concerning Dr. Stuart Kauffman who was appointed iCore (Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence) Chair, Biocomplexity and Informatics, University of Calgary and the second concerning over \$500,000 in scholarships to be awarded to graduate students in a variety of fields.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Emergency Preparedness Week, May 1-7, 2005.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding nominees and recipients of the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards from the Wetaskiwin-Camrose constituency.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding National Nursing Week, May 9-15, 2005.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the 25th annual Canoffer Group fundraising banquet on April 16, 2005, and the 10th annual Chrysalis Achievement Awards on April 17, 2005, both held in Calgary.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the traditional definition of marriage.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 104 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated May 2005 entitled "Building the Best Way: Albertans have their say on the future of health care" prepared by the Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition

Sessional Paper 381/2005

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

Document dated April 29, 2005, entitled "Current Grid West Membership Information" with attached EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) Utilities Branch contact information and organizational chart

Sessional Paper 382/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

2 proposed amendments to Bill 15, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005

Sessional Paper 383/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ28. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

WQ29. Moved by Mr. Flaherty:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to full-day kindergarten are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Education?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ25. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the rate of default on Alberta student loans for students attending or graduating from all eligible institutions in Alberta, broken down by institution over each of the fiscal years 1994-95 to 2003-04 inclusive?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the rate of default on Alberta student loans for students *who have completed their studies*, broken down by *last post-secondary sector attended* over each of the *academic* years 1994-95 to 2002-03 inclusive?

WQ26. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the total number and percentage of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants receiving the maximum allowable loan over each of the academic (or administrative) years 2000 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, learning institution, and program of applicant?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the total number and percentage of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants receiving the maximum allowable loan over each of the academic (or administrative) years 2000 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, *undergraduate or lower program category*, and *graduate/professional program category*?

WQ27. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the total number of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants who have appealed their award over each of the academic/administrative years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, learning institution, reason for appeal, and whether the appeal was successful?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the total number of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants who have appealed their award over each of the academic/administrative years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, reason for appeal, and whether the appeal was successful?

WQ30. Moved by Mr. Flaherty on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What is the total dollar amount spent by the Department of Municipal Affairs on the investigation into Calgary's Ward 10 election process following the October 2004 municipal election?

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

As of March 31, 2005, what is the total dollar amount spent by the Department of Municipal Affairs on the *provincial inspection* into Calgary's Ward 10 election process following the October 2004 municipal election?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ24. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much additional revenue from synthetic crude oil and bitumen royalties does the Ministry and Department of Energy estimate will be collected per year once the royalty rate for oil sands projects increases to 25% for the years 2005 to 2015?

The following Written Question was not moved and was removed from the Order Paper:

WQ31. Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question:

What is the total budgetary allocation for the international health symposium to be held in Calgary from May 3 to 5, 2005 from all Government departments and/or health authority budgets?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ32.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR29. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents pertaining to the Government's decision to transfer responsibility for the Alberta SuperNet project from the Ministry of Innovation and Science to the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency.

MR31. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents currently in the possession of the Ministry of Advanced Education including, but not limited to reports, studies, statistical data, and correspondence pertaining to income-contingent student loan repayment systems.

MR32. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Chase:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A financial statement detailing the private sector loan interest rate compared to that of the Government for the proposed Anthony Henday Drive P3 project.

- MR33.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Chase:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all projects that are potential P3 projects being considered by the Government.
- MR35.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
An itemized list detailing the honoraria, speaking fees, travel, and other expenses being paid to each of the speakers and presenters to the international health symposium being held in Calgary from May 3 to 5, 2005.
- MR36.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Details and costs of the construction upgrades at the Canmore Nordic Centre for the calendar year 2004 and to March 21, 2005.
- MR39.** Moved by Mr. Martin:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all contracts and agreements signed between or on behalf of the Government and the P3 consortium selected to construct the Southeast Edmonton ring road.
- MR41.** Moved by Mr. Martin:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents that compare the cost of constructing the southeast Edmonton ring road using a private-public partnership versus the use of conventional public financing for its construction.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

- MR27.** Moved by Mr. Flaherty:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, letters, faxes, memos, meeting notes, reports, contracts, and competing bids related to the October 2004 agreement between the Government and Microsoft Inc. for the provision of Microsoft Office software to Alberta's educational institutions.
Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, moved the motion be amended to read:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the October 2004 agreement between the Government and Microsoft Inc. for the provision of Microsoft Office software to Alberta's educational institutions *and related documents including requests for quotations, a list of vendor applicants, and other materials.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR28. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including reports, studies, statistical data, stakeholder submissions, meeting agendas, and correspondence prepared or received by the Ministry of Advanced Education (formerly Learning) between January 1, 2002 and February 28, 2005, relating to legislation or regulations governing Alberta's post-secondary tuition fees.

MR30. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents pertaining to the Government's approval for the University of Phoenix to offer accredited baccalaureate or masters level degrees in Alberta including, but not limited to, all submissions by the University of Phoenix to the Private Colleges Accreditation Board (PCAB), written decisions, or recommendations by the PCAB to the Ministry of Advanced Education/Learning, correspondence between Ministry officials and representatives of the University of Phoenix, and the Ministerial Order or Order in Council granting the approval.

MR34. Moved by Mr. Miller:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all appeals received by the Alberta Pension Administration Corporation for the fiscal years 1994-95 through 2003-04 inclusive.

MR37. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all memos and reports submitted to the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations or his office by Murray Smith or any official at the Alberta Office in Washington acting on Mr. Smith's behalf since Mr. Smith's appointment.

MR38. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the minutes from the Private Colleges Accreditation Board meetings for the calendar years 2000-2004 and January 1 to March 21, 2005 and the Campus Alberta Quality Council from January 1 to March 21, 2005.

MR40. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, memos, letters, reports, minutes, e-mails, and studies concerning Columbia College for the calendar years 2001-2004 and from January 1 to March 21, 2005.

MR42. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, including letters and e-mails, between the Workers' Compensation Board and the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment pertaining to the case of Ana Guitierrez.

MR43. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Government MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) committee report reviewing labour relations practices in the construction industry including "merfing" and "salting," submitted to the Minister of Human Resources and Employment in late 2003 or early 2004.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Mason (Revised as per the Speaker's Ruling on April 26, 2005):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to improve the quality of care provided to Albertans living in long-term care facilities by improving staffing ratios, introducing enhanced standards for long-term care facilities, and implementing more frequent and rigorous facility inspections.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, moved that the motion be amended:

- (a) by striking out "immediate" and substituting "further";
- (b) by striking out "improving staffing ratios, introducing enhanced" and substituting "reviewing staffing levels and";
- (c) by striking out "implementing more frequent and rigorous facility inspections" and substituting "ensuring that frequent and rigorous facility inspections continually occur".

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.

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. Webber 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,079,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:25 p.m. until Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the convictions of 22 Saskatchewan farmers and 13 Alberta farmers who sold their grain outside of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement regarding Kristen Hedley of Consort, recipient of the 2005 4-H Premier's Award.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding 14 youths selected as Ambassadors of Alberta's 4-H Program.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the dedication of volunteers at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 3, 2000, a ceremony was held on the steps of the Legislature Building to commemorate the repatriation and burial of an unknown Canadian soldier. The grave of the Unknown Soldier serves as a tribute to Canada's war dead and a memorial to all those who have died striving for peace in defence of this country. Located in Ottawa, the grave includes soil from the north, south, east, and west portions of the Alberta Legislature grounds, a contribution symbolizing that Alberta's contribution to Canada's war efforts has come from every corner of the province.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 84 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 384/2005

Victims Programs Status Report 2003/2004
Sessional Paper 385/2005

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Edmonton Catholic Schools, 2002-2005 Capital Plan dated April 24, 2002
Sessional Paper 386/2005

Edmonton Journal article dated November 27, 2002, entitled "Public debate set for Castle Downs" regarding a proposed multi-use school facility in Castle Downs
Sessional Paper 387/2005

Letter dated May 2, 2005, from Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, to Debbie Engel, Chairperson, Edmonton Catholic School Board, in response to Mrs. Engel's April 29, 2005 letter to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and regarding the Edmonton Catholic School Board's 2002-2005 Capital Plan
Sessional Paper 388/2005

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona:

Report dated February 2005 entitled "Renewing AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped), Report and Recommendations of the MLA AISH Review Committee"

Sessional Paper 389/2005

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

List, undated, of recipients of 2005 Chrysalis Awards and copy of the program from the Canoffer Society 25th anniversary dinner held on April 16, 2005
Sessional Paper 390/2005

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

Letter dated March 24, 2005, from Sterling M. Eddy, C.M.A., F.C.M.A., F.C.M.C., President and Chief Executive Officer, Registrar, Certified Management Accountants of Alberta, to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, supporting Mount Royal College's request to become an undergraduate degree-granting university
Sessional Paper 391/2005

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

Program from the King's University College 2005 Graduation Convocation held on April 30, 2005
Sessional Paper 392/2005
Excerpt of unofficial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket #EL03-180-000 regarding electricity price manipulation
Sessional Paper 393/2005

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

Document dated April 29, 2005, entitled "A Private Obsession" regarding the American health care system prepared by Paul Krugman
Sessional Paper 394/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Excerpt of a publication entitled "Alberta Politics Uncovered, Taking Back Our Province, Dispelling Myths About Canada's Wealthiest Province" prepared by Mark Lisac
Sessional Paper 395/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Edmonton Social Planning Council information sheet dated May 2005 entitled "The social determinants of health: an innovative approach"
Sessional Paper 396/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 397/2005

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

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 398/2005

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$649,515,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:15 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Lindsay 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$287,531,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Mr. Ducharme 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 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 29 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 2005 —
Hon. Mrs. Fritz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:29 p.m. until Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah), May 5, 2005.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah), May 5, 2005.

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 4, 1910, the Royal Canadian Navy was formed. Shortly thereafter Albertans began to play important roles in this honourable institution. One example of our contribution to the Canadian naval tradition can be found right here in the capital city of Edmonton. In 1923 the White Ensign was run up the flag pole for the first time in Edmonton when a naval half-company was formed in this city. The group quickly established a reputation for excellence and in June 1939 they were honoured to be posted along the driveway of the Legislature Building during the Royal Procession of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. In 1960 they were the first naval division in Canada to win both the Naval Divisions Efficiency Trophy and the Barry German Trophy in the same year for the most improved naval reserve division. This naval reserve division remains active in Edmonton and continues to contribute to Alberta's proud military tradition.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding May being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the town of High River on reaching a population of 10,000 and celebrating its centennial in 2005.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding National Forest Week, May 1-7, 2005.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Alberta Scene taking place in Ottawa, Ontario from April 28 to May 10, 2005.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the theft of cattle from feedlots.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Ottewell Community Patrol.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Leah Halliday, Page of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement noting that Leah Halliday was performing her duties as a Page of the Legislative Assembly for the last time today after three years of dedicated service.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 684 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Speaker's Ruling - Tabling Returns and Reports

Yesterday, May 3, 2005, the Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar purported to table a handwritten note that he wrote to himself which seemed to be a comment on a petition presented by the Member for Edmonton-Manning.

When Members reviewed the Votes and Proceedings for yesterday they may have noticed that the purported tabling was not entered. The fact that the Member did not provide five copies of the document as required by Standing Order 37(3) is enough reason not to include the tabling in the records of the Assembly.

However, while this Assembly is very permissible in what is allowed to be tabled, the Chair does not want to condone the tabling of messages to oneself about something said, done, or said by another Member as a legitimate tabling. The Standing Orders were just amended in April to allow six Members up to two minutes each and every day in this Assembly to make Members' Statements. That is one avenue that could be pursued for Members who have a point to make. Notes to oneself about what another Member did or said are not going to be allowed as legitimate tablings even if the correct number of copies are provided.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, on behalf of Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View:

Document, undated, outlining a variety of University of Calgary program and research initiatives

Sessional Paper 399/2005

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

Letter dated April 26, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated April 8, 2005, regarding Closure of School Regulations

Sessional Paper 400/2005

Excerpt of unofficial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket #EL03-180-000 (page 5) regarding electricity price manipulation

Sessional Paper 401/2005

Excerpt of unofficial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket #EL03-180-000 (page 197) regarding electricity price manipulation

Sessional Paper 402/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated March 23, 2005, from Lois Watson, Board Chair and Johnette Lemke, Board Trustee, both of the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, and Wouter Broersma, Local Communications Officer and Janice Storeshaw, Chair, Teacher-Board Advisory Committee, both of the Greater Black Gold Teachers' Local #8, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, requesting that local bargaining be maintained as the mode for determining collective agreements between school trustees and their teachers

Sessional Paper 403/2005

E-mail message dated April 28, 2005, from Norm Grenfield of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 404/2005

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

Excerpt from the Integration of Midwifery Services Evaluation Project Final Report dated November 2004 prepared by the Alberta Association of Midwives and several regional health authorities

Sessional Paper 405/2005

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

News release, undated, entitled "New Wildlife Act needs to address understaffing, AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) president says" prepared by AUPE

Sessional Paper 406/2005

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. 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,726,068,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Rogers 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Gaming

Expense	\$169,187,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,207,533,000

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 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski
 Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund

Second Reading

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

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

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 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Mr. Goudreau, 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 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 407/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:33 p.m. until Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 5, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the 60th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day, May 8, 2005.

Ceremony - VE (Victory in Europe) Day

Speaker's Statement

Honourable Members, 60 years ago yesterday at 11:00 p.m., a signal from Canadian Army main headquarters in Europe was dispatched. It read: "All operations cancelled forthwith. Cease fire 0800, 5 May 1945. All units stand fast until further orders."

After five long and bloody years the war in Europe was effectively over. The peace was signed three days later and victory in Europe was officially declared. Unfortunately, the conflict in the Far East was to continue until August 1945.

In the Members' and the Public Galleries today is a representative group of Alberta veterans of the Second World War. The flags above the Speaker's dais - the Red Ensign, the Royal Canadian Naval Ensign, and the Ensign of the Royal Canadian Air Force - are those under which they served.

In the Speaker's Gallery are Honorary Colonel Stanley A. Milner, South Alberta Light Horse Regiment, Honorary Colonel Sandy Mactaggart, Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Mr. Robert Whitley, President, 700 (Edmonton) Wing, Air Force Association of Canada, Mrs. Lenore Schwabe, Vice-President, Alberta NWT Command, Royal Canadian Legion, Mr. Darryl MacLeod, President, Naval Officers Association, Honorary Colonel Bart West, 408 Helicopter Squadron, and Reverend Canon Tom McKnight, Past-President of the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans Association. May I ask all of these great Canadians to rise.

