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Wednesday, February 22, 2006

This being the first Day of the Second Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, Lieutenant Governor, dated the seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand six;

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

[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:

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 21, 2006, the said Legislature; and

Ken E. Tjosvold,
Acting Deputy Minister of Justice
and
Acting 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 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
on behalf of Provincial Secretary.

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

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker introduced Captain Manuel Panchana of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, one of six Canadian soldiers recently wounded in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The Royal Canadian Artillery Band then played a brief musical interlude.

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

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne.

Speech From the Throne

Fellow Albertans, welcome to the Second Session of the 26th Alberta Legislature.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Legislature and 100 years of democracy in Alberta. As we celebrate this great occasion, may we all take a moment to reflect on the tremendous contributions of those who came before us, and the great privilege we have been given as servants of this wonderful province and its people. It is therefore an honour to deliver the Speech from the Throne as it is an honour to serve as this province's Lieutenant Governor.

During the past year I had the opportunity to travel throughout this wonderful province and meet thousands of warm, caring, hard-working people. I joined Albertans in welcoming Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on a Royal visit, and I attended countless events where communities were celebrated and great Albertans were honoured.

It was truly a special year for me and for all Albertans as we celebrated the province's centennial. The year was filled with special events, large and small, legacies created in nearly every community, and birthday celebrations that spread across the entire province. These reflected the tremendous pride Albertans have in this province and their optimism for its future.

That optimism is well-placed. Alberta is beginning its second century from an enviable position. By nearly every economic measure, Alberta leads this country. Last year Alberta's economy grew the fastest of all Canadian provinces. Alberta had the highest population growth, the lowest unemployment rate, the highest average incomes, and the lowest overall taxes in the country.

The year 2005 also marked a very significant milestone for Albertans. It was the first time in decades that Alberta rang in a debt-free new year. This milestone coincided with the arrival of record-high energy revenues for Alberta. While these create opportunities for our province, Albertans know we can't count on them lasting forever. That's why the Government will use this opportunity wisely by setting priorities, creating long-term benefits for Albertans, and keeping an eye firmly on the future.

A Learning Society

Albertans know that building and educating tomorrow's workforce is one of the wisest investments we can make. The creation of a learning society begins with the youngest members of our province. Alberta already has an education system that is respected nationally and internationally with a strong curriculum, excellent teachers, and committed parents and students. This year Government will work to further strengthen our education system and ensure that all of our students can take full advantage of the world-class education opportunities available to them.

A series of round-tables with youth from across the province will be held to help us better understand why students leave school early. A high school completion symposium, which will include teens, parents, business leaders, and educators, will help us develop a provincial strategy to increase high school completion rates.

The Government took many steps to strengthen the post-secondary system during the province's centennial year. Over 7,000 new learning opportunities including apprenticeships have been created, a new endowment fund and new scholarship programs were established, and several capital projects were begun. This year the Government will again cover the cost of tuition increases at public post-secondary institutions and will develop a new tuition policy.

We will also introduce measures that reflect all the expenses students face, including accommodation, textbooks, fees, and tuition to ensure that cost isn't a barrier to students getting an education.

Alberta will take immediate steps to address labour shortages that threaten economic growth. It will increase education in areas of skill shortages by increasing grant support for specific programs. This includes partnering with Aboriginal groups and industry on new training projects for Aboriginal people. The Government will develop a new strategy to increase awareness of Alberta as a destination of choice for skilled immigrants, and it will expand immigrant settlement services and language training and make it easier for foreign-trained professionals to work in Alberta.

Alberta will also plan for the future by developing a strategy to address skills shortages and enhance education levels in Alberta. People with advanced skills, creativity, and education will keep Alberta's economy strong.

A Prosperous Society

A strong economy sustains a high quality of life both now and for the future. The Government will work to build a prosperous society by staying true to the fiscal principles that have served this province so well: balanced budgets, no debt, and low taxes. It will remain a leader in Canada for government accountability and transparency, with regular communication with and reporting to Albertans. This year the Government will review its fiscal framework to ensure that it positions Alberta well for the future.

The Government recognizes that the prosperity that comes from high resource revenues belongs to all Albertans, including future Albertans. That's why Alberta's plan for using budget surpluses includes increasing our savings. Later this month the Government will make a substantial \$1 billion investment in the Heritage Fund. Further investment in the Heritage Fund will be announced in Budget 2006. These investments will ensure that some of today's prosperity is saved for future generations.

A portion of the surplus will also be dedicated to addressing our infrastructure needs. This is an area where Government has demonstrated a strong commitment. In recent years Alberta has dedicated billions of dollars to meet the infrastructure needs of the growing economy, a level of support unmatched anywhere else in the country.

In 2006 construction in the province will go on at the fastest rate ever in Alberta's history. Work will begin or continue on about 60 new schools or major school modernizations, 47 major post-secondary capital projects, and 21 major health capital projects. The Government will also invest in improving highways throughout the province. Major sections of the Edmonton and Calgary ring roads will open in the next two years, and twinning will begin this year on Highway 63 south from Fort McMurray. Altogether we expect to pave 1,000 kilometres of provincial highways in 2006.

The Government will create a northern development strategy in which northerners map out their own future. This will ensure that sustainable economic development in this region is supported with infrastructure and human services.

In addition to improving the province's infrastructure, Alberta will work to improve the regulatory environment. This year the Government will embark on a comprehensive regulatory review to identify and remove unneeded red tape between Albertans and their Government. This will help maintain a competitive edge for business and improve access to services for Albertans.

This year the Government will take steps to ensure that forestry, agriculture, and energy, three pillars of the province's economy, are strong and sustainable into the future.

This Government understands the challenges facing the forest industry. This is the province's third-largest sector, worth nearly \$13 billion to Alberta's economy. On January 1 Government updated the province's stumpage system to make it more competitive. We continue to work with industry partners to build a common understanding of their cost and competitiveness issues and to resolve the softwood lumber trade dispute. The Government is also working to add value to this renewable resource sector through its continuing \$1.8 million commitment to harness innovation as well as ongoing support to the Alberta Forestry Research Institute.

In the agriculture sector, after several difficult years, Alberta's farmers and ranchers are beginning to see new opportunities and revitalization. However, challenges still remain in parts of the agriculture industry, including the grains sector, which faces skyrocketing input costs and low market prices. Alberta will stand alongside its agricultural producers who face the future with the competitive spirit that built this industry and this province. It will continue to support producers by providing responsive, timely, and straightforward tools to manage risk and add value to all agricultural commodities.

One area of particular promise is the biofuels industry which offers the potential of sustainable growth and a new market for a primary commodity. At the same time, we will work toward helping the agrifood industry by continuing to press for a substantial agreement with the World Trade Organization that will reduce trade-distorting domestic subsidies and increase access to foreign markets.

This Government has and will continue to focus its efforts on rural development to help rural communities become more prosperous and vibrant. Government has already taken many steps to support the rural development strategy, including increasing municipal policing grants, creating the rural affordable housing program, improving rural health facilities, and increasing support to agriculture service boards.

Budget 2006 will allocate new funding to provide stable, long-term support to local rural development projects. This will promote economic development, improve access to health care and learning, enhance environmental protection, and create more opportunities for youth in rural areas.

Alberta will also work with the energy industry to map a new frontier for the resource sector. Conventional crude oil and natural gas are still important to Alberta's economy but the future belongs to nonconventional energy sources such as the oil sands and natural gas in coal, and to value-added products created by refining, processing, and upgrading.

One resource whose enormous potential must be better utilized in Alberta is coal. We wouldn't conceive of burning a barrel of crude oil for heat, not when we know it can be upgraded to make fuels, plastics, and a range of other consumer products, yet that is what is being done today with Alberta's coal, a fuel more abundant than all the province's other hydrocarbons put together. Alberta has coal reserves to last upwards of 1,000 years and they contain some of the cleanest burning coal in the world. We now know that we can produce from coal many of the things we produce from natural gas and oil.

Coal has the potential to provide plentiful, affordable electricity without the harmful emissions that were once associated with older coal combustion technologies. Coal can help meet long-term demand for feedstock for value-added energy products. The natural gas found within Alberta's coal seams also holds great promise to meet growing demand for natural gas.

The Alberta Energy Research Institute is the lead agency in developing an energy innovation strategy and has identified clean coal as a high priority. This year the Government will work with the institute and other partners to explore ways to demonstrate the use of Alberta's coal in creating a number of value-added products, including petrochemical feedstocks. This will expand Alberta's already considerable energy advantage and make Alberta a clean energy leader in the world.

Managing natural resources wisely, including minimizing the environmental impacts of resource development is a job this Government takes seriously.

A Clean Environment

Albertans are blessed with beautiful landscapes that change from prairies to foothills to mountains and from rivers to forests to rangeland. The land, which has given Albertans all that they have, must continue to be the source of life and prosperity for future generations. This principle is at the heart of the land-use framework the Government is developing. It recognizes that the land supports many uses: resource development, recreation and tourism, agriculture and forestry, and residential. The framework is a multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder effort to create a single mechanism for coordinated planning and decision-making. This year Albertans will be consulted on their values and goals for the land through a series of workshops across the province and a provincial forum.

Another key focus of Government in this area is the continuing implementation of the Water for Life Strategy. In 2006 the Government will develop an inventory of groundwater in the province and it will make a significant investment in regional drinking water and waste-water systems to ensure safe, sustainable, quality water supplies for all rural communities.

To address broader, long-term environmental issues, the Government will hold an environmental youth summit. The summit will bring Alberta youth together to share concerns and ideas to enhance environmental protection in the province.

A Healthy Society

A clean environment is vital to a healthy society. So, too, is improving our health system, one of the Government's top priorities this Session. This Session the Government will take steps to improve access, sustainability, choice, innovation, and efficiency in Alberta's health care system.

Government will work in collaboration with Regional Health Authorities and stakeholders to improve wait times for medical services. Health care providers and administrators have demonstrated that they can come together to deliver innovative solutions that improve access to services. The Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project is one such example. It decreased wait time for first orthopaedic consultations from 35 weeks to six weeks, and wait time between consultation and surgery from 47 weeks to less than five weeks. In 2006 this approach will be extended to other health areas such as breast cancer care, coronary artery bypass surgery, MRIs and CT scans, and prostate cancer care.

Government will continue to improve the quality of services Albertans receive by expanding the primary care network. In this model, a team of health professionals provides patient-centred support, advice, and care. This year 17 to 19 new primary care networks will begin operation.

This Session we will set out clear principles to guide the health system, principles that reflect Albertans' values. They will provide a framework for a comprehensive public health care system that fulfills Government's commitment to provide high-quality health services to all Albertans and creates greater flexibility and choice. Albertans can be assured that a person's access to needed health care services will never be determined by their ability to pay.