Honourable Members, ladies and gentlemen, at the Bar in the Chamber are three very distinguished Albertans. Each represents their former service. At my left is Commodore Doug Learoyd, Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve, who saw service in His Majesty's Canadian Ship Poundmaker on convoy duties in the North Atlantic in 1944 and 1945. In the centre is Captain Stu Lindop, South Alberta Regiment, Canadian Army, who was wounded by a sniper on October 12, 1944 at Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands. On my right, is Squadron Leader, Honourable Mr. Justice Sam Lieberman who, at age 18, in 1940, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He gained his wings in 1941. Subsequently he completed two operational tours, one in England and Gibraltar and the other in Aden in the Middle East with Number 8 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

In inviting these three distinguished gentlemen onto the floor of this Assembly, this House confers its heartfelt gratitude, admiration, and its deepest respect to all who served.

It is the pleasure of this Assembly to now invite Squadron Leader Lieberman, on behalf of all of this province's veterans of the Second World War, to give his remarks.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on April 27, 2005, the Speaker invited Hon. Mr. Justice Sam Lieberman, Squadron Leader, Royal Canadian Air Force, to address the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Justice Sam Lieberman - Address to the Assembly

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, Commodore Learoyd, Captain Lindop, fellow veterans. Thank you for granting me the privilege of addressing you on the occasion of your commemoration of this 60th anniversary of VE Day. It is indeed fitting that the year 2005, a year that has been designated and declared as the Year of the Veteran, be recognized in this manner.

I come before you as a proud veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force who today is beset with the mixed emotions of pride, humility, and sorrow combined with a sense of satisfaction in our hard won victory, pride in having been given the privilege of addressing you on the eve of the 60th anniversary of VE Day on behalf of all those courageous Canadians who voluntarily and unselfishly volunteered to serve in the Allied Forces in World War II, humility in the knowledge of my minuscule contribution to that great victory, and sorrow that so many paid the ultimate sacrifice in achieving that victory.

Great Britain's declaration of war on September 3, 1939, brought into sharp focus the threat to our way of life posed by the oppressive and tyrannical policies of the fascist European powers. Our freedom-loving nation recognized that threat and, although not obligated by Commonwealth membership to do so, independently declared war on Nazi Germany on September 10, 1939.

We were then a nation of only 11 million, perhaps 12 million people, but in the ensuing five years over 1 million of our citizens, including 45,000 women and 3,000 members of our aboriginal people, volunteered to serve in our armed forces. Tragically, 45,000 of those volunteers were killed and 55,000 were maimed or seriously injured.

Although the majority of the volunteers served in the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Army, or the Royal Canadian Air Force, the navies, armies, and air forces of our allies were replete with members of the Canadian armed services. Our citizen volunteers served in all theatres of the European and Pacific war and following VE Day continued to serve in the Pacific theatre, where victory was achieved on August 14, 1945, VJ Day. I must also mention the Merchant Marine, that often ignored but highly important arm of the Allied Forces in which many Canadians gallantly served.

Those of our citizens who were not in the armed services kept the engines of industry producing those materials necessary to support our war effort. In the broad sense of the term they, too, are veterans and deserving of our thanks.

Mr. Speaker, in my opening remarks I referred to the emotion of sorrow. I shall always have a deep sense of sorrow and regret that so many lives were lost or maimed in achieving victory. I leave you with this sobering thought. It is the Allied victory in World War II, to which our veterans contributed so much, that has made it possible for us to live in freedom under the rule of law in a country governed by the principles of democracy. Your assembly here today in this magnificent Chamber is proof that our veterans' sacrifices were not in vain. It is this fact that gives me satisfaction in so costly a victory.

Please join with me in paying tribute to all veterans who through the years have served our nation in two world wars, in Korea, and in peacekeeping missions throughout the world. How sad it is that so many of them did not live to see this day.

On behalf of all men and women of the Assembly and all men and women of the province, the Speaker thanked Hon. Mr. Lieberman and all of his comrades.

Following Hon. Mr. Lieberman's address, the Assembly heard remarks from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Acting Premier, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner.

To conclude, the Speaker asked all Members to give thanks to the men and women who so valiantly served the cause of freedom.

The Speaker then invited Colleen Vogel, Legislative Assembly Tour Guide, to lead the Members and guests in the singing of O Canada.

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the contribution of Canadian veterans in World War II.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the liberation of the Netherlands on May 5, 1945, and the use of food rations in the Netherlands supplied by Canadian soldiers and the Red Cross.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the third annual Strathcona Cadet Tattoo held in Sherwood Park on April 5, 2005.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the 15th annual International Day of the Midwife, May 5, 2005.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the second annual Fly For a Cure to be held near Rosalind from May 14 to May 22, 2005, raising funds for a multiple sclerosis charity, the United Way, and breast cancer research.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the integration of midwifery services into Alberta's public health care system.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 285 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

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Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the dangerous precedent set by the Alberta Securities Commission, an agent of the Crown, challenging the legitimate authority of the Auditor General, an Officer of this Assembly charged to conduct an investigation vital to the public interest.

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 9, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ32.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Information package of 6 recent documents regarding several issues relating to midwifery prepared by the Association for Safer Alternatives in Childbirth
Sessional Paper 408/2005

Statement dated May 5, 2005, entitled "Midwifery services provide important choice, lower costs" prepared by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona

Sessional Paper 409/2005

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

Report dated 2004 entitled "What Every Pregnant Woman Needs to Know About Cesarean Section" prepared by the Maternity Center Association
Sessional Paper 410/2005

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

Letter dated April 25, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General, to His Worship, John Irwin, Mayor, Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, regarding policing grants for the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Sessional Paper 411/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Report, undated, entitled "100 Years of Killing Workers, International Day of Mourning Backgrounder" prepared by Kerry Barrett, President, Alberta Federation of Labour
Sessional Paper 412/2005

Fact sheet, undated, entitled "Workplace Fatalities, Alberta 1905-2004" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour
Sessional Paper 413/2005

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 9 to 12, 2005:

Monday, May 9	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24)
		Innovation and Science
		Second Reading
		Bill 38, 40
		Third Reading
		Bill 24, 25
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 36
		And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 10
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 21 of 24)
 Solicitor General
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 22 of 24)
 Government Services
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 15, 26, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 11
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 23 of 24)
 Health and Wellness
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24)
 Community Development
Revert to Introduction of Bills
 Appropriation Bill
 And as per the Order Paper
Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 15, 26, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 12 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3
Committee of the Whole
Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3
Third Reading
Bill 8, 10, 17, 26, 29, 31, 34
And as per the Order Paper

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the dangerous precedent set by the Alberta Securities Commission, an agent of the Crown, challenging the legitimate authority of the Auditor General, an Officer of this Assembly charged to conduct an investigation vital to the public interest.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(5)

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(5) to allow Committee of Supply to be called after 3:10 p.m.

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Goudreau 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$128,417,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Monday, May 9, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 9, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 9, 1906, the first session of Alberta's Legislature was prorogued after 38 sitting days. Prior to prorogation, Lieutenant Governor George Bulyea gave Royal Assent to 76 Bills, including Bills that would incorporate the City of Wetaskiwin and the City of Lethbridge and An Act to Establish and Incorporate a University for the Province of Alberta. At the very same time, a major constitutional issue was brewing in the Province of Alberta and Premier Rutherford was not to survive the two weeks of controversy that ensued.

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Battle River Community Foundation.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding Vicky Penner of Carstairs and her brother Ted Veenstra of Brazil who received the Righteous Among the Nations Award on behalf of their deceased parents Ritske and Immigje Veenstra on May 5, 2005, in Calgary.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement regarding Mother's Day, May 8, 2005, and his mother, Maureen Griffiths.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the film "Hank Williams First Nation" which was filmed in northern Alberta.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the conflict in Sudan.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Calgary Mustard Seed Street Ministry, the 40th anniversary of Meals on Wheels in Calgary, the Calgary Heritage Fair, and the Centennial Legacy Ball held on May 7, 2005, in Edmonton.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 910 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to allow parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and fund urgently required drug use treatment centres.

The petition put forth by Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, was not in order to be presented.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated October 11, 2001, entitled "Official Opposition Extends Best Wishes to Auditor General Peter Valentine" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 414/2005

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

News release dated December 30, 2004, entitled "Terms of reference set for provincial inspection into Calgary's Ward 10 election process" and related backgrounder, both prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 415/2005

News release dated December 14, 2004, entitled "Provincial inspection will proceed into Calgary's Ward 10 election" and related backgrounder, both prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 416/2005

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General on Seniors Care and Programs dated May 2005

Sessional Paper 417/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated November 25, 2004, unsigned, from Joan Ingoldsby and Cheryl Weiler, both of Lethbridge to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 418/2005

Letter dated May 4, 2005, from Ruth Maria Adria, Elder Advocates of Alberta, to Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Health Facilities Review Committee (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat), expressing concern regarding the effectiveness of the Health Facilities Review Committee

Sessional Paper 419/2005

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

Letter dated April 13, 2005, from Melissa Tkachyk, Campaigns Officer, WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals) Canada, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding a decision by the Department of Sustainable Resource Development to not involve certain stakeholders in the upcoming review of Alberta's zoo licensing manuals

Sessional Paper 420/2005

Press release dated May 5, 2005, entitled "New Forest Management Database Exposes Alberta's Lack of Progressive Forestry Policy" prepared by the Sierra Club of Canada

Sessional Paper 421/2005

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

Transcript of a taped telephone conversation involving Enron employees

Sessional Paper 422/2005

Ottewell Community Patrol Program pamphlet

Sessional Paper 423/2005

Mr. Bacs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

4 recent letters from Stephen G. Friedrick, Wade Williams, and Len Jacobs to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training and the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 424/2005

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

Letter, undated, from Rudolf Klingbeil of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the amount of Alberta Government pension received by Mr. Klingbeil

Sessional Paper 425/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ32. Moved by Mr. Eggen on behalf of Mr. Martin:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, how many Albertans received benefits from the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program and for each of those years, how many received the maximum benefit rate?

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, how many Albertans received benefits from the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50.

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 Report on Alberta's Legacy Act — Mr. MacDonald

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: 11

Backs	Mather	Taft
Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Taylor
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas
MacDonald	Swann	

Against the motion: 37

Abbott	Horner	Oberle
Ady	Jablonski	Ouellette
Amery	Johnson	Pham
Cao	Knight	Prins
Eggen	Liepert	Rogers
Evans	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Fritz	Lund	Stevens
Goudreau	Magnus	Strang
Graydon	Marz	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Melchin	Webber
Groeneveld	Morton	Zwozdesky
Herard		

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

Bill 204 Pharmacy and Drug (Methamphetamine Limiting) Amendment Act, 2005
— Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Cao speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Danyluk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute an aggressive program aimed at hiring and retaining health care professionals throughout the province targeting areas of need such as rural Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Webber 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$135,267,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 25 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Mr. Webber, 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 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 426/2005

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 427/2005

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 428/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:29 p.m. until Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Father's Day, June 19, 2005.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, made a statement regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Alberta and Northern Lakes College signed on May 3, 2005, concerning the Aboriginal University Transition Program.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding a long-term partnership between the University of Alberta and Keyano College signed on May 10, 2005, to help aboriginal students gain the skills and knowledge necessary to qualify for university admission.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement regarding long-term care facilities in the Whitecourt-St. Anne constituency.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding National Nursing Week, May 9-15, 2005.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the deterioration of Alberta's boreal forests.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 10, 1988, Bill 1, the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, passed through Committee of the Whole. The Bill would eventually create a council that would work on behalf of Alberta's disabled and today the council remains active in the province. It is currently served by 15 volunteer board members who represent various regions of the province and pursue the goal of full citizenship for all Albertans regardless of their age or type of disability.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 103 Albertans urging the Government to declare the grizzly bear an endangered species in accordance with recommendations made by the Endangered Species Conservation Committee, scientists, and other wildlife experts.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 103 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 99 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the ongoing suffering of residents in long-term care facilities in Alberta, as identified by the May 2005 report of the Auditor General.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 19, 2005, Department of Advanced Education, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 429/2005

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

Petition signed by 62 Red Deer and area residents requesting the Government provide adequate funding for local ambulance service

Sessional Paper 430/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

4 letters from Kevin Eldridge, John W. Legge, Henry Barker, and James Martin to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training and the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 431/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

The Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements, December 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 432/2005

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the ongoing suffering of residents in long-term care facilities in Alberta, as identified by the May 2005 report of the Auditor General.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When more than 15 Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, the Speaker called upon Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 21 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Brown 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Government Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$99,046,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Brown 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Solicitor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$390,556,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:07 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Life and Times of the Motorcycle exhibit which will open at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin on May 14, 2005.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Mark Heinrichs, a teacher from Eagle Butte High School in Dunmore who was recently awarded the Prime Minister's Certificate of Achievement for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative, a partnership agreement between the Federal Government, the Province of Alberta, and Grande Prairie Regional College.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the results of Alberta Venture magazine's annual survey to find Alberta's most respected corporations.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Boyle McCauley Health Centre and its Kindred House harm reduction program.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the importance of all-party committees to the democratic process.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 11, 1870, the area known as Rupert's Land was purchased by Sir John Rose acting as a Canadian agent in London, England. The purchase price of £300,000 or the equivalency of \$11 million included much of what is now the Canadian prairies and northern territories and, in particular, what is now the Province of Alberta.

The purchase of Rupert's Land was motivated historically by both the British desire to secure the area in the face of American interest in the Canadian west and by Confederation, which had occurred three years earlier. In fact, on June 23, 1870, the Rupert's Land and North-West Territories Order brought Rupert's Land, mostly Alberta, into the Dominion of Canada.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 54 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 21, 2005, Department of Finance, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 433/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated May 11, 2005, from Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, to Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, requesting an emergency meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices to discuss the mandate and jurisdiction of the Auditor General to conduct an investigation into enforcement processes of the Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 434/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

4 letters from Richard Vanderveen, Roger Jubinville, and Wade Williams to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training and the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 435/2005

Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(5)

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(5) to allow Committee of Supply to be called after 3:10 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 23 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$8,973,425,000
Capital Investment	\$33,500,000

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

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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Groeneveld 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, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$235,249,000
Capital Investment	\$41,192,000

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 8 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Groeneveld

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 26 Corporate Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Mr. Shariff, Deputy 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 39 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 436/2005

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 437/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:24 p.m. until Thursday, May 12, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that today takes us back to Alberta's Golden Jubilee year. On May 12, 1955, the Third Session of the 12th Legislature was prorogued. At that point in time, in the first 50 years of the service of this Assembly, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta had seen 1,873 sitting days for a total of 402,673 minutes, and it passed 3,874 Bills. We are now here, 50 years later to the day, sitting in the First Session of Alberta's 26th Legislature. Over the past 50 years, current as of 11:24 p.m. last night, this Assembly had passed 4,220 bills during 2,833 sitting days with a total of 722,946 sitting minutes. In the last 100 years, the first 100 years of this Assembly in the province, this Assembly sat for 4,706 days. In the 100 years there were approximately 36,525 days and this Assembly sat for 4,706 days for a total of 1,125,619 minutes and has passed 8,094 Bills.

Members' Statements

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the Excellence in Teaching Awards and the positive influence of Ms Haley's former teachers.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding \$46.1 million in Government funding for the construction of the new Health Care Learning Centre at Grant MacEwan College.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the renewal of the Provincial Museum of Alberta and its re-designation as the Royal Alberta Museum by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on May 24, 2005.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Canada Health Day, May 12, 2005.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the burdens parents, students, teachers, and school staff face due to budget cuts.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding Charan Khera, former Executive Assistant to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Director of Special Projects, Alberta New Democrat Opposition, who will soon be retiring.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 612 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 339 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation that will provide immediate tuition relief to students attending post-secondary education institutions across the province.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 104 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, presented a petition from 1,422 Albertans expressing support for building schools in new Calgary communities.

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 16, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on April 27, 2005, during Third Reading consideration of Bill 37, Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$)

Sessional Paper 438/2005

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 19, 2005, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 439/2005

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

Letter dated March 30, 2005, from Barbara Keylor, Chairman, Re-zoning Sub-committee, South East Community Leagues Association, to the Mayor and Councillors, City of Edmonton, expressing concern regarding the proposed Wal-Mart relocation to Lambton Industrial Park

Sessional Paper 440/2005

Memorandum of Decision of Honourable Mr. Justice S.D. Hillier, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, dated May 10, 2005, between Pam Bellamy, Wendy Brown, Marilyn Carlstad, Lisa Chartrand, Deanna Dixon and Edmonton Public School Board No. 7

Sessional Paper 441/2005

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

4 recent e-mail messages and 1 letter, undated, from Kathy White, Tammy and Andrew Arthur, Shelley and Robert Ferguson, Paula Emery, and Evelyn Cone, all of Calgary, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to Simon Fraser Junior High School's decision to cancel their band program

Sessional Paper 442/2005

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

131 mock invoices, all dated May 5, 2005, from Albertans to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, for maternity care provided by midwives

Sessional Paper 443/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

4 recent letters from Morgan Giles, Kelly Sidebottom, Tanya Hishley, and Allan Parr to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 444/2005

Report dated August 2004 entitled "Canadian College International, Edmonton, Monitoring Report" prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Skills Investment Program

Sessional Paper 445/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Alberta Registries Land Title Certificate for Plan 9824820, Lot 5

Sessional Paper 446/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 447/2005

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

APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta), Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 448/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4):

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

Sessional Paper 449/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 450/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Radiation Protection Program, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 451/2005

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2003 Radiation Health and Safety Program

Sessional Paper 452/2005

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 453/2005

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 454/2005

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 455/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 5, 2005, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 456/2005

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 16 to 19, 2005:

Monday, May 16	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 41
		Third Reading
		Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 9, 14, 38
		And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, May 17	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 42 Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Committee of the Whole Bill 9, 14, 15, 41, 42 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, May 18	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 41, 42 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Third Reading Bill 41 Committee of the Whole / Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, May 19	Aft.	- As per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill Pr2 Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act — Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Johnson

Bill Pr3 Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

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 Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill Pr3 Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle on behalf of Mr. Mitzel

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act — Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Johnson

Mr. Prins, 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 Pr2 (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 457/2005

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang

Bill 17 Agrology Profession Act — Mr. Knight on behalf of Mr. Danyluk

Bill 26 Corporate Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 29 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:17 p.m. until Monday, May 16, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that starting today the Alberta Legislature will be home to the Famous 5 Maquette during Alberta's centennial year.

All Albertans are all familiar with the Famous Five, whose portraits hang on the fifth floor of the Legislature Building. Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Irene Parlby, and Louise McKinney gained their Famous Five status due to their efforts to ensure that women be recognized as persons in Canadian law. Their October 18, 1929, victory in the highest Court of Appeal at the time, the Judicial Committee of the British Privy Council, is recognized in many places throughout the Commonwealth.

In 1996 Edmonton artist Barbara Paterson was commissioned by the Famous Five Foundation to create a larger-than-life monument to these five women. The miniature version of this sculpture, the Maquette, tours the country in hopes of educating Canadians about these five Alberta women. This year it will be on display in our Carillon Room and will become a part of our tours.

In front of you are fact sheet brochures that highlight the many accomplishments of the Famous Five.

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Angela Lemire and Caroline Giguere, both from the constituency of West Yellowhead, recipients of 2005 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Alberta's petroleum industry and its contribution to the Canadian economy.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Tonika Morgan, who recently carried the Global Charter for Humanity from Vancouver, British Columbia to Quebec City, Quebec.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the 16th annual Alberta Provincial Student Leadership Conference being held in Olds from May 16-19, 2005.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the 91st anniversary of the first well to strike oil in Alberta on May 14, 1914.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the impending cancellation of service by the Edmonton City Centre Airport to southern Alberta commercial air traffic.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 306 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to allow parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and fund urgently required drug use treatment centres.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 42 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 4, 2005, Department of Gaming, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 458/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 e-mail messages with addressee, sender, and date struck out indicating that the Applewood Community Association received a Wild Rose Foundation grant for the Calgary Vietnamese Cao daist Cultural Society
Sessional Paper 459/2005

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

E-mail message dated May 16, 2005, from Monique Nutter, M.S.W., to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting an inquiry into the Alberta child welfare system
Sessional Paper 460/2005

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

7 recent e-mail messages from Norma Armstrong, Jane Lee, Peter and Eleonore Aukes, Aidan Hollis, Tina Wiley, Louise Ladouceur, and Karin Kaarsoo, all of Calgary, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, expressing opposition to Simon Fraser Junior High School's decision to cancel their band program

Sessional Paper 461/2005

News release dated May 14, 2005, entitled "Alberta government wins fifth annual CAJ (Canadian Association of Journalists) Code of Silence Award" prepared by the Canadian Association of Journalists

Sessional Paper 462/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

6 letters from Justin Schumpf, Chris Gibbons, Wayne Making, Geoff Brooks, Len Jacobs, and a Brooks resident (name illegible), to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training and the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 463/2005

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated May 16, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Fred Dunn, Auditor General, requesting a special audit of grants provided by the Wild Rose Foundation to the Applewood Community Association

Sessional Paper 464/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Document dated May 2, 2005, entitled "Establishing the Rights of Vulnerable Alberta Citizens" prepared by the Elder Advocates of Alberta Society

Sessional Paper 465/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2004

Sessional Paper 466/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50.

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 204 Pharmacy and Drug (Methamphetamine Limiting) Amendment Act, 2005
— Mr. Strang

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

Bill 205 Fair Trading (Telemarketing) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Mason on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a commission on advanced education to thoroughly review Alberta's public post-secondary education system and recommend changes to enhance accessibility and affordability while ensuring excellence in areas of research and instruction.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Act — Mr. Lougheed on behalf of Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill Pr2 Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act — Mr. Johnson

Bill Pr3 Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Mitzel

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 14 Student Financial Assistance Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

Mrs. Mather, 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 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 467/2005

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 10:45 p.m., the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:46 p.m. until Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that five years ago today a statue of Lord Strathcona was unveiled on the Legislature grounds in honour of the 100th anniversary of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Regiment. This is an important part of our proud military tradition.

This regiment was founded in 1900 by Donald Smith, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, to serve in the South African (Boer) War. Since its creation this regiment has served in both World Wars, the Korean War, and various peace-keeping missions. Three members of the regiment have been awarded the Victoria Cross and the regiment has 22 Battle Honours approved for emblazonment. This regiment, with its western origins, touched upon many of the people and places that have figured prominently in Alberta's development.

Honourable Members, for those of you interested in learning more about this fascinating part of our history, I would just like to note that the Provincial Museum is currently showing an exhibit entitled "Hoof Prints to Tank Tracks – 100 Years of the South Alberta Light Horse" that will be on display until September 18.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the benefits of integrating professional immigrants into Alberta and Canada.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Marie Geddes of Camrose who passed away May 16, 2005, and who recently went on a hunger strike to focus attention on the lack of care at long-term care centres in Alberta.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding a celebration to be held on May 30, 2005, hosted by AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) to mark World No Tobacco Day, May 31, 2005.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team on winning the silver medal at the Royal Bank Cup Canadian junior A championship and the Doyle Cup at the Alberta/British Columbia junior A championship.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Cystic Fibrosis Month, May 2005 and several volunteers who received a variety of awards.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the increase in violence in Canada and the need for the prevention of drug abuse, crime, and violence among youth.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 321 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 68 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total number of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 468/2005

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 469/2005

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the *fiscal* years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of students who received *Alberta* student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector attended by the student*?

Sessional Paper 470/2005

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the *fiscal* years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loans received by students *while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school* in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector* attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 471/2005

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Mr. Taylor on April 11, 2005:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions, broken down by *sector*, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 *fiscal* years?

Sessional Paper 472/2005

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Taylor on April 11, 2005:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending *the private vocational school sector* in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 473/2005

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor on April 18, 2005:

What is the dollar amount of student loans *issued* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 474/2005

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor on April 18, 2005:

What is the dollar amount of student loans *issued* to students attending private *vocational schools* in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 475/2005

Response to Written Question WQ25, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

What is the rate of default on Alberta student loans for students *who have completed their studies*, broken down by *last post-secondary sector attended* over each of the *academic* years 1994-95 to 2002-03 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 476/2005

Response to Written Question WQ26, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

What is the total number and percentage of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants receiving the maximum allowable loan over each of the academic (or administrative) years 2000 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, *undergraduate or lower program category, and graduate/professional program category*?

Sessional Paper 477/2005

Response to Written Question WQ27, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

What is the total number of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants who have appealed their award over each of the academic/administrative years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, reason for appeal, and whether the appeal was successful?

Sessional Paper 478/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

Copies of the letters of approval authorizing the University of Phoenix to offer specific degree programs in Alberta.

Sessional Paper 479/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR3, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

A copy of all documents relied upon by the Government of Alberta including, but not limited to, memos, faxes, reports, letters, applications, and responses in approving the University of Phoenix to offer specific degree programs in Alberta.

Sessional Paper 480/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR31, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

A copy of all documents currently in the possession of the Ministry of Advanced Education including, but not limited to reports, studies, statistical data, and correspondence pertaining to income-contingent student loan repayment systems.

Sessional Paper 481/2005

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Children's Advocate, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 482/2005

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to the Children's Advocate Annual Report 2002/03, undated, prepared by Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 483/2005

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on April 20, 2005, Department of Energy, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 484/2005

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

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2003-2004 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 485/2005

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

Letter dated May 5, 2005, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's earlier letter regarding school portables and the recommendations of an Edmonton Public School Board facilities cluster study concerning Strathearn and Terrace Heights Schools

Sessional Paper 486/2005

Copies of 2 Edmonton 2004 provincial electoral division maps outlining "clusters" A, B, and C

Sessional Paper 487/2005

Title page and table of contents of a lease dated March 24, 2005, at Terrace Heights School between the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School District #7 and Alberta Online Consortium Association

Sessional Paper 488/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 418 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government increase nursing home staff

Sessional Paper 489/2005

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

7 recent e-mail messages and 2 recent letters from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, and Bruce Johnston, Principal, Simon Fraser Junior High School, expressing opposition to Simon Fraser Junior High School's decision to cancel their band program

Sessional Paper 490/2005

Program from the Alberta College of Art and Design 2005 Convocation Ceremony held on May 15, 2005

Sessional Paper 491/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

5 letters dated February 14, 2005, from M. Khan, Hans Koke, D. Blake, Raul A. Fallorin, and Tony Baquiran, all of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 492/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Text of an e-mail message dated May 16, 2005, from Jacques Blanchard to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, submitting two questions he would like Mr. Mason to ask Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Alberta Advantage

Sessional Paper 493/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 28, 2005, Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 494/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 3, 2005, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 495/2005

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 42 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Student Financial Assistance Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang on behalf of Mr. Magnus

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 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 42 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

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. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement noting that Pages Vanessa Pillay, Leslie Day, Whitney Haynes, Christina Molzan, and Justin Laverty-Harrigan, would not be returning for the next sitting 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 six Pages of the Legislative Assembly who will not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature.

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Endangered Species Conservation Committee.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding immigrants that have come to Alberta over the past 100 years.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the first Session of the Legislative Assembly, which began on March 15, 1906.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding governing in the public interest.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Douglas Cardinal and John Murrell, recipients of the first Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding respect for women in politics.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1905 the northern Alberta town of Athabasca was established as the village of Athabasca Landing. Athabasca derives from the Cree word meaning "where there are reeds." Athabasca Landing developed as an important shipping centre. It was incorporated as a village in 1905, as a town in 1911, and in 1913 the town's name was officially shortened to Athabasca.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 213 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 124 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

News release dated May 18, 2005, entitled "New tracking and tracing system will open major export windows for Alberta beef" and 2 related backgrounders, all prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Sessional Paper 496/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 10, 2005, Department of Government Services, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 497/2005

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

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 9, 2005, Department of Innovation and Science, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 498/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ29, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on May 2, 2005:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to full-day kindergarten are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Education?

Sessional Paper 499/2005

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on April 18, 2005:

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school fees, broken down by school board and by fee type for the *school* years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 500/2005

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

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 18, 2005, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 501/2005

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 502/2005

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

St. Albert Gazette website article dated May 18, 2005, entitled "Parents struggle with lack of addiction treatment" written by Mark Wells

Sessional Paper 503/2005

Program for the National Day of Healing and Reconciliation celebration to be held on May 26, 2005 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 504/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

5 letters from Gordon C. Hart, John T. Weeks, Cheryl Henderson, and Tom Peterson to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training and the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 505/2005

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

Copy of a petition signed by 700 Edmonton residents expressing disagreement with the decision to close Strathearn School

Sessional Paper 506/2005

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Alberta Registries Land Title Certificates for Plan 9824820, Lots 5 and 6 and a related map of Fort McMurray development land

Sessional Paper 507/2005

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

Copy of a petition signed by 200 Albertans requesting that the Government grant equal status to farm workers

Sessional Paper 508/2005

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

Letter dated May 16, 2005, from Norman R. St. Arnaud, St. Arnaud, McAllister, and Bowie, LLP, Barristers and Solicitors, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, providing information concerning alleged grievances involving Alberta Career Computer Center Inc.

Sessional Paper 509/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Document dated May 18, 2005, entitled "Thank you and farewell, Brian Mason recognizes the hard work and dedication of Marilyn Hooper" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 510/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR32, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Chase on May 2, 2005:

A financial statement detailing the private sector loan interest rate compared to that of the Government for the proposed Anthony Henday Drive P3 project.