Another key element of the Government's health agenda this year is a major offensive in the fight against cancer. Alberta will become a leading centre for cancer expertise in North America. Cancer is a leading cause of death in Alberta. It will strike almost half of all Alberta men, and two in five Alberta women during their lifetimes. Over 81,000 Albertans are living with cancer today. By 2025 that number will increase to over 200,000 if we do not take action now.

Research indicates that half of all cancers are preventable. Alberta's goals are to reduce the incidence of cancer by 35 percent by 2025, reduce the mortality from cancer by 50 percent by 2025, and ensure that Albertans diagnosed with cancer do not suffer. This will be achieved by making a significant, long-term, strategic investment in prevention, early screening, and research to make Alberta a leader in the fight against cancer and set the stage for a cancer-free future.

Bill 1, the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act, will establish funding that the Alberta Cancer Board will use to move forward aggressively on cancer prevention, screening, and research initiatives.

A Safe and Caring Society

Albertans want to feel safe and cared for in their communities. This Government will take action to ensure that Alberta's communities are strengthened. The Government will establish a world-class system for managing risks and responding to emergencies, including environmental disasters, to ensure that Albertans are protected. We will work with municipal partners to support municipal sustainability.

Last year saw the largest single-year increase in rural and organized crime policing in Alberta in 20 years. This year Government will hire more Crown prosecutors and courtroom staff and appoint more judges to ensure that those who are charged with crimes are tried promptly.

The newly established Crystal Meth Task Force will build on the work of law enforcement officials and organizations such as AADAC to help reduce the supply and lessen demand for this dangerous drug.

We will improve our practices to ensure the privacy and security of all personal information held by Government.

This Government will take steps to ensure that Alberta's most vulnerable citizens are respected and cared for with dignity.

New legislation will be introduced to help protect children who are exposed to the harmful effects of drug manufacturing and trafficking in their homes. It will be the first legislation in Canada to specifically define a drug-endangered child and make it clear that such a child is the victim of abuse.

The Government of Alberta remains committed to curbing family violence. We will strengthen legislation to protect people from family violence by broadening the definition of family violence to include stalking, widening the scope of who is protected under the Act, and clarifying the conditions for granting emergency protection orders. We will also launch a multi-disciplinary team of police officers, legal advisers, and other experts who will respond quickly and effectively to high-risk family violence and stalking cases. The team will assess threats and reduce risks with the goal of preventing serious injury and death.

We will increase financial assistance through Alberta Works to people who cannot work either due to multiple barriers or medical conditions that keep them from being able to find or keep employment.

New standards will be implemented to promote excellence and restore the confidence of seniors and their families in the province's lodges, supportive living, and long-term care facilities.

Alberta remains committed to providing a superior quality of life that is inclusive, active, and culturally vibrant. This year detailed planning will begin on the renewed Royal Alberta Museum that will truly capture the Alberta story. The Alberta story will also be told abroad as Alberta becomes the first part of Canada to be featured in the Smithsonian Institution's Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.

The Alberta story, more than a hundred years in the making, is still unfolding. It's the story of how hard work, faith, and determination built a province. It's the story of the Aboriginal people who first knew this land, the pioneers who took a gamble on a long shot on the western prairie, and the modern day explorers who continue to break new ground in so many fields. It's the story of how caring people, committed volunteers, and community leaders created a place that is truly the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family.

A new chapter of the Alberta story is beginning with the start of the province's second century. No doubt it will bring its share of struggles and challenges, and Albertans will meet them as they have always done, with courage and creativity. Together we will build a future that fulfills all the promise of Alberta's first 100 years.

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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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 "Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy 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 1/2006

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration on Thursday, February 23, 2006.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it 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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select 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	

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Sessional Paper 2/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until Thursday, February 23, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in 2006 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. For the duration of the Second Session of the 26th Legislature, at this point in the agenda, I will be providing to you, on a daily basis, a historical vignette in commemoration of this anniversary. These vignettes may provide historical data, quotations, or remarks made by a variety of Members, and brief descriptions about them.

Alberta's first election was held on November 9, 1905, and our 26th election was held on November 22, 2004. Throughout our 100-year history of democracy in Alberta, a total of only 769 different Members have been elected in the 26 elections. In terms of service, 286 Members served one term, 187 Members served two terms, 140 Members served three terms, 78 Members served four terms, 40 Members served five terms, 19 Members served six terms, eight Members served seven terms, six Members served eight terms, four Members served nine terms, and one Member served 10 terms. The average length of service in this Assembly has been 2.4 terms.

In terms of the longest serving MLAs in the history of the Province of Alberta, the longest serving Member was Gordon E. Taylor, who served the Ninth to the 18th Legislatures. He was elected for the first time in 1940 for the original constituency of Drumheller and he served for 38 years and 10 months.

The second longest serving Member was elected in the 1935 provincial election. Alfred J. Hooke, representing the constituency of Red Deer, served from the Eighth to the 16th Legislatures and served for 35 years and one month.

Ernest C. Manning was the third longest serving Member. Elected in the 1935 election out of the City of Calgary, he served from the Eighth to the 16th Legislatures and served for 33 years and three months.

Floyd M. Baker, elected in 1935 representing the constituency of Clover Bar, served from the Eighth to the 15th Legislatures for a total of 31 years and seven months.

In 1971 Peter Trynchy was elected in the constituency of Whitecourt and served from the 17th to the 24th Legislature. He served for 29 years and five months.

Those are the five longest serving Members in the history of the Province of Alberta.