Sessional Paper 511/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR33, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Chase on May 2, 2005:

A list of all projects that are potential P3 projects being considered by the Government.

Sessional Paper 512/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR39, asked for by Mr. Martin on May 2, 2005:

Copies of all contracts and agreements signed between or on behalf of the Government and the P3 consortium selected to construct the Southeast Edmonton ring road.

Sessional Paper 513/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR41, asked for by Mr. Martin on May 2, 2005:

Copies of all documents that compare the cost of constructing the southeast Edmonton ring road using a private-public partnership versus the use of conventional public financing for its construction.

Sessional Paper 514/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring and Government Efficiency:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR29, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on May 2, 2005:

A copy of all documents pertaining to the Government's decision to transfer responsibility for the Alberta SuperNet project from the Ministry of Innovation and Science to the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency.

Sessional Paper 515/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on March 16, 2005, 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 516/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 42 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Privilege

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 41, Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 on the next regular sitting day.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 16 agreed to on April 6, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Dunford, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:21 p.m. until Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Members of the Legislative Assembly and invited guests assembled at 12:15 p.m.

Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Speaker entered the Chamber. Her Majesty took Her place upon the Throne.

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

Speaker's Statement

Your Majesty, it is an honour on behalf of all Members of Alberta's Legislative Assembly to welcome You to this Chamber.

The men and women who sit in this parliament and all who have served remain earnest in their desire to express their loyalty and devotion to the people of this great province, their beloved country, and to their Queen.

Alberta is a land of peace. Freedom, tolerance, prosperity, and unbounded opportunity are words that reflect much of our history.

We are fortunate in God's grace to have been blessed with a beautiful landscape, with abundant natural resources, and with a population drawn from all corners of the globe. Our citizens have created a province known for its vision, its energy, and its spirit.

Our public policies, the laws of Alberta, have been the product of passion, fairness, reason, and debate.

Our Assembly is and has always been in a partnership with the Crown. Safeguarding the rights of all of our citizens, Your Majesty's representatives, our Lieutenant Governors, have well reflected the values that have been the personal hallmarks of Your reign: devotion to duty, an abiding concern for all, courage, stability, a sense of continuity, and above all grace and dignity.

It is with humility and pride that we welcome Your Majesty.

It's now my honour to invite the Premier of Alberta, Hon. Ralph Klein, to address Your Majesty and all present.

Premier's Statement

Your Majesty, members of the Royal household, honourable members of the judiciary, former Lieutenant Governor, former Premiers, Mr. Speaker, honourable Ministers, Leader of the Official Opposition, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and distinguished guests all:

On behalf of the Government of Alberta it is my very great privilege to welcome Her Majesty the Queen to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Albertans have long looked forward to this Royal visit as a highlight of our province's centennial celebrations. Her Majesty's presence during this special year is an honour graciously bestowed upon all people of this province, one that is deeply felt and appreciated by all Albertans. It is truly a centennial gift to be treasured.

Albertans take great pride in this country's ties to the Monarchy and its membership in the Commonwealth and all it stands for. This is as true for the young Albertans who are preparing to continue the work of building this province as it is for those who began that great work 100 years ago.

Today students from Granum School – and Her Majesty had the opportunity of meeting them – and from St. Matthew Lutheran School, which are also celebrating their centennials this year, are here to greet the Queen and to hear Her address to the Legislative Assembly. It will be the first time ever that a reigning Monarch has addressed this Legislature, and it gives me great joy that some of Alberta's young people, who represent the very best of this province, will have the opportunity to hear Her Majesty's inspiring message.

The Speaker then invited Her Majesty to address the Assembly.

Address From Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Mr. Speaker, Premier, ladies and gentlemen, Prince Philip and I are very pleased to be back in Alberta in this centennial year as you celebrate not only your historic past but also the dynamism of your community today as well as the great opportunities that lie ahead.

When looking back on the story of Alberta, we see it extend well before 1905. It is, indeed, the story of Canada. Your First Nations peoples inhabited the prairies over 10,000 years ago, living in harmony with nature then as they do now. By the 1800s these first citizens along with the Métis were joined by explorers, homesteaders, and railway workers from all over the world. They had a dream: to build homes in a land where freedom reigned. They created a spirit of belonging to a bountiful country under the principles of peace, order, and good government and the unifying influence of the Crown. It is a fitting homage to these ancestors that your motto is *Fortis et Liber, Strong and Free*.

Je suis heureuse d'apprendre que le gouvernement de la province souligne cette année en instituant un programme du centenaire laissé en héritage. Il investit dans les parcs, les lieux historiques et les installations récréatives de l'Alberta. Ces projets prometteurs illustrent l'importance que les Albertains accordent à une excellente qualité de vie, aux perspectives économiques encourageantes et aux réussites dans les domaines de l'agriculture, de l'énergie et de l'industrie. Il témoigne aussi de votre gratitude envers les générations d'aînés et d'ancêtres, dont le travail acharné a permis d'édifier l'Alberta d'aujourd'hui.

(I am pleased to learn that the Provincial Government is marking this milestone year with its Centennial Legacy Program. It is investing in parks, historical sites, and recreational facilities all across Alberta. These exciting projects reflect the importance that Albertans place on your excellent quality of life, your positive economic outlook, and your success in agriculture, energy, and industry. They also reflect the gratitude you feel towards generations of elders and forebears whose hard work built the Alberta of today.)

Among the early settlers who came here so many decades ago to build a new life, there were thousands of families with children who were themselves destined to become the nation builders of the future. Today I'm speaking on air across the province, including schools in communities from Lethbridge to Fort Vermilion, from Wainwright to Grande Cache.

Just half an hour ago at the Provincial Museum, now called the Royal Alberta Museum, I enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of the young people of Alberta who were touring that showcase of living heritage. I hope that all young people in the province will take the opportunity of the centennial to learn of the way in which their own communities have flourished over the last hundred years.

Alors que les Albertains et tous les Canadiens voient leur histoire comme un récit coloré du passé, nous estimons qu'elle est aussi le fondement du présent et de l'avenir. Au cours de cette visite, puisque nous rendons hommage au dynamisme de ceux qui ont bâti ce grand pays, il convient de se rappeler que nous pouvons effectivement faire une différence pour ceux qui viendront après nous. Si nous nous efforçons dans notre vie et à notre manière d'améliorer le monde qui nous entoure, alors nous pourrions à bon droit être fière de notre contribution.

(While all Albertans and all Canadians value this history as a colourful account of the past, we also view it as a foundation for our present and future. During this visit, as we honour the spirit of those who built this great nation, it is timely to remind ourselves that we can indeed make a difference for those who will in turn come after us. If we strive, in our own lives and our own way, to leave the world around us a little better than we have found it, and to maintain the highest standards in everything we do, we can legitimately take pride in our contribution.)

During a previous visit 32 years ago I said: "I want the Crown in Canada to represent everything that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal. I will continue to do my best to make it so during my lifetime, and I hope you will all continue to give me your help in this task." I would like to repeat those words today as together we continue to build a country that remains the envy of the world.

May God bless you on this happy hundredth birthday, and I send to you all my warmest good wishes for the years to come.

Speaker's Statement

Your Majesty, through Your actions and through Your words, Your Majesty has conferred a signal recognition on Alberta's Legislative Assembly. Since 1905 its Members have sought to serve their Sovereign, this province, and the Dominion of Canada faithfully and well. We face our future ever mindful of our heritage and our history and especially of our duty to future generations as yet unborn. We thank You for Your belief in us as a people.

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

The Speaker invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead Members and guests in the singing of our National Anthem, O Canada.

Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Speaker, and Hon. Premier Klein left the Chamber.

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 7 agreed to on March 7, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

FALL SITTING

NOVEMBER 15, 2005 TO DECEMBER 1, 2005

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members: Mr. George Ho Lem, Member for Calgary-McCall, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on July 9, 2005; Mr. John S. Batiuk, Member for Vegreville, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on August 1, 2005; and Mrs. Sheila Embury, Member for Calgary-North West, 1979 to 1986, who passed away on August 1, 2005.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1918, RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) Flying Officer L.W. Powell was born in Pickardville, Alberta. He joined the RCAF on March 6, 1940, and headed overseas a year later to serve as a World War II pilot. Flying Officer Powell was reported missing and presumed dead after air operations on June 17, 1943. In 1947, Powell Lake, located 65 kilometres northwest of Grande Prairie, was named after Flying Officer Powell.

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding Dorothy McDonald, former Fort MacKay First Nations' Chief, who passed away on November 13, 2005.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding a Memorandum of Understanding signed on October 18, 2005, between Bow Valley College and Prairie College of Applied Arts and Technology, allowing Bow Valley College to offer health and child care programs to Prairie College students.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Canadian veterans and the designation of the Veterans' Memorial Highway to commemorate the Year of the Veteran and the centennial anniversary of Alberta.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day, November 11, 2005, and the Year of the Veteran, 2005.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month, November 2005.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the recent Lakeside Packers labour dispute.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 103 Canadians urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Notices of Motions

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the words and/or actions of Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, in his dealings with Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on May 18, 2005.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the premature release to the media of information contained in the Report of the Auditor General on the Alberta Securities Commission's Enforcement System in October 2005.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding three reports written by Officers of the Legislature that were provided to the media prior to proper distribution to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Notice having been given:

Bill 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Bill 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Victims Programs, Status Report 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 517/2005

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 518/2005

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General on Alberta Social Housing Corporation-Land Sales Systems dated October 2005

Sessional Paper 519/2005

Report of the Auditor General on the Alberta Securities Commission's Enforcement System dated October 2005

Sessional Paper 520/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Edmonton Journal article dated October 13, 2005, entitled "Ft. Mac land deals handled poorly, report says" prepared by Graham Thomson

Sessional Paper 521/2005

Edmonton Journal article dated October 25, 2005, entitled "Ill regulator passes Dr. Dunn's checkup: No big trouble at securities commission: auditor general" prepared by Graham Thomson

Sessional Paper 522/2005

News release dated October 25, 2005, entitled "Reports from the Auditor General to the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Albertans are not well served by manipulation of the accountability process" prepared by the Office of the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 523/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Pamphlet from the Edmonton Community Loan Fund Society
Sessional Paper 524/2005

Program from the Stars of Literacy 2005 International Literacy Day event held in
Edmonton on September 8, 2005
Sessional Paper 525/2005

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

Copy of an address entitled "The Federal Accountability Act, Stephen Harper's
Commitment to Canadians to Clean Up Government" delivered in Ottawa by
Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P., Leader of the Official Opposition, on
November 4, 2005
Sessional Paper 526/2005

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

Letter, undated, from Debbie Reid of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member
for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting an increase in social assistance rates
Sessional Paper 527/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative
Assembly Act, cL-9, s35 and s39:

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 7/05 Members' Allowances
Amendment Order (No. 10)
Sessional Paper 528/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 8/05 Members' Allowances
Amendment Order (No. 11)
Sessional Paper 529/2005

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. 9/05 Transportation
Amendment Order (No. 7)
Sessional Paper 530/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of
Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 531/2005

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

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta dated October 20,
2005, entitled "Investigation by Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner into
allegations involving Hon. Guy Boutilier, Member of the Legislative Assembly
for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo"
Sessional Paper 532/2005

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

Copy of a statement, undated, regarding an alleged incident between two Members of the Legislative Assembly which occurred outside the Chamber on May 18, 2005, prepared by Russ Jackson, Legislative Assembly Security Officer
Sessional Paper 533/2005

Apology - Rev. Abbott

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, offered an apology concerning an incident involving himself and Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on May 18, 2005.

Point of Privilege

Raised by Ms Blakeman

Ms Blakeman indicated that she would not proceed with the question of privilege she had given prior notice of concerning the incident between Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, and Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on May 18, 2005.

Raised by Ms Blakeman

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the premature release to the media of information contained in the Report of the Auditor General on the Alberta Securities Commission's Enforcement System in October 2005.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Stevens.

The Speaker indicated he would rule on the matter at a later date.

Raised by Mr. Mason

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding three reports written by Officers of the Legislature that were provided to the media prior to proper distribution to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Stevens.

The Speaker indicated he would rule on the matter at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

on the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, that Mr. Elsalhy replace Ms Pastoor.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

Mr. Danyluk, 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 15 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 534/2005

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow for Second Reading of Bill 47, Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2005 — 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 Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

Mr. Danyluk, 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 15 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 535/2005

Subamendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 536/2005

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 537/2005

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 538/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:13 p.m. until Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1966, the voice of the New Democrat Party was heard for the first time in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta when the New Democrat Member for Pincher Creek-Crowsnest, Garth Turcott, spoke during the debate on the Speech from the Throne. Mr. Turcott was elected in a by-election as a result of the death of Social Credit Member William Kovach. He was defeated in the next provincial general election on May 23, 1967, by Social Credit Member Charles Drain. There was not another New Democrat Member elected until the general election of August 30, 1971, when Grant Notley was elected to represent the constituency of Spirit River-Fairview.

Members' Statements

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding a trail from Edson to Grande Prairie commemorated in a recent historical documentary film.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Métis Week in Alberta, November 13-19, 2005.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the volunteer efforts of the Vietnamese Cao Daist Society of Calgary and the Applewood Park Community Association.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement urging the Government to designate the Castle wilderness area a wildland provincial park in memory of Andy Russell.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the International Day for Tolerance, November 16, 2005.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding International Education Week, November 14-18, 2005.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 46 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation requiring schools to eliminate fees charged for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 79 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Document dated November 2005 entitled “Cost Breakdown of Government Brochure on the Surplus”

Sessional Paper 539/2005

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor on April 11, 2005:

How much money is being spent on leasing accommodation for the Alberta representative in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 540/2005

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Memorandum dated November 16, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, and Mr. Martin, Opposition House Leader, outlining the Fall 2005 Supplementary Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 541/2005

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Brochure, undated, entitled "International Education, An Action Plan for the Future" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education

Sessional Paper 542/2005

Brochure, undated, entitled "Destination, Study in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education

Sessional Paper 543/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated November 8, 2005, from Tena Wiebe of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the recent hiring of Aon Consulting to study private health insurance and the need for the Government to fund staff required for new hospitals and hospital beds

Sessional Paper 544/2005

E-mail message dated November 7, 2005, from S. Sexauer to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern that her relative waited in an Edmonton hospital emergency room for three days after suffering a stroke and regarding the need for the Government to fund staff required for new hospitals and hospital beds

Sessional Paper 545/2005

Letter dated July 20, 2005, unsigned, from Verna M. Pollack of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Government provide funding for Herceptin, a therapy used to treat breast cancer

Sessional Paper 546/2005

E-mail message dated July 27, 2005, from Robert Pollack on behalf of his mother, Verna Pollack, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the Government provide funding for Herceptin, a therapy used to treat breast cancer

Sessional Paper 547/2005

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

Report dated November 4, 2005, entitled "The Federal Accountability Act, Stephen Harper's commitment to Canadians to clean up government" prepared by the Federal Conservative Party

Sessional Paper 548/2005

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

E-mail message dated October 26, 2005, from Barbara White of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern over her four-hour wait at the Grey Nuns Hospital emergency room

Sessional Paper 549/2005

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

News release dated November 15, 2005, entitled "Proposed EnCana development in the Suffield National Wildlife Area could set precedent for other Federal Protected Areas" prepared by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Edmonton Chapter

Sessional Paper 550/2005

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

Brochure, undated, entitled "Introduction to Cooperative Housing" prepared by Artspace

Sessional Paper 551/2005

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

5 letters dated October 29, 2005, from Edmonton residents to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting that his office seek the prosecution of Chinese Consular officials involved in the willful promotion of hatred against Falun Gong

Sessional Paper 552/2005

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

Brochure, undated, entitled "The Third Way or the Third Hoax" prepared by the Seniors' Action and Liaison Team (SALT)

Sessional Paper 553/2005

Letter dated November 9, 2005, from Irene Payne of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private health care and suggesting the Government cancel their contract with Aon Consulting

Sessional Paper 554/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s10, Government of Alberta 2004-05 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 555/2005

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 2005, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report, Q1 Fiscal Update

Sessional Paper 556/2005

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1), Budget 2005,
2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report, Q1 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 557/2005

Pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12,
s4, Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the
year ended March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 558/2005

Pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2), Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate
Board, Annual Report for Year Ending December 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 559/2005

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2005
Annual Report

Sessional Paper 560/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

ATB Financial, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 561/2005

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the
Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14 on behalf of:

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

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 562/2005

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Alberta Advanced Education, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 563/2005

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 564/2005

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 565/2005

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Annual Report, Alberta Community Development, for the Fiscal Year Ended
March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 566/2005

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 567/2005

- Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:
Alberta Education, Annual Report 2004/05
Sessional Paper 568/2005
- Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:
Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2004-2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 569/2005
- Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment:
Ministry of Environment, 2004-05 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 570/2005
- Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:
Executive Council, Annual Report 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 571/2005
- Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:
Alberta Finance, Annual Report 2005, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005
Sessional Paper 572/2005
- Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:
Alberta Gaming, 2004-2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 573/2005
- Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services:
Annual Report, Alberta Government Services, 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 574/2005
- Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:
Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2004/2005, Section I
Sessional Paper 575/2005
Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2004/2005, Section II
Sessional Paper 576/2005
- Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:
Human Resources and Employment, Ministry Annual Report 2004/2005
Sessional Paper 577/2005
- Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, Annual Report 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 578/2005

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

Alberta Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2004-2005 (includes Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, and Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research)

Sessional Paper 579/2005

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations, Annual Report 2004-05
Sessional Paper 580/2005

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report, 2004-05

Sessional Paper 581/2005

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 582/2005

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring and Government Efficiency:

Restructuring and Government Efficiency, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 583/2005

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Alberta Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 584/2005

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General:

Alberta Solicitor General, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 585/2005

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

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 586/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 587/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 588/2005

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2005-06 First Quarter Update
Sessional Paper 589/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise Partners' Report 2004
Sessional Paper 590/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Thirty-second Annual Report 2005 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)
Sessional Paper 591/2005

Alberta Law Foundation, Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Year ended March 31, 2005
Sessional Paper 592/2005

Point of Privilege - Raised by Mr. Mason

Further to the point of privilege raised under Standing Order 15 by Mr. Mason on November 15, 2005, the Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Boutilier and Mr. Martin.

The Speaker indicated he would rule on the matter by November 21, 2005.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

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

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):
2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 593/2005

Government of Alberta Second Quarter Fiscal Update, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report
Sessional Paper 594/2005

Government of Alberta Second Quarter Activity Report, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report
Sessional Paper 595/2005

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related document, on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2005-06 Second Quarter Update for the six months ended September 30, 2005

Sessional Paper 596/2005

Government Motions

22. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

23. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund shall be three 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 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski

A debate followed.

Dr. Miller 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 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005 — 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Rogers, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 9 (Hon. Minister of Advanced Education) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 597/2005

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Alberta Centennial celebrations held in Bonnyville.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding federal-provincial relations.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding National Child Day, November 20, 2005.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the recently announced Mineable Oil Sands Strategy for northern Alberta.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Bullying Awareness Week, November 14-22, 2005.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the value of foster parents.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 33 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation requiring schools to eliminate fees charged for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 80 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Notices of Motions

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the failure of the Government to provide the additional resources necessary to reduce the grave and immediate risks to the health and well-being of Alberta's seniors, as identified in the May 2005 Report of the Auditor General on Seniors Care and Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, November 21, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42.

Motions for Returns: MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Mr. Magnus

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated November 15, 2005, from Dale and Anne Watson of Westeros to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, forwarding a copy of an e-mail message to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government doing business with an American company that promotes private health insurance

Sessional Paper 598/2005

E-mail message dated November 15, 2005, from Rod E. McConnell to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern over the inaccessibility of information regarding the process used to redesign the health care system

Sessional Paper 599/2005

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

Letter dated November 7, 2005, from Shirley R. Howe, Public Service Commissioner, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Murray Smith's appointment to the board of directors of TUSK Energy Corporation

Sessional Paper 600/2005

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

2 Pollution Watch fact sheets, undated, entitled "Alberta Pollution Highlights" and "National Pollution Highlights"

Sessional Paper 601/2005

Pembina Institute news release dated October 26, 2005, entitled "The Government of Alberta's Mineable Oil Sands Strategy Would Write Off 2800 km² of Alberta's Boreal Forest"

Sessional Paper 602/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 8, 2005, from Tracy Foster of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the unfunded liability for teachers' pensions

Sessional Paper 603/2005

Letter dated October 6, 2005, from Carol Anne Inglis to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting on prosperity cheques

Sessional Paper 604/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Edmonton Public Schools memorandum dated September 27, 2005, from A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools, to the Board of Trustees, providing several responses to information requested by Trustees

Sessional Paper 605/2005

Document, undated, entitled "Labour Legislation Provisions for Settlement of a First Collective Agreement by Arbitration or by the Labour Board"

Sessional Paper 606/2005

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

E-mail message dated October 20, 2005, from Bev Kelso of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing disappointment with the lack of drug treatment facilities available to assist her son and suggesting the Government create a ministry to address mental health and addiction issues

Sessional Paper 607/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s 47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 2003-2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 608/2005

Pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-8, s11(2), Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, 2003-2004 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2004

Sessional Paper 609/2005

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 610/2005

Pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4), Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 611/2005

Pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4), Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 612/2005

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Alberta Denturists, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 613/2005

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 614/2005

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 615/2005

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Alta. Reg. 286/94, Alberta Mental Health Board, 2004/05 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 616/2005

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Aspen Regional Health, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 617/2005

Peace Country Health, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 618/2005

Calgary Health Region, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 619/2005

Capital Health, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 620/2005

East Central Health, Annual Report 2004-2005	Sessional Paper 621/2005
Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2004-2005	Sessional Paper 622/2005
Northern Lights Health Region, Annual Report 2004/2005	Sessional Paper 623/2005
David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report 2004-2005	Sessional Paper 624/2005
Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2004-2005	Sessional Paper 625/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 2004-05
Sessional Paper 626/2005

Response to Written Question WQ5, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 11, 2005:

Which reports, consultation groups, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that \$55 million is the total amount needed to fully fund the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services on April 1, 2005?

Sessional Paper 627/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Dr. Pannu on behalf of Mr. Mason on April 4, 2005:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, an itemized list of all groups and individuals representing either specific tobacco-related companies, or any association, group, or organization representing the interests of the tobacco industry who have met with the Premier, the Minister of Health and Wellness, the Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, or any Alberta Standing Policy Committee.

Sessional Paper 628/2005

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 21 to November 24, 2005:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Second Reading

Bill 43, 46

Revert to Introduction of Bills

Bill 51

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 43, 46

Committee of the Whole

Bill 43, 50

Third Reading

Bill 43, 47, 48

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 24 Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**

Bill 52

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

Bill 45, 46, 49

And as per the Order Paper

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the failure of the Government to provide the additional resources necessary to reduce the grave and immediate risks to the health and well-being of Alberta's seniors, as identified in the May 2005 Report of the Auditor General on Seniors Care and Programs.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Speaker's Ruling - Points of Privilege

The Chair is now prepared to rule on the purported questions of privilege raised on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, by the Official Opposition House Leader and the Leader of the New Democrats. Although there are some distinguishing factors between the two matters that have been raised, the general subject of the early release of reports by Officers of the Legislature is the same. Therefore, the Chair will be addressing the matters in one ruling.

To be clear, the matter raised by the Official Opposition House Leader deals with the early release of the Auditor General's report on the Alberta Securities Commission, and the one by the Leader of the Third Party deals with the premature disclosure of an Auditor General's report on the Alberta Social Housing Corporation and the disclosure of the results of the Ethics Commissioner's report on the Minister of Environment. These are the allegations that will be dealt with together.

As a preliminary matter the Chair confirms that both parties fulfilled the two-hour notice requirement under Standing Order 15(2). The Chair received written notice of the Official Opposition House Leader's purported question of privilege last Thursday, November 10. The Leader of the Third Party provided his written notice this week on Monday, November 14. Given that Tuesday was the first day of the Fall Sitting, both parties have raised their respective questions of privilege at the earliest possible opportunity.

The key argument underlying both purported questions of privilege is that there has been a contempt of the Assembly. As Members are well aware, breaches of privilege and contempts of the Assembly are treated in the same manner, and therefore the procedure outlined in Standing Order 15 applies.

At the outset the Chair would also like to note for all Members that the leak of a report from an Officer of this Legislature has never before been raised in this Assembly as a matter of privilege. In fact, over the course of the past few days the Chair and the Table Officers have undertaken a broad review, consulting with parliaments from across Canada as well as the United Kingdom. To the best of the Chair's knowledge it is unprecedented for this type of matter to come before the Assembly as a purported question of privilege. So we are in uncharted territory.

The Chair has listened attentively to the arguments raised and it appears the material facts are as follows. The contents of three reports from two Officers of the Legislature were disclosed to members of the media prior to the reports being distributed to Members of the Assembly and being made available to the public. The reports in question are: one, the Report of the Auditor General on the Alberta Securities Commission's Enforcement System, dated October 2005; two, the Report of the Auditor General on the Alberta Social Housing Corporation Land Sales Systems dated October 2005; three, a report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on the investigation by the Ethics Commissioner into allegations involving the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, dated October 20, 2005.

Although it is clear that the contents of all three reports were disclosed prematurely, it is not clear who is responsible for prematurely disclosing the two reports from the Auditor General. With respect to the third report, the one prepared by the Ethics Commissioner, the Minister of Environment indicated in the House yesterday that he referred to the contents of that report on a radio program prior to it being made available to other Members and the public. As he indicated at page 1676 of yesterday's Hansard, he was unaware of anything that prohibited him from doing so.

As the Chair indicated on Tuesday when these matters were raised, it is a very serious matter when reports of Officers of the Legislature are released or the contents are prematurely disclosed. While these disclosures may be contemptuous behaviour, the Chair's view is that they do not amount to contempts of the Assembly.

Accordingly, the Chair does not find that there are any prima facie questions of privilege. The lack of both parliamentary and statutory authority concerning early disclosure of Officers' reports leads the Chair to this view. This conclusion does not diminish the fact that the leaks of these reports should be taken very seriously and that this type of conduct shows disrespect for the Assembly and demonstrates a blatant disregard for the statutory provisions that entitle Members of the Assembly to view such a report before it is made public.

Because this is a matter that has never been raised before, the Chair wants to provide some explanation for this finding. First, it is important to note that the two Officers whose reports are in question operate under specific statutory regimes, as do the Chief Electoral Officer, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Ombudsman. Both Members raising purported questions of privilege want the Chair to find that the statutes do not form complete codes and that certain elements of parliamentary privilege must be "read in" to them.

The Chair wants to be very clear that this ruling is on the issue of whether an early or unauthorized release of an Officer's report constitutes a prima facie question of privilege. This ruling should not be taken to address the broader issue of whether and to what extent the activities of Officers of the Legislature are cloaked in privilege.

As the distribution of the reports is fundamental to the arguments of both Members' questions of privilege, the Chair wants to address the requirements. As was noted in the arguments, the procedure for distribution of a report from the Auditor General when the House is not sitting is outlined in section 20.1 of the Auditor General Act. This section provides that the report must be made available to the Members of the Assembly, upon three days' notice being given to the Speaker who shall forthwith distribute copies to the office of each Member. The report is available to the public after the distribution has occurred. To the Chair's knowledge the only parties that are authorized under the statute to have advance copies of the reports are members of the Audit Committee, pursuant to section 24.

The Conflicts of Interest Act has a slightly different procedure for the distribution of reports from the Ethics Commissioner as outlined in sections 25 and 28 of that Act. Those reports are provided directly to the Speaker, who in turn lays the report before the Assembly or if the Assembly is not sitting, distributes the report to Members and then makes it available to the public. The Act authorizes certain persons to receive advance copies of a report, namely, the Member against whom an allegation has been made and the Leader of that Member's caucus (section 25(8)) and it is pursuant to this authority that the Honourable Minister of Environment received the Ethics Commissioner's report prior to its release to other Members.

There are provisions in the Auditor General Act that require both the Auditor General and his staff to maintain confidentiality in fulfilling their duties. The Conflicts of Interest Act has similar requirements and this statute also provides for a fine of up to \$20,000, under section 40, for a Commissioner, former Commissioner, or person employed or engaged by the office who releases confidential information. However, neither of these Acts specifically address whether the premature release of a report from the Officer or discussion of their contents is an offence or a contempt of the Assembly. The Legislative Assembly Act provides provisions dealing with the Assembly's jurisdiction and expressly deals with the matter of breaches of privilege and contempt. There is nothing in this Act that would suggest that a leak of a report from an Officer amounts to a contempt.

Finally, in comparing the leak of a report from an Officer to the leak of the other types of documents cited in both Honourable Members' arguments, there are a number of distinguishing factors. Clearly, all three types of documents referred to in the arguments of the Official Opposition House Leader - Bills, committee reports, and the budget - are more directly tied to a proceeding of this Assembly. The matter of a budget leak, which has been cited in the arguments, is not typically considered a matter of privilege, and the Chair cites Beauchesne's 31(5) for this point. The premature disclosure of Bills has been held by the Chair to be prima facie case of contempt, as was held on March 15, 2003, at pages 57-60 of the Journals, as belonging properly to Members once they appear on the Order Paper.