The sixth longest serving Member was William Tomy. Elected in 1935 in the constituency of Whitford, he served from the Eighth to the 11th Legislatures and then from the 14th to the 16th, for a total of 28 years and 11 months.

The next longest serving Member, elected in 1963, was Ray Speaker, who served from the 15th to the 22nd Legislatures in the constituency of Little Bow for 28 years and six months.

R.E. Ainsley was elected in 1935 and served from the Eighth to the 14th Legislatures in the constituency of Leduc for 27 years and eight months.

In 1935 Peter Dawson was elected in the constituency of Little Bow and served from the Eighth to the 14th Legislatures for 27 years and 7 months. He also served for 26 years as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in the Province of Alberta.

The current MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, who was elected in 1979, has now served 26 years and four months for the constituencies of Barrhead and others.

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the 2006 Alberta Winter Games to be held in Edson, Hinton, Jasper, and Yellowhead County from February 23-26, 2006.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement congratulating The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, on his January 23, 2006, federal election victory and his reforms to the Supreme Court of Canada nomination process.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the history of medicare in Alberta.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the need for financial support from the Government for Alberta athletes.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the need for a provincial child care program.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the public health care system.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition signed by 238 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, February 27, 2006:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, 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 public importance, namely the ongoing reduction in funding and supports provided to individuals and families through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Board.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege and contempt pursuant to Standing Order 15 regarding the Premier's release of the 2006 Speech from the Throne to members of the media and the Leader of the Official Opposition prior to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal on behalf of Mr. Shariff
- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

- Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Amery on behalf of Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

- Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d) to allow for First Reading consideration of the following Bill:

- Bill 201 Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d) to allow for First Reading consideration of the following Bill:

- Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Friends of Medicare website article entitled “Will you be covered? For-profit health insurance for your family?”

Sessional Paper 3/2006

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

Report dated November 1, 2005, entitled "The Demand for Private Health Insurance in Alberta in the Presence of a Public Alternative" prepared by Herb Emery and Kevin Gerrits, Department of Economics, University of Calgary
Sessional Paper 4/2006

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

Alberta Association for Community Living newsletter, undated, entitled "Call to Action Update, Plans for Funding Cuts to Individuals and Their Families Actively Continues"

Sessional Paper 5/2006

4 letters, 2 recent and 2 undated, from Vahini Govender, Lorraine Reno, Mary Markowski, and Kathleen Chalmers to Whom it May Concern all expressing concern regarding the decrease in funding to programs supported by Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Sessional Paper 6/2006

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

Alberta Registries Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated April 15, 1998

Sessional Paper 7/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report, undated, entitled "Our Plan for Public Health Care, Creating a Healthy Future" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 8/2006

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

E-mail message dated February 23, 2006, from "Shannon" to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, including the text of an e-mail message dated January 27, 2006, from "Shannon" to Steven Fletcher, Member of Parliament, Senior Health Critic, expressing concern that the privatization of health care in Alberta may violate the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 9/2006

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. MSC 10/05 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 15)

Sessional Paper 10/2006

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 11/05 Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 16)

Sessional Paper 11/2006

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 12/05 Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 12)

Sessional Paper 12/2006

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 13/05 Transportation Amendment Order (No. 8)

Sessional Paper 13/2006

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

Legislative Assembly Office, 2004 Annual Report and 2004 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 14/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Response to Written Question WQ34, asked for by Mr. Bonko on November 21, 2005:

What development management plans does the Government currently have for protecting species at risk such as the grizzly bear and the peregrine falcon?

Sessional Paper 15/2006

Response to Written Question WQ37, asked for by Mr. Bonko on November 21, 2005:

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?

Sessional Paper 16/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ38, asked for by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft on November 21, 2005:

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?

Sessional Paper 17/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR44, asked for by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft on November 21, 2005:

A breakdown of the distribution of funds from the provincial \$74 million disaster recovery program announced on July 27, 2004.

Sessional Paper 18/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR46, asked for by Ms Pastoor on November 21, 2005:

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.

Sessional Paper 19/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR36, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on May 2, 2005:

Details and costs of the construction upgrades at the Canmore Nordic Centre for the calendar year 2004 and to March 21, 2005.

Sessional Paper 20/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 27 to March 2, 2006:

Monday, February 27	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 1 of 10)
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, February 28	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Supplementary Estimates Message
		Government Motions
		Motion 4, 5
		Government Bills and Orders
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 2 of 10)
		And as per the Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 2 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 1	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Estimates (Day 1 of 2) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Estimates (Day 2 of 2) Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 3 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 2	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 4 of 10) Second Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper

Point of Privilege

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, indicated he did not wish to proceed with his motion under Standing Order 15.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the ongoing reduction in funding and supports provided to individuals and families through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Board.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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, Hon. Mr. Stelmach speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Speaker adjourned Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, February 27, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 27, 2006

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement congratulating Team Canada, particularly the Alberta athletes on their success at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in the 1909 provincial election 82 candidates were nominated in Alberta's 41 constituencies. For the one and only time in the history of the Province of Alberta a representative of the Socialist Party was elected. The constituency was Rocky Mountain and the new MLA was Charles M.W. O'Brien, who was elected with 555 votes.