On the subject of leaked committee reports the authorities are very clear that questions of privilege will not be considered unless a specific charge has been made. The Chair would like to quote from Marleau and Montpetit's House of Commons Procedure and Practice on this point:

“Speakers have ruled that questions of privilege concerning leaked reports will not be considered unless a specific charge is made against an individual, organization or group, and that the charge must be levelled not only against those outside the House who have made in camera material public, but must also identify the source of the leak within the House itself.”

Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice also supports this position in its 23rd edition at pages 140 and 141.

So even if the Chair were to treat the leak of an Officer's report the same as a leak of a committee report, this still would not meet the test for a prima facie case of contempt with respect to two out of the three reports because the source of the leak has not been identified.

With respect to the Ethics Commissioner's report the Honourable Minister indicated that he was not aware of any prohibition on the premature disclosure of the contents of the report on the basis that he not only requested the investigation but was the subject of that investigation. In the absence of a specific statutory provision or a recognized parliamentary precedent the Chair cannot find a prima facie question of privilege. Furthermore, if the Chair was to find a case of contempt, this could cast a cloud of suspicion on those persons who have a legislated right to receive advance copies of these reports prior to their distribution to Members, and that is definitely something that this Chair does not want to do. The Chair might have a different view if there was clear indication in the legislation on how a premature disclosure of a report was to be treated.

Finally, the Chair would like to emphasize that when a report is destined for Members of the Assembly, prior to it being available to the public, the utmost care must be taken in the printing and preparation for distribution. The Auditor General has undertaken an investigation of the office's practices and the Chair is confident that the matter will be given serious attention and that due care and attention will be given prior to the release of subsequent reports from that office.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$75,133,000
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Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Children's Services, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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 5:27 p.m. until Monday, November 21, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 21, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1932, Aspen Beach, located on the shores of Gull Lake west of Lacombe, was designated Alberta's first provincial park. Today Alberta's parks and protected areas cover roughly 27,500 square kilometres and include more than 500 sites.

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement congratulating Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, on his 26th anniversary as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating Dr. John Robert Cunningham, O.C., Catriona Le May Doan, O.C., Ronald Neil Mannix, O.C., Dr. Eldon Raymond Smith, O.C., and James M. Stanford, O.C., who were all recently appointed as Officers of the Order of Canada, and Muriel Stanley Venne, C.M., who was recently appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Eskimo Football Club on winning the Canadian Football League Scotiabank West Final in Vancouver, British Columbia on November 20, 2005.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the launch of the book "My Most Memorable Teacher: 100 Stories Celebrating 100 Years of Alberta Teaching Excellence," a centennial project of the University of Calgary's Faculty of Education.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding not being invited to the official opening of a section of Anthony Henday Drive connecting the constituencies of Edmonton-McClung and Edmonton-Whitemud.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the involvement of non-profit organizations in casinos as a method of fund raising.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 41 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation requiring schools to eliminate fees charged for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 216 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 80 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

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

Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Erratum to the Preface of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 629/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Letter dated November 21, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, to Dr. Annette LaGrange, Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Calgary, offering congratulations on the launch of the book "My Most Memorable Teacher: 100 Stories Celebrating 100 Years of Alberta Teaching Excellence," a centennial project of the University of Calgary's Faculty of Education

Sessional Paper 630/2005

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report for 2004-2005 to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports for the year ended March 31, 2005
Sessional Paper 631/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated July 28, 2005, from Ronald G. Rowswell of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the exemption of civil marriage commissioners from being required to perform same-sex civil marriages
Sessional Paper 632/2005

E-mail message dated September 23, 2005, from Yohana Rihana to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's 2005 resource rebate program
Sessional Paper 633/2005

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Resolution No. 11-18-05-02-CCPC, undated, agreed to by the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta regarding Forest Management Agreement Renewals
Sessional Paper 634/2005

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

Copies of 2 recent e-mail messages from Linda Glasier to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, suggesting the Government's free tuition proposal include certain eligibility criteria, with attached response from Mr. Agnihotri
Sessional Paper 635/2005

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

Report dated October 2005 entitled "The Alberta Pharmaceutical Savings Agency" prepared by the Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition
Sessional Paper 636/2005

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

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 26th Legislature, First Session, Fall 2005"
Sessional Paper 637/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Report, undated, entitled "Collective Agreement Settlements in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 638/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor on April 11, 2005:

What is the breakdown of the total dollar value of cash, medical, and other benefits provided monthly to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients in 2004 by the Government?

Sessional Paper 639/2005

Response to Written Question WQ32, asked for by Mr. Eggen on behalf of Mr. Martin on May 9, 2005:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, how many Albertans received benefits from the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program?

Sessional Paper 640/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR23, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

A summary of all submissions to the MLA committee reviewing the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program between September 28, 2004 and January 31, 2005.

Sessional Paper 641/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 642/2005

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 643/2005

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 644/2005

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 645/2005

Authorized Accredited Agencies Activity Summary, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 646/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ33. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

What measures has the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency taken to improve the information technology security awareness of Government employees as recommended in the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report?

WQ34. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

What development management plans does the Government currently have for protecting species at risk such as the grizzly bear and the peregrine falcon?

WQ35. Moved by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total value of all spending by the Ministry of Education related to the completion and/or operational status of the Alberta SuperNet over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

WQ36. Moved by Mr. Miller:

What steps has the Department of Finance taken in 2004 since the receipt of the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report recommending that ATB Investment Services Inc., ATB Investment Management Inc., and ATB Securities Inc. enhance their control processes to ensure they meet regulatory requirements?

WQ37. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

Which reports, consultations, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that \$75.6 million was the total amount needed to be allocated to forest protection for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, when the actual amount spent was \$204 million?

WQ40. Moved by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total cost associated with administering the provincial achievement exams over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

WQ42. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase:

How does the Government calculate that there is a shortage of truck drivers in Alberta?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ38. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Who attended the Minister's open house for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Fall 2004 convention on November 17, 2004 in Edmonton that cost \$6,711.11?

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

What groups were given invitations to the Minister's open house for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Fall 2004 convention on November 17, 2004 in Edmonton that cost \$6,711.11?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ39. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

How much money has been spent by the Ministry and Department of Economic Development on hosting expenses for the fiscal years 1992-93 through 2004-05 inclusive, broken down by function and year?

WQ41. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total did the Ministry and Department of Energy spend on service contracts in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years, broken down by organization?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR44. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft:

A breakdown of the distribution of funds from the provincial \$74 million disaster recovery program announced on July 27, 2004.

MR48. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase:

A breakdown of the total costs related to the production of the McDermid Report "Saving Lives on Alberta's Roads," including the costs of all remuneration, administrative and research support, space rental or leasing, equipment and supplies, travel expenses, document design and printing, and advertising or promotion.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR46. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

A breakdown of how much money each senior recipient receives through the Alberta Seniors Benefit program after the July 1, 2004 changes went into effect compared to before July 1.

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

A breakdown of *threshold levels and maximum cash benefits available* through the Alberta Seniors Benefit program after the July 1, 2004 changes went into effect *and a comparison to those in place* before July 1, 2004.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR45. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

A detailed breakdown of grants distributed by the Ministry and Department of Economic Development in the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by organization.

MR47. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and Department of Energy and Enron Corporation, Enron Canada Corporation and/or any affiliated companies regarding electricity deregulation from January 1, 1990 to January 1, 2005.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR49, MR50.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Fair Trading (Telemarketing) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 206 Alberta Pharmaceutical Savings Commission Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Marz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt net metering of electricity for producers of all sizes, thereby allowing them the opportunity to sell any excess electricity they produce back to the grid at the same rate as the purchase price.

A debate followed.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, moved that the motion be amended:

- (a) by striking out “producers of all sizes” and substituting “microelectricity generators”;
- (b) by striking out “at the same rate as the purchase price”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During debate on the amendment, Members of the Assembly requested and received the consent of the Chair to vote on each section of the amendment separately.

The question being put on section (a), the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on section (b), the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended 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 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement congratulating Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on his return to the Legislative Assembly and 27 other Members of the Legislative Assembly elected for the first time on November 22, 2004.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding international students in the Alberta school system.

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement congratulating first-year teachers Shane Clark, Kristy Purcell, Fred Wilkes, Erin Bodnar, Stephen Kotkas, and Brandon Fletcher, recipients of an Edwin Parr Education Award.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding Alberta Centennial events held in Airdrie.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need to promote and provide more funding for vocational education.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Alberta New Democrats' vision for resource revenues.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that a Special Session of the Legislative Assembly wrapped up on this day in 1938. The Session was called primarily to deal with legislation regarding oil and gas conservation in the province. The sitting lasted from November 15 to November 22 and resulted in the passage of eight Bills. Bill 1, An Act for the Conservation of the Oil and Gas Resources of the Province of Alberta, gave the Oil and Gas Conservation Board the power to enforce its regulations. At that time the question of conservation had been an issue for Members for over 10 years.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had a certain Bill under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with an amendment:

Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act —
Mr. Oberle

Dr. Brown, 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, Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act

Sessional Paper 647/2005

Mr. Speaker, I request concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents requesting an increase in AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) rates based on the Government's low-income review.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 509 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ36, asked for by Mr. Miller on November 21, 2005:

What steps has the Department of Finance taken in 2004 since the receipt of the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report recommending that ATB Investment Services Inc., ATB Investment Management Inc., and ATB Securities Inc. enhance their control processes to ensure they meet regulatory requirements?

Sessional Paper 648/2005

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 649/2005

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

Letter dated November 15, 2005, from Steve Olsson, Kane Veterinary Supplies Ltd., expressing opposition to a proposed amendment to the Veterinary Profession Act

Sessional Paper 650/2005

Series of e-mail messages dated November 2001 between Robert Hemstock, Ricardo Shillingford, Executive Assistant to the Minister of Energy, and Larry Charach regarding Cabinet and ministerial approval of a division regulation

Sessional Paper 651/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 8, 2005, from Janice Radloff of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, proposing changes to legislation dealing with the custody of children

Sessional Paper 652/2005

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated October 17, 2005, from Alice L. Williamson of Red Deer to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, expressing opposition to the Government's plans to modify health care

Sessional Paper 653/2005

Letter dated November 2005 from Reverend Lynn Maki, Executive Secretary, United Church of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, outlining a motion agreed to by the Executive of the Alberta and Northwest Conference on October 5, 2005, regarding several social and economic issues

Sessional Paper 654/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman, 38th Annual Report for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 655/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, 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, 2005

Sessional Paper 656/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services, Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2005"

Sessional Paper 657/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Alberta Dental Association and College, 2004 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004, with attached Alberta Dental Association and College Radiation Administration Program, Financial Statements, dated December 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 658/2005

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Radiation Protection Program, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 659/2005

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report, Year End June 30, 2005, with attached College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Financial Statements, dated June 30, 2005

Sessional Paper 660/2005

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 661/2005

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 662/2005

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005, with attached University of Calgary, Authorized Radiation Health Administration Organization, Financial Statements for the years ended March 31, 2004 and March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 663/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15:

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 664/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 665/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3), the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-16, s38(3), the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-18, s46(3), and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Manager's Report, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 666/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR8, asked for by Mr. Eggen on April 11, 2005:

A copy of the P2406 Sour Gas Blowout Ignition Study, or a copy of the most recent draft of the study, prepared by the Bercha Group of Calgary for the Department of Energy.

Sessional Paper 667/2005

Speaker's Ruling - Duplication of Bills

The Chair needs to update the Assembly with respect to two Bills. Bill 47, Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act, is now at Committee of the Whole stage having passed Second Reading in the afternoon of November 15, 2005. Members will note that the Bill is virtually identical to Bill 207 which has the same title and has yet to come up for Second Reading. The authorities are clear that no two Bills that are virtually the same can proceed after the House has made a decision on one. The House has already made a decision with respect to Second Reading of Bill 47 so Bill 207 will not be proceeded with and will come off the Order Paper.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary 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 of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$99,000,000
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Gaming

Expense	\$75,000,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$5,000,000

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Lund

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Mr. Magnus

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 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until Wednesday, November 23, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Enron activities in Alberta.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial being planned in Mayerthorpe to honour the four RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Officers killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005, near Mayerthorpe and the volunteer efforts to raise the necessary funds to build the memorial.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Community Learning Campus at Olds College.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of affordable post-secondary education as a means out of poverty.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating several Alberta municipalities on receiving awards at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties annual conference recently held in Edmonton.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating the City of Wetaskiwin for its efforts in the area of historical preservation.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 18th anniversary of the Member for Drumheller-Stettler elected on November 23, 1987.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1925, the Honourable Herbert Greenfield resigned as Premier of Alberta. From 1921 to 1925, Herbert Greenfield presided over the province's first United Farmers of Alberta Government. Herbert Greenfield emigrated from England with his family to eastern Canada in 1892. Once there he married and worked as a farm labourer. In 1906 he moved to the Westlock district to homestead, became a successful farmer, and was active in community affairs.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 29 Albertans urging the Government to require school boards to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and general school services and to ensure that the necessary resources for these supplies and services are provided.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 80 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 509 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 155 Albertans urging the Government to immediately provide funding enabling municipalities and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) to hire 500 additional community police officers.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, during Oral Question Period on November 21, 2005

Sessional Paper 668/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 669/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Report entitled "Charitable Gaming in Alberta, 2004-2005 in Review" prepared by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

Sessional Paper 670/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 671/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2004-05

Sessional Paper 672/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

8 motions dated November 23, 2005, presented to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on November 23, 2005, by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 673/2005

E-mail message dated September 23, 2005, from Shirleen Smith of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, Michael Phair, Ward 4 Councillor, City of Edmonton, and His Worship, Stephen Mandel, Mayor, City of Edmonton, suggesting that Albertans donate their resource rebates to a charity established for the purpose of purchasing books for school libraries

Sessional Paper 674/2005

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Cherylyn Stacey of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's current infrastructure spending plans and suggesting that spending be focussed on social programs

Sessional Paper 675/2005

Document dated September 16, 2005, suggesting the 2005 resource rebates be redirected to the Family and Community Support Services Branch of Alberta Children Services, prepared by Mary Anne Jaedicke, Executive Director, South East Edmonton Seniors Association

Sessional Paper 676/2005

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

2 e-mail messages dated October 2001 between Robert Hemstock and Joseph Segatto regarding a proposed amendment to Alberta Regulation 175/2000

Sessional Paper 677/2005

Letter dated August 14, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to P. Robson Milnthorp, President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Enron Canada Power Corporation, concerning the creation of two separate and distinct unit Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs) out of the existing Sundance B PPA
Sessional Paper 678/2005

Letter dated October 31, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated October 11, 2005, concerning the temporary suspension of maximum rate limitation requirements on oil wells
Sessional Paper 679/2005

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

E-mail message dated April 4, 2005, from Karen Maloney of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting Government funding for in vitro fertilization treatments

Sessional Paper 680/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 21, 2005, from Carol Carbol to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, with associated attachment, expressing concern regarding the Capital Health Authority's proposal to replace the outpatient residence at the University of Alberta Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital with a private full-service hotel for patients and their families

Sessional Paper 681/2005

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Program from a Public School Boards Council celebration held at Mackay Avenue School in Edmonton on November 18, 2005

Sessional Paper 682/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4) and the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta Dental Association and College, Annual Report 2004
Sessional Paper 683/2005

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 684/2005

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2003-2004
Sessional Paper 685/2005

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 686/2005

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 687/2005

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2004
Sessional Paper 688/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the Ninety-sixth Annual General Meeting, April 21 to April 23, 2005
Sessional Paper 689/2005

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters, Annual Report 2004-05
Sessional Paper 690/2005

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5)(6), WCB - Alberta (Workers' Compensation Board), 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 691/2005

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2005
Sessional Paper 692/2005

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, 2004-2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 693/2005

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2004 Accountability Framework Report
Sessional Paper 694/2005

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 695/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 3 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 23 agreed to on November 16, 2005, at 5:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Haley reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$288,289,000
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Children's Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$38,400,000
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Community Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$24,030,000
Capital Investment	\$2,970,000

Environment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,200,000
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Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$64,630,000
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Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$526,836,000
Capital Investment	\$231,180,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$138,235,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$109,000,000
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Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$7,494,000
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Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$80,000,000
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Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 696/2005

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 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Debate adjourned, Mr. Mason speaking.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

During debate on Bill 43, Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$), Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Western Standard magazine article dated December 12, 2005, entitled “The Right Connections” prepared by Andrea Mrozek

Sessional Paper 697/2005

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Herard on behalf of Mr. Webber

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 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:28 p.m. until Thursday, November 24, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 24, 2005

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

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of a Canadian soldier killed and four soldiers injured in the line of duty today in Afghanistan.

Members' Statements

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Eskimos and the Grey Cup Championship taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia, on November 27, 2005.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the rate of the use of food banks in Alberta.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Alberta Centennial World Cup cross-country skiing championship to be held in Canmore December 15-18, 2005.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding problem gambling and addiction to video lottery terminals.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the 2005 Alberta Youth Advisory Panel.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the high cost of post-secondary tuition.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1997, Thelma Chalifoux began her term as a Senator. Born in Calgary, she became the first Aboriginal woman as well as the first Métis ever appointed to the Senate of Canada. A longtime advocate of Métis culture, Senator Chalifoux was the first Métis woman to receive the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 1995. This respected woman served on the boards of several organizations as well as the University of Alberta Senate. She retired from the Senate of Canada on February 8, 2004, at the age of 75, and now spends time with her family and is very active in the community of Morinville.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 329 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 50 Albertans urging the Government to require school boards to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and general school services and to ensure that the necessary resources for these supplies and services are provided.

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, November 28, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR49, MR50.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill on Monday, November 28, 2005:

Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Notice having been given:

Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Brown

Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 210 School (Property Tax Reduction) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Marz

Bill 211 Alberta Commission on Energy Efficiency Act — Mr. Eggen

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

Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Brown

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's questions about the calculation of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund inflation-proofing amount

Sessional Paper 698/2005

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from William S. Rice, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Securities Commission, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, providing a chronology of the events surrounding policy breach by the Director of Enforcement, Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 699/2005

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, responding to comments made by Mr. Mason during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2005, regarding a settlement between West Edmonton Mall and ATB Financial

Sessional Paper 700/2005

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Campus Alberta Quality Council, First Annual Report, July 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 701/2005

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

Letter dated November 15, 2005, from Mary Roberts of Lethbridge to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding continuing care facilities in Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 702/2005

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

Office of the Auditor General of Canada website news release, undated, entitled "Report of the Auditor General of Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Contract Policing"

Sessional Paper 703/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 23, 2005, from Cam Holowaychuk of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, with several attached recent e-mail messages and letters, all expressing concern and opposition to the Anthony Henday ring road

Sessional Paper 704/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "First Nations are First Occupants of This Country" prepared by the Bigstone Cree Nation

Sessional Paper 705/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 23, 2005, from Cliff Haberstock of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing disappointment that the government-sponsored furnace replacement program is no longer in effect

Sessional Paper 706/2005

Letter dated October 21, 2005, from Kirsten Warner of Edmonton to a Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding her auto insurance rates

Sessional Paper 707/2005

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Nicholas Janik, unsigned, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the unfunded liability for teachers' pensions and other issues faced by teachers

Sessional Paper 708/2005

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Mariola Adamowska, unsigned, to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, with attached letter dated May 2003 to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the unfunded liability for teachers' pensions and other issues and financial burdens faced by teachers

Sessional Paper 709/2005

2 e-mail messages dated November 23, 2005, from Janice Hrdlicka and Ed Harasem to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the unfunded liability for teachers' pensions

Sessional Paper 710/2005

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hugh Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Eskimos Football Club, congratulating the organization on a tremendous season

Sessional Paper 711/2005

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Report dated October 2005 entitled "Time for Action, Hunger Count 2005" prepared by the Canadian Association of Food Banks

Sessional Paper 712/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR48, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase on November 21, 2005:

A breakdown of the total costs related to the production of the McDermid Report "Saving Lives on Alberta's Roads," including the costs of all remuneration, administrative and research support, space rental or leasing, equipment and supplies, travel expenses, document design and printing, and advertising or promotion.

Sessional Paper 713/2005

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 28 to December 1, 2005:

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 51

Committee of the Whole / Third Reading

As per the Order Paper

And as the per the Order Paper

Thursday, December 1

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

As per the Order Paper

Royal Assent

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Mr. Magnus

Mr. Danyluk, 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 50 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 714/2005

Amendment to Bill 50 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 715/2005

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf
Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Mr. Magnus

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 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 716/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Monday, November 28, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 28, 2005

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Eskimos on winning the Grey Cup Championship on November 27, 2005 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for increased child care funding and the implementation of full-day and junior kindergarten.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding Private Braun Scott Woodfield, G Company, Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, who was killed in the line of duty on November 24, 2005, in Afghanistan.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding a barrier-free survey completed in Strathcona County by Bob Simpson and Bob and Deanna Loewen and the results of the survey posted on a community accessibility website hosted by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Augustana Faculty, created in 2004 when Augustana University College and the University of Alberta merged, and the successes resulting from this partnership.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement outlining several events that occurred during the First Session of the 26th Legislature.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the release of a Domestic Violence Handbook on November 25, 2005, for use by police and Crown prosecutors.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 400 Albertans urging the Government to either reinstate 25 continuing care beds or build a new 25 bed continuing care facility in Hinton.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 50 Albertans urging the Government to require school boards to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and general school services and to ensure that the necessary resources for these supplies and services are provided.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 24, 2005:

Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 213 Standing Committee on Continuing Care Standards Act — Ms Pastoor

Bill 214 Water Protection and Conservation Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 —
Dr. Swann

Bill 218 Land Agents Licensing (Licence Requirement) Amendment Act, 2005 —
Mr. Danyluk

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ35, asked for by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on November 21, 2005:

What is the total value of all spending by the Ministry of Education related to the completion and/or operational status of the Alberta SuperNet over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 717/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR17, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on April 18, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Learning.

Sessional Paper 718/2005

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated September 2005 from Cecile Fausak, President, 2004-2005 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, and Wayne Flewelling, President, 2005-2006 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, to the people of the Province of Alberta offering best wishes on Alberta's 100th anniversary and outlining the benefits of the 1925 merger of several church organizations into the United Church of Canada

Sessional Paper 719/2005

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 11, 2005, Department of Community Services, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 720/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 7, 2005, from Bradley G. Nemetz, Bennett Jones LLP, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting that Dr. Taft temper his comments concerning Stephen Sibold, Q.C., in his role as Chair of the Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 721/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 12, 2004, from Alan Currie, Investigative Counsel, Alberta Securities Commission, with addressee struck out, regarding an investigation into the Zi Corporation

Sessional Paper 722/2005

E-mail message dated September 23, 2005, from Shawn Pinchbeck of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's 2005 resource rebate program and suggesting the money be invested in health, education, and infrastructure spending

Sessional Paper 723/2005

Letter dated September 8, 2005, from John C. Flipsen of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding unnecessary spending on medical tests with an attached web page detailing information on Resperate blood pressure medication

Sessional Paper 724/2005

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

Letter dated November 21, 2005, from Ramesh C. Joshi, Ph.D., P.Eng., to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, with associated attachments, expressing concern regarding the alleged mismanagement of funds during the extension project at the Confederation Park Nifty Fifty Senior Centre in Calgary

Sessional Paper 725/2005

Letter dated September 21, 2005, from Diane Newman of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requesting that promoters and sponsors of future Grand Prix races in Edmonton educate spectators on the dangers of street racing

Sessional Paper 726/2005

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

Letter dated September 2005 from Cecile Fausak, President, 2004-2005 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, and Wayne Flewelling, President, 2005-2006 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, to the people of the Province of Alberta offering best wishes on Alberta's 100th anniversary and outlining the benefits of the 1925 merger of several church organizations into the United Church of Canada

Sessional Paper 727/2005

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

E-mail message dated October 10, 2005, from James and Lucille Adamson of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, urging the Government to eliminate Alberta health care premiums

Sessional Paper 728/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, in response to Mr. Mason's comments during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2005, regarding a settlement between West Edmonton Mall and ATB Financial

Sessional Paper 729/2005

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

4 e-mail messages dated November 24, 2005, from Deen Khan, Doug Johnson, Phil Mark, and Warren Marcotte to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, urging the Government to pay the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 730/2005

Copies of 100 recent letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly urging the Government to pay the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 731/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the Year Ended June 30, 2004, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the Year Ended March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 732/2005

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 733/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on April 20, 2005, Department of Energy, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 734/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR26, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on April 25, 2005:

A detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Energy, his staff, and/or designate on non-international trips during the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Sessional Paper 735/2005

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Mr. Bonko on April 11, 2005:

A breakdown of the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development's business expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

Sessional Paper 736/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR12, asked for by Mr. Bonko on April 11, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Sessional Paper 737/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR13, asked for by Mr. Bonko on April 11, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

Sessional Paper 738/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

2004 Report of the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

Sessional Paper 739/2005

2005 Report of the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

Sessional Paper 740/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR49. Moved by Mr. Flaherty:

A copy of all reports, studies, papers, presentations, memos, correspondence or other Ministry documents pertaining to the plan to phase in a method for equating diploma examinations as referenced on page 28 of the Ministry of Learning's 2003-04 Annual Report.

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

Copies of relevant documents available within the Ministry of Education that pertain to the plan to phase in a method for equating diploma examinations as referenced on page 28 of the Ministry of Learning's 2003-04 Annual Report.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR50. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

All documents prepared or received by the Ministry of Advanced Education (formerly Learning) between January 1, 2002 and February 28, 2005, pertaining to the accreditation of post-secondary institutions granting baccalaureate degrees, the approval process for institutions seeking to grant baccalaureate degrees, and the establishment of the Campus Alberta Quality Council, including but not limited to correspondence between the Ministry and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on this issue.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 204 Pharmacy and Drug (Methamphetamine Limiting) Amendment Act, 2005
— Mr. Strang

Mr. Marz, 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 204 (Hon. Member for West Yellowhead) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 741/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index the salaries of all Government employees to the average weekly earnings index and provide salary adjustments based on supply and demand pressures within one year following a provincial election.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Motions

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

1. Be it resolved that a Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Tarchuk (Chair)	Flaherty	Marz
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Pannu
Blakeman	Lougheed	Strang

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the Department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that Department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.

6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is 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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — 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 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 10:45 p.m., the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Debate resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 57, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005.

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

- Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Morton on behalf of Dr. Brown
- Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with an amendment:

- Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr4 (Hon. Member for Peace River) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 742/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:34 p.m. until Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1890, Lethbridge was incorporated as a town by Northwest Territories Ordinance No. 24. The Lethbridge region was originally the home of the Blackfoot Confederacy. With the arrival of European and American traders, Lethbridge eventually grew into a small coal mining centre. As the population expanded, businesses, hotels, saloons, churches, and hospitals began to spring up. The agricultural sector developed and by May 9, 1906, Lethbridge was incorporated as a city. The city now boasts a population of over 77,000.

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the 2005 Canadian Finals Rodeo and Farmfair International.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the economic significance of the film industry in Alberta.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Forest Lawn High School Awards Night held on November 26, 2005.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the unacceptable standards for the reclamation of contaminated industrial sites in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Enron Corporation's role in the energy deregulation process in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Family Doctor Week, December 5-11, 2005.

Presenting Petitions

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Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 210 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 386 Albertans urging the Government to either reinstate 25 continuing care beds or build a new 25 bed continuing care facility in Hinton.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 1,584 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from over 8,000 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to re-regulate Alberta's utilities to restore reasonably-priced energy to Albertans.

Notices of Motions

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 Government for not providing sufficient time to debate billions of dollars in unbudgeted Government spending, thereby undermining the democratic process and the integrity of public finances.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

How much money has been spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on hosting expenses in the fiscal years 1996-97 through 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by function and year?