The Speaker quoted former Member Charles M.W. O'Brien: "I am proud to be the first political representative in this House, the embodiment of a new order of things. I am here to voice the interests of the slaves of society" (*Source: Edmonton Capitol, March 2, 1910*)

Mr. O'Brien was defeated in the 1913 election, moved to the United States and became a founding member of the American Communist Party.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement congratulating Alberta athletes representing Canada on their successes at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing February 2006 as Black History Month.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing February 26 to March 4, 2006, as Freedom to Read Week.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement congratulating Jennifer Heil of Spruce Grove, gold medallist in the women's freestyle skiing moguls event at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Aboriginal apprenticeships in Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding labour legislation in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2005, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report, Q3 Fiscal Update
Sessional Paper 21/2006

Budget 2005, 2005-06 Quarterly Budget Report, Q3 Activity Report
Sessional Paper 22/2006

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2005-06 Third Quarter Update for the nine months ended December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 23/2006

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

Greenpeace website article, undated, entitled “Myths and facts of ‘clean coal’ technologies”

Sessional Paper 24/2006

David Suzuki Foundation website article, undated, entitled “The problem with coal”

Sessional Paper 25/2006

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

News release dated February 27, 2006, entitled “Got Good Ideas? The Tories Aren’t Interested, Bulk-purchasing of pharmaceuticals could save hundreds of millions a year, Mason says” prepared by the Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition

Sessional Paper 26/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Excerpt from the Department of Gaming, 2005-06 Supplementary Supply Estimates, regarding lottery funded programs

Sessional Paper 27/2006

Letter dated December 19, 2005, from John Zyp of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, describing personal experiences he had with the Alberta health care system

Sessional Paper 28/2006

E-mail message dated February 13, 2006, from Dennis Loughlin of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern that he was offered the option to pay a fee to shorten the waiting period to receive physical therapy treatments

Sessional Paper 29/2006

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

Letter dated February 13, 2006, from Helen and Henry Vermeulen to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 30/2006

Report dated November 28, 2005, entitled “Role and Mandate Refinements for Alberta Electric Industry Implementing Agencies” prepared by Alberta Energy, and letter dated January 13, 2006, from R.D. Heggie, Executive Manager, Utilities Branch, EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board), to Kellan Fluckiger, Executive Director, Electricity Branch, Alberta Energy, commenting on the report

Sessional Paper 31/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR35, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on May 2, 2005:

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.

Sessional Paper 32/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ9.

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

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

Bill 201 Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Backs:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an electric high-speed rail system by 2012 with a route that would include Edmonton city centre, Edmonton International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Calgary city centre.

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: 8

Agnihotri	Eggen	Pastoor
Backs	Mather	Swann
Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Against the motion: 31

Abbott	Groeneveld	Ouellette
Amery	Hinman	Renner
Brown	Johnson	Rodney
Calahasen	Johnston	Rogers
Cenaiko	Knight	Stelmach
Danyluk	Liepert	Stevens
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Strang
Dunford	Lund	VanderBurg
Fritz	Magnus	Webber
Goudreau	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Griffiths		

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

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m. until Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted former Member John Robert Boyle: "It is not only a privilege but a bounded duty on every Member of the House to vote according to his honest convictions and judgment, and there is nothing in our rules or constitution that I ever heard of that prevents Members from doing so." (*Source: Edmonton Bulletin, March 3, 1922*)

The Speaker commented that John Robert Boyle was born in Sykeston, Ontario, in 1871 and died in Ottawa in 1936. A barrister and Edmonton alderman, he was elected to the First Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1905 in the Sturgeon constituency as a Liberal. In 1909 he was elected by acclamation and was re-elected in 1913 and 1917. Mr. Boyle served as Deputy Speaker from 1906 to 1909, as Minister of Education from 1912 to 1918, and as Attorney General from 1918 to 1921.

In the 1921 general election Mr. Boyle ran in two constituencies. He was defeated in Sturgeon but elected as one of five Members in Edmonton's multi-Member riding. Mr. Boyle was recognized as Leader of the Opposition from 1922 to 1924, then resigned to accept a judicial appointment in the trial division of the Supreme Court of Alberta. Notably, the Village of Boyle is named after him.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Victoria Holmes of Devon, the first Canadian woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean, along with her companion Paul Gleeson of Ireland.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Government's school utilization formula.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, made a statement regarding Gerald Côté of Edmonton, co-owner of Dance Central and his successful career as a professional dancer.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Hungária Gala Ball, sponsored by the Hungarian Veterans' Association, held in Calgary on February 25, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the environmental, health, and social effects of coal-bed methane drilling.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 83 Albertans urging the Government to immediately provide funding enabling municipalities and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) to hire 500 additional community police officers.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 48 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

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, 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 public importance, namely the failure of the Government to implement or enforce controls on companies engaging in coal-bed methane exploration, which poses an immediate and pressing risk to the health, safety, and livelihoods of Albertans.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Toronto Star website article dated December 19, 2005, entitled "Public solutions to wait lists"

Sessional Paper 33/2006

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

Open letter dated February 20, 2006, to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, Provincial Premiers, and Leaders of the Federal Opposition Parties requesting they honour recent federal-provincial child care agreements

Sessional Paper 34/2006

Report dated January 2006 entitled "The Choice in Child Care Allowance: What You See is Not What You Get" prepared by the Caledon Institute of Social Policy
Sessional Paper 35/2006

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

Letter dated August 4, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 14, 2005, concerning the proposed Montana-Alberta Tie Line Project

Sessional Paper 36/2006

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

Letter dated February 15, 2006, from Maureen L. Towns, Director, Legislative Services Branch, FOIP Coordinator, Alberta Education, to Paul Way, Alberta Liberal Caucus, denying Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Request #2006-G-0001

Sessional Paper 37/2006

Report dated February 2006 entitled "How to improve Alberta's high school completion rates - Insights from Alberta's school trustees" prepared by the Alberta School Boards Association

Sessional Paper 38/2006

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

Report dated March 1996 entitled "Migration of Methane Into Groundwater From Leaking Production Wells Near Lloydminster" prepared by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Sessional Paper 39/2006

2 reports dated December 21, 2005, and 2 gas analyses dated September 20, 2005, prepared by Norwest Labs

Sessional Paper 40/2006

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

Letter dated February 24, 2006, from Anita Moore, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding changes to the proposed national child care program

Sessional Paper 41/2006

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

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2004/2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 42/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ40, asked for by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on November 21, 2005:

What is the total cost associated with administering the provincial achievement exams over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 43/2006

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the failure of the Government to implement or enforce controls on companies engaging in coal-bed methane exploration, which poses an immediate and pressing risk to the health, safety, and livelihoods of Albertans.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

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 (the Members standing).

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, then tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 44/2006

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. 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 (No. 2) for the General Revenue 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. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — 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 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — 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 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — 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 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — 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 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

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

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, made a statement regarding a ceremony held today at the Legislature Building honouring Roman Sokolowski, Barbara McLean, Karen Leung, and Jacqueline Quittenbaum, the first recipients of the Lois Hole Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, commented on the statement.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, 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 quoted former Member Solon Earl Low: ". . . the most important responsibility we have [is to] the individual citizen of this country. He it is who should be considered, he is the man whose rights should be the fount and source of all things we do." (*Source: House of Commons Debates, 20th Parliament, 2nd Session, May 13, 1946*)

The Speaker commented that Solon Earl Low was born in Cardston in 1900. A farmer, teacher, and school principal, Mr. Low was elected the Social Credit Member for the constituency of Warner in 1935. In the March 21, 1940 election he was defeated in Warner. Member-elect George Woytkiw then resigned his seat in Vegreville, and in a by-election held on June 20, 1940, Mr. Low was elected by acclamation. He returned to the constituency of Warner in 1944 and was re-elected. In 1945 he resigned and was elected to the Canadian House of Commons representing Peace River, which he did from 1945 to 1958. He served as Alberta's Provincial Treasurer, as Minister Without Portfolio, as Education Minister, and he sponsored the Bill establishing Alberta Treasury Branches. He was the Leader of the federal Social Credit Party from 1944 to 1961. In 1961 he was appointed a Family and Juvenile Court Judge in Lethbridge. Mr. Low died on December 22, 1962.

Members' Statements

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the Be Smart Be Safe national injury prevention program.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing March 2006 as Fraud Awareness Month.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding Shannon Kleibrink, Amy Nixon, Glenys Bakker, Christine Keshen, and Sandra Jenkins, bronze medalists in the women's curling event at the Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the proposed national child care program.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 25th anniversary Viking Cup International Hockey Tournament held in Camrose from December 26, 2005 to January 2, 2006.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Frank Atkinson of Edmonton and his efforts as a community volunteer.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 22, 2006, from Brock Skywalker to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 45/2006

Book published in 2004 entitled "Prescription for Excellence, How innovation is saving Canada's health care system" written by Michael Rachlis, MD.

Sessional Paper 46/2006

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

Conference notes, undated, from a bid clarification meeting between CNRL (Canadian Natural Resources Limited), Fluor Canada Limited, and HQCEC (China Huanqiu Contracting and Engineering Corporation)

Sessional Paper 47/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative 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.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

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

Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,000,000,000
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Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$30,000,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$31,850,000
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Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Health and Wellness, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Sessional Paper 48/2006

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 5:26 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 58(1) and Government Motion 5 agreed to on February 28, 2006, at 10:02 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) 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 (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

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

Community Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$30,200,000
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Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$11,000,000
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Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$141,183,000
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Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$6,100,000
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Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$39,900,000
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Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,720,000
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Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$39,850,000

Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$4,982,000

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$15,700,000

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

Sessional Paper 49/2006

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 10:08 p.m. until Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2, 2006

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 Canadian police officers and military personnel killed while serving their country.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, made a statement regarding the one-year anniversary of the four Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers killed in the line of duty in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2005.

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

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, 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 quoted former Member Adolph Fimrite: “. . . Northern Alberta is the new frontier - the land of tomorrow. I am glad that I had the wonderful privilege and experience to see the virgin lands and forests, streams and parklands, before we commenced to push the frontiers back. The pioneers were young men and women with a spirit of adventure and the will to conquer the new land, and with a hope to build a future for themselves and their families . . . Their needs were simple, their lives were full, their contributions great.” (*Source: Throne Speech Debate, March 8, 1968*)

The Speaker commented that Adolph Fimrite was born on February 15, 1913, in Kingman, Alberta. He was the owner of Fimrite's department store in Wanham, Alberta. Mr. Fimrite served as a Social Credit Member for the constituencies of Spirit River and Spirit River-Fairview from 1952 to 1971. He was appointed Deputy Chair of the Northern Alberta Development Council on April 23, 1963, and oversaw the creation and the building of the Alberta Resources Railway as well as the Highway 34 bridge and the Highway 2 suspension bridge. He was appointed Minister Without Portfolio in 1966.

Mr. Fimrite is one of several MLAs in Alberta's history who received more votes in each of four successive elections, as he did in 1952, 1955, 1959, and 1963. His vote count went down in 1967 and he was defeated in the election of 1971. Mr. Fimrite died on July 18, 1990, in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the unveiling of a medallion and statue in Red Deer in recognition of the four fallen Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers from Mayerthorpe, sponsored by the owners and tenants of the Bower Mall.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding events marking the one-year anniversary of the four fallen Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers from Mayerthorpe, sponsored by the Mayerthorpe Fallen Four Memorial Society.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the five people honoured at the Mountain of Heroes Gala held in Calgary on March 1, 2006.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Government's actions to increase Alberta's skill and labour force.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the municipal franchise tax on natural gas and electricity in Alberta.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding government efficiency.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, March 6, 2006:

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 18 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 204 Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act — Rev. Abbott

Bill 205 Continuing Care Standards Act — Ms Pastoor

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 2, 2006, from Alice Williamson of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Hon. Mr. Klein's actions in the Legislature on March 1, 2006, and to the privatization of health care
Sessional Paper 50/2006

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

News release dated February 28, 2006, entitled "Government's Third Way a Love Letter to For-profit Health Care Says AFL" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 51/2006

News release dated February 28, 2006, entitled "Government's Third Way plan undermines public system" prepared by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta"

Sessional Paper 52/2006

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

Excerpt of a Public Interest Alberta website article dated February 8, 2006,
entitled "Alberta must defend improvements to childcare system"

Sessional Paper 53/2006

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 March 6 to 9, 2006:

Monday, March 6	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 19 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 5 of 10) And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 7	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Interim Supply Message Government Motions Motion 8, 9 Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 6 of 10) Second Reading Bill 9, 10 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Day 6 of 10) Committee of the Whole Bill 19

			Second Reading
			Bill 14, 16, 17
			And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 8	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Interim Supply (Day 1 of 2)
			And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Interim Supply (Day 2 of 2)
			Third Reading
			Bill 19
			And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 9	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Second Reading
			Bill 11, 12, 13, 15
			Committee of the Whole
			As per the Order Paper
			And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Mr. Tougas 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 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 —
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 5:18 p.m. until Monday, March 6, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted former Member James Robert Lowery: “The greatness of Canada will not depend upon the number of her people, upon the quality of No. 1 Hard Wheat, or the fine Shorthorn cattle she raises - her greatness in the future will consist in the character of her people.” (*Source: Edmonton Journal March 5, 1918*)

The Speaker commented that James Robert Lowery was born in Campbellford, Ontario, in 1884. He studied at Queen's University and at the University of Alberta, and he was among the first to have received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from this new university in the Province of Alberta. He was elected in 1913 in the Alexandra constituency as a Conservative and served until 1921. As a sitting Member serving in the armed forces during the 1917 Alberta general election, he was among 12 others who were automatically returned by acclamation. Mr. Lowery also served overseas in the First World War as Major, First Canadian Mounted Regiment. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917. Mr. Lowery died December 12, 1956.

Members' Statements

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing March 6-10, 2006, as National Social Work Week.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal Opposition health care plan.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Great Kids Awards ceremony held on March 5, 2006, at the Fantasyland Hotel.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the 600 Albertans involved as cast and crew in the filming of the movie Brokeback Mountain.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding education achievement testing in Alberta schools.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-sixth Legislature, Second Session, dated March 1, 2006

Sessional Paper 54/2006

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-sixth Legislature, First Session, March 2005 - December 2005

Sessional Paper 55/2006

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, presented a petition signed by over 4,500 Grande Prairie and area residents urging the Government to build a sky walk across the Highway 43 bypass in Grande Prairie.

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Elaine Hyshka of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms and requesting that any reforms comply with the provisions of the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 56/2006

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated March 1, 2006, from David Finch of Calgary to Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, and the second dated March 6, 2006, from Reny Miklos of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 57/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Craig Colvin of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 58/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Lauren C. Brown, B.Sc., M.Sc., A.C.P.R., Research Associate, Institute of Health Economics, University of Alberta, expressing concern that the Government's proposed health care reforms will have an adverse effect on the public health care system

Sessional Paper 59/2006

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

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government's proposed health care reforms be subject to significant consultation with Albertans at public hearings to be conducted by a Legislature committee comprised of Members of the Legislative Assembly from all parties represented in the Legislature

Sessional Paper 60/2006

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) website news release dated February 19, 2006, entitled "Health care 'reforms' in Throne Speech need clarity, time for debate, AUPE president says"

Sessional Paper 61/2006

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) website news release dated March 4, 2006, entitled "AUPE President asks: What's the hurry? Alberta needs more time for public consultation on health care changes"

Sessional Paper 62/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Frank Jenkins to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the privatization of health care in Alberta and urging the Government to recruit more doctors and nurses for the public system

Sessional Paper 63/2006

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

Information package regarding the Horizon Oil Sands Project
Sessional Paper 64/2006

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

Report and appendices entitled "Your City, Your Voice" dated February 2006
prepared by the Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Dialogue
Sessional Paper 65/2006

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, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 66/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR27, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on May 2, 2005:

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.*

Sessional Paper 67/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

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.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine)
Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

A debate followed.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 202, Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine)
Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a
Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Prins
on behalf of Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Stelmach 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 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate patronage appointments and increase openness and accountability of Government institutions and agencies by establishing new principles and procedures for recruiting, training, and evaluating boards of directors as outlined by Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2004-2005.

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: 8

Blakeman	Hinman	Pannu
Elsalhy	MacDonald	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Against the motion: 29

Abbott	Johnston	Rodney
Ady	Knight	Rogers
Amery	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Brown	Lund	Stelmach
Calahasen	Magnus	Stevens
Cenaiko	Melchin	Strang
Doerksen	Oberg	VanderBurg
Goudreau	Oberle	Webber
Griffiths	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Jablonski	Prins	

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

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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.

During consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, tabled a document referred to during debate on Motion Other Than Government Motion 502:

Edmonton Sun article dated February 2, 2006, entitled "Gomery likes Alberta Policy: Similar Process Recommended for Feds"

Sessional Paper 68/2006

Debate continued on the motion.

Rev. Abbott moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in 1916, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba granted women the right to vote in provincial elections. On June 17, 1917, in that particular provincial election, Louise McKinney won the election as an Independent in the contested constituency of Claresholm. In August 1917 under the province at large category, Roberta McAdams was elected as a non-partisan MLA from this province at large designation for soldiers and nurses.

Louise McKinney was the first woman elected to a Legislature in the British Empire. She earned this designation as Roberta McAdams was not elected until August 1917, although both were sworn into the Alberta Legislative Assembly on the same day. These two women were the first women elected to any Parliament in the British Empire.

Mrs. McKinney ran under the United Farmers of Alberta banner in 1921 and failed to be re-elected. A number of newspaper articles of the day credited her defeat to her opposition to the use of alcohol and the use of tobacco. In 1925 she was the only woman to sign the Basis of Union, which created the United Church of Canada. In 1928 she was one of five women who petitioned Ottawa for a ruling on the question of women being qualified to sit in the Canadian Senate. She died in Claresholm on July 10, 1931.

On February 8, 1918, Roberta McAdams became the first woman in the British Empire to introduce a piece of legislation, An Act to Incorporate the War Veterans' Next-of-Kin Association. She did not seek re-election in 1921, moved to the Peace River area with her husband and then to Calgary where she lived until her death on December 16, 1959.

Members' Statements

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing March 6-10, 2006, as National Social Work Week.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Alberta Youth Advisory Panel and its work with the Children's Services Youth Secretariat.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing March 6-12, 2006, as Pharmacist Awareness Week.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding the Natural Luge World Cup held in the Grande Prairie area from February 28 to March 4, 2006, and the 2006 Ford World Women's Curling Championship to be held in Grande Prairie from March 18-26, 2006.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the federal-provincial child care agreement.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 43 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)

Notice having been given:

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

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated February 22, 2006, from Karen Ockerman to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the Government's approach to seniors' health, the environment, and private health care

Sessional Paper 69/2006

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Advocate article dated February 16, 2006, entitled "Enmax CEO says initial introduction of power deregulation a disaster"

Sessional Paper 70/2006

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

Excerpt of a draft document, undated, regarding Albertans' resource revenue share and benefits for review by a Standing Policy Committee

Sessional Paper 71/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Leslie Hall of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 72/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Janette Pole to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to private health care and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 73/2006

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Martha Dobbin to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to private health care and the lack of debate on the issue by Government Members in the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 74/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Reny Miklos of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter Mr. Miklos sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 75/2006

Letter dated March 4, 2006, from Roseline Bouchie of Benalto to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care and doctors being allowed to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 76/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Paul Armstrong, Director, Alberta Coalition of Concerned Citizens, to Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems and suggesting the Government accredit more doctors from other countries

Sessional Paper 77/2006

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

Letter dated November 7, 2005, from D.W. Irons to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's contract with Aon Consulting

Sessional Paper 78/2006

Pamphlet dated November 8, 2005, entitled "Is the Third Way a good idea? How might it affect you?" prepared by the Seniors' Action and Liaison Team (SALT)

Sessional Paper 79/2006

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

Article, undated, entitled "A Greener Alberta, Green Fund: Transit Initiatives and Toxic Cleanup" prepared by the Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition

Sessional Paper 80/2006

Article, undated, entitled "Time to rethink royalties" prepared by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder

Sessional Paper 81/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, providing preliminary observations concerning the Alberta Liberal Opposition report entitled "Creating a Healthy Future"

Sessional Paper 82/2006

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 (the Members standing).

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

2006-07 Interim Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 83/2006

Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2006-07 Interim Supply Estimates and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

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 2006-07 Interim Supply Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Shariff

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. McClellan

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2006, as International Women's Day.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 in the election of 1921, Irene Parlby was elected as a United Farmers of Alberta Member in the constituency of Lacombe. She was to be re-elected in the elections of 1926 and 1930 and served until 1935. In 1921 Irene Parlby was appointed Minister Without Portfolio and served in that capacity until 1935. She was the first woman to be appointed to an Alberta Cabinet position.

It was not until 1973 that the first woman Cabinet Minister was appointed with a full portfolio. Helen Hunley was elected as a Progressive Conservative in 1971 in the constituency of Rocky Mountain House in 1973 and was appointed Solicitor General. She won re-election in 1975 and served until 1979.

Irene Parlby was to play a leading role in the Persons Case. Helen Hunley was appointed Alberta's 12th Lieutenant Governor in 1985, the first woman appointed to that position in Alberta, and served until 1991. Irene Parlby died on July 12, 1965; Helen Hunley is semi-retired and lives in Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement recognizing March 8-14, 2006, as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the heroic efforts of Audrey Hochhausen, Amanda Garneau, Susan Yacyna, and Karen Bibaud who came to the aid of an ailing person during an event at St. Benedict Elementary School in Leduc on February 24, 2006.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, made a statement regarding Amanda Ammar of Onoway, who