Sessional Paper 743/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR20, asked for by Mr. Elsahy on behalf of Mr. Bonko on April 18, 2005:

Copies of *the* budget, business, and operational plans related to the establishment of an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 744/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR21, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

A copy of all cost-benefit analyses for the newly-established Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 745/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR22, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

A copy of the detailed budget breakdown for the Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

Sessional Paper 746/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of Ontario Securities Commission By-law No. 2, effective January 18, 1998

Sessional Paper 747/2005

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

Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan website article entitled "Regional Physician Requirements as on Thursday, November 3, 2005"

Sessional Paper 748/2005

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

Letter dated October 30, 2005, from Murray Dickerson of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting assistance with his appeal to the Government to obtain provincial disaster funds

Sessional Paper 749/2005

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

Statistics Canada research paper, undated, entitled "The Impact of Tuition Fees on University Access: Evidence From a Large-scale Price Deregulation in Professional Programs"

Sessional Paper 750/2005

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

Letter dated June 18, 2001, from John R. Davies, P.Eng., M.B.A., Secretary and Treasurer, Industrial Association of Southern Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, regarding Enron's power purchase arrangement strategy and the competitive market

Sessional Paper 751/2005

E-mail message dated September 11, 2001, from Joseph Segatto to Robert Hemstock regarding the statutory authority of a Minister or Cabinet to modify the Sundance power purchase arrangement

Sessional Paper 752/2005

Series of e-mail messages dated October 2001 from Robert Hemstock to Joseph Segatto regarding amendments to Alberta Regulation 175/2000
Sessional Paper 753/2005

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

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Let's Make it Loud and Clear" regarding the replacement of outpatient residences with a private hotel at the University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 754/2005

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

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Nita Stein of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's recent contract with Aon Consulting

Sessional Paper 755/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated November 22, 2005, from Charles M. Clement, President, Alberta Division, Canadian Council of the Blind, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, expressing concern that Braille is being taught by teacher aids rather than certified Braille teachers

Sessional Paper 756/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Copy of a fax, undated, from Sylvia Scarfe of Edmonton to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the length of time it took for approval to receive Alberta Seniors Benefits

Sessional Paper 757/2005

Fax dated November 24, 2005, from Mark Busch of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, with attached letter dated November 24, 2005, from Mark Busch to Pam Whitnack, Chinook Regional Health Authority, expressing opposition to the reclassification of patients from long-term care to assisted living, also with attached Lethbridge Herald article dated September 30, 2005, entitled "Extending care may close in two years"

Sessional Paper 758/2005

Letter dated September 21, 2005, from Glen Simington and 144 other residents of a seniors lodge in Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding their increased rent costs and lack of funds for purchasing necessities

Sessional Paper 759/2005

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

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Shirley Bray, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the management directive for the Rumsey Natural Area and requesting that no new industrial activity be allowed in Alberta's protected areas

Sessional Paper 760/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8:

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, 2003 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 761/2005

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 762/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 763/2005

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

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 764/2005

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 765/2005

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Review 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 766/2005

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 Government for not providing sufficient time to debate billions of dollars in unbudgeted Government spending, thereby undermining the democratic process and the integrity of public finances.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

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 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
Bill 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Lund
Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle
Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Brown
Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:21 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved the Bill be amended

- (a) in section 8(1) by striking out “, appointed or holding office”;
- (b) in section 16(3) by striking out “appointed or” after “until their successors in office have been”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 47, Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from ten minutes to two minutes.

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

For the amendment: 27

Abbott	Fritz	Oberg
Amery	Haley	Oberle
Blakeman	Hancock	Pastoor
Brown	Hinman	Rogers
Calahasen	Johnston	Stelmach
Chase	Liepert	Stevens
DeLong	Lindsay	Swann
Doerksen	Melchin	Taylor
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 10

Danyluk	Knight	Ouellette
Goudreau	Lund	Strang
Griffiths	Magnus	Webber
Johnson		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Ms Haley, 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 47 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on November 24, 2005) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 767/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 768/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 769/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 770/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 771/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:48 p.m. until Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the Foothills Country Hospice Society on achieving its fund raising goal to build a non-profit hospice near Okotoks.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement congratulating the Caritas Health Group on its 13th year of providing daily hot lunches for school children in the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation school lunch program.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the benefits of the Alberta SuperNet and the Learn Alberta website, an interactive learning resource for students.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement congratulating Alberta teachers Jean-François Bélanger, King George Elementary School, Linda-Rae Carson, Harry Ainlay High School, and Loretta Stabler and Patti Thorn, both of Millarville Community School, on recently being awarded the Governor General's Award for Teaching Canadian History.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Kevin Robins of Leduc on winning the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's Dedicated Chief Administrative Officer Award at its annual conference recently held in Calgary.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement congratulating Linda-Rae Carson, a teacher at Harry Ainlay High School on recently being awarded the Governor General's Award for Teaching Canadian History.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 229 Albertans urging the Government to either reinstate 25 continuing care beds or build a new 25 bed continuing care facility in Hinton.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 318 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 217 Election (Electoral Reform) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Taylor

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR18, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on April 18, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Innovation and Science.

Sessional Paper 772/2005

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR), Programs and Financial Highlights, April 1, 2004-March 31, 2005 and Triennial Highlights 2002-2005, with attached AHFMR 2006 calendar

Sessional Paper 773/2005

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

iCORE (Informatics Circle of Research Excellence) Year In Review, 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 774/2005

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

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko on April 18, 2005:

What measures has the Government taken to ensure that reforestation timelines are being met by timber harvesting companies?

Sessional Paper 775/2005

Response to Written Question WQ28, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko on May 2, 2005:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 776/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

4 letters dated November 30, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, to Alberta teachers Jean-François Bélanger, King George Elementary School, Linda-Rae Carson, Harry Ainlay High School, and Loretta Stabler and Patti Thorn, both of Millarville Community School, congratulating them on being awarded the Governor General's Award for Teaching Canadian History
Sessional Paper 777/2005

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Alberta Research Council, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 778/2005

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

FP (Financial Post) Infomart website article, undated, entitled "Alta. government denies labour relations board had input into legislation" prepared by the Edmonton Sun
Sessional Paper 779/2005

2 e-mail messages, dated March 2003 between Les Wallace, Eleanor Richardson, Bruce Baugh, Tim Thompson, Paul Workman, and Tim Hurlburt, regarding an outline for a proposed Labour Relations Code Amendment Act
Sessional Paper 780/2005

Canada NewsWire news release dated November 30, 2005, entitled "LRB (Alberta Labour Relations Board) 'Biased and Compromised' says AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour)" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour
Sessional Paper 781/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, entitled "Schedule A, Walton Leveraged Bundle Investment Scenario" prepared by Walton International Group Incorporated
Sessional Paper 782/2005

Application for Separation or Consolidation of Title(s) dated January 22, 2003, and Alberta Registries Land Title Certificate, both registered by the Alberta Attorney General Land Titles Office, and Affidavit of Transferee signed by Roderick J. McLeod
Sessional Paper 783/2005

Information sheet entitled "Frequently Asked Questions for Purchasers of Undivided Interests"
Sessional Paper 784/2005

Letter dated February 24, 2004, from Phil Archer, President, The Land Development Company, to Bill Doherty, Walton International Group Incorporated, regarding comments allegedly made by Mr. Doherty concerning Mr. Archer's reputation

Sessional Paper 785/2005

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

Document providing biographical information of executives at Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 786/2005

Alberta Corporate Registration System search dated July 4, 2005, concerning Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 787/2005

Copies of forms entitled "Political Party Annual Financial Statements" completed for the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta for the years 1995-1996 and 1998-2002, and copies of forms entitled "Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statements" completed for Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, and Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, for the period October 25, 2004 to January 24, 2005, and for Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, for the period February 12 to May 12, 2001

Sessional Paper 788/2005

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

Document dated April 17, 2002, entitled "Alberta Securities Commission Staff Notice, Sale of Undivided Interests in Land" prepared by David C. Linder, Executive Director, Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 789/2005

Reasons for Decision of the Alberta Securities Commission dated March 26, 2002, in the matter of the Securities Act and The Land Development Company Incorporated and Phil Archer

Sessional Paper 790/2005

Alberta Securities Commission Notice of Hearing dated May 3, 2001, in the matter of the Securities Act and The Land Development Company Incorporated and Phil Archer

Sessional Paper 791/2005

Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) news release dated March 28, 2002, entitled "Securities can include Interests in Land, Says ASC"

Sessional Paper 792/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 29, 2005, from Maxine Girard of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the amount of social assistance she is eligible to receive and requesting an increase in that amount

Sessional Paper 793/2005

Letter dated July 9, 2002, from Donald M. Boykiw, Bennett Jones LLP, to Bill Doherty, President, Walton International Group Incorporated, informing Mr. Doherty of the results of the Alberta Securities Commission's review of certain business practices by Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 794/2005

Invitation by Walton International Group Incorporated to a presentation at the Calgary Petroleum Club on November 4, 2002

Sessional Paper 795/2005

Letter dated February 24, 2004, from Phil Archer, President, The Land Development Company Incorporated, to the Alberta Securities Commission, concerning certain Walton International Group Incorporated business practices

Sessional Paper 796/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Copy of a petition signed by 4,435 Albertans urging the Government to stop the Alberta Métis Interim Harvesting Agreement

Sessional Paper 797/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

3 recent letters from Michelle Draper, Peter Williams, and Colleen Kullman, all from Lethbridge, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding the wages they earn working with adults with developmental disabilities and requesting an increase in those wages

Sessional Paper 798/2005

Progressive Contractors Association of Canada website article concerning a golf tournament held on June 6, 2005, and Alberta Labour Relations Board Decision dated June 7, 2005, in the matter of the Labour Relations Code and Finning International Incorporated, Finning (Canada) Division of Finning International Incorporated, and O.E.M. Remanufacturing Company Limited, and International Association of Machinists and Allied Workers, Local Lodge No. 99

Sessional Paper 799/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated November 22, 2005, from His Worship Paul Chalifoux, Mayor, City of St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, concerning provincial education property taxes

Sessional Paper 800/2005

Letter dated February 11, 2003, from Mark Asbell, Chair, Alberta Labour Relations Board, to Shelley Ewart-Johnson, Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Employment, commenting on draft six of a Government proposal to reform Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 801/2005

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

Alberta Health and Wellness website chart dated November 29, 2005, entitled "Cataract Surgery Wait Times"

Sessional Paper 802/2005

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

Letter dated November 21, 2005, from Vivian Pharis, Alberta Wilderness Association Board of Directors, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a moratorium on further development in the Kakwa-Narraway watersheds until full assessments and integrated planning are completed, with attached document dated November 21, 2005, entitled "Condition Critical - Caribou in the Kakwa" prepared by the Alberta Wilderness Association

Sessional Paper 803/2005

Invitation and ticket order form to meet Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Hon. Mr. McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, at The National Club in Toronto, Ontario on September 27, 2005, issued by Jeff Angel, Co-chair, True Grits Fundraising Event and President, GCI Canada

Sessional Paper 804/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Response to Written Question WQ42, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase on November 21, 2005:

How does the Government calculate that there is a shortage of truck drivers in Alberta?

Sessional Paper 805/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ30, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on behalf of Dr. Taft on May 2, 2005:

As of March 31, 2005, what is the total dollar amount spent by the Department of Municipal Affairs on the *provincial inspection* into Calgary's Ward 10 election process following the October 2004 municipal election?

Sessional Paper 806/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR19, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

Copies of any documents from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2002-2003 referring to the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services from municipalities on April 1, 2005.

Sessional Paper 807/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR25, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on April 25, 2005:

The salaries of contracted employees and/or consultants employed by the Ministry and Department of Energy during the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by amount and position title.

Sessional Paper 808/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 809/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 810/2005

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in 1911, 94 years ago today, the Third Session of the Second Legislature began. It was the first time a Legislature convened in this Chamber.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle
- Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle
- Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Dr. Brown
- Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:18 p.m. until Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding family violence and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada on December 6, 2005.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the International Day of Disabled Persons, December 3, 2005, and the Awards of Excellence to be presented by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2005, in Edmonton and Calgary.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the inaugural Alberta Centennial Salute for Sport and Recreation Awards to be presented at the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum on December 8, 2005.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Brian Fjeldheim, recently retired Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding World AIDS Day, December 1, 2005.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Raymond Comets football team on winning the tier one provincial championship.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, presented the Pages with a Christmas gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1919, by Order in Council, Peace River was incorporated as a town. It is home to Henry Fuller Davis, also known as Twelve-Foot Davis. Twelve-Foot Davis had a 12-foot land claim in British Columbia during the Caribou Country gold rush. He was able to mine almost \$30,000 in gold from his land which he used to establish a trading post near Peace River where there is a monument to Twelve-Foot Davis.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 595 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 570 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, December 5, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Memorandum dated June 17, 1998, from William E. Code to James T. Eamon regarding an interview with Stan Swerhun, former Manager of Investigations, Alberta Securities Commission, concerning an investigation of Larry Ryckman
Sessional Paper 811/2005

State of Arizona Court of Appeals document, undated and unsigned, regarding the Alberta Securities Commission versus Lawrence G. Ryckman and Elaine Ryckman

Sessional Paper 812/2005

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated December 1, 2005, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting that funding for an elementary school meal program be included in the 2006-2007 budget

Sessional Paper 813/2005

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

Copy of a petition signed by 59 Calgary residents requesting the Government of Alberta collaborate with the Federal Government on a land claim settlement for the Lubicon and Cree of Alberta

Sessional Paper 814/2005

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Lorraine Flodberg of Calgary to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding seniors' incomes and requesting that seniors be exempt from paying provincial education taxes

Sessional Paper 815/2005

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

Document, undated and unsigned, from Terry Cruikshank of Edmonton requesting the Government pay the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 816/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

13 recent letters from Alberta teachers to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 817/2005

Copy of a fax, undated, from Sylvia Scarfe of Edmonton to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the length of time it took for approval to receive Alberta Seniors Benefits

Sessional Paper 818/2005

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

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Connie Kaldor, James Keelaghan, Mike Robinson, John Russell, and Ian Tyson to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, requesting the Government establish the Andy Russell - I'tai sah kòp Park in memory of Andy and Kay Russell

Sessional Paper 819/2005

Letter dated November 25, 2005, from Paul Stevenson, Public Policy Committee Chair, Lethbridge Family Services, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the wages of employees working in the rehabilitation of persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 820/2005

Non-Smokers' Rights Association website article dated January 27, 2003, entitled "Tobacco industry front groups in Canada"

Sessional Paper 821/2005

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

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Beth Perog of Grande Prairie to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the cost of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 822/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

McLennan Ross LLP web page profile of Damon S. Bailey, a law firm partner

Sessional Paper 823/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring and Government Efficiency:

Response to Written Question WQ33, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on November 21, 2005:

What measures has the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency taken to improve the information technology security awareness of Government employees as recommended in the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report?

Sessional Paper 824/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR14, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

A breakdown of the Minister of Municipal Affairs' expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

Sessional Paper 825/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR15, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Sessional Paper 826/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Sessional Paper 827/2005

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 there was no projected Government business to report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 26th 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.

Royal Assent

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

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

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

- 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005
- 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005
- 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005
- 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act
- 46 Criminal Notoriety Act
- 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act
- 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005
- 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005
- 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005
- 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2)
- 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005
- 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005
- Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act

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

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

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to by the Assembly on December 1, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

NORMAN L. KWONG
Lieutenant Governor.

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

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with
the advice and consent of Our Executive Council
of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the First
Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of
Alberta:

Ken E. Tjosvold,
Acting Deputy Minister of Justice
and
Acting Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 21, 2006, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the Second Session of the Twenty-sixth
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, 2006, at
the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at
Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear,
for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and
conclude upon those things which, in the
Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the
Common Council of Our said Province, may, by
the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

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

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE NORMAN L. KWONG, Lieutenant Governor of
Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 17th
day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Six and in the Fifty-fourth Year
of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

DAVID HANCOCK
for Provincial Secretary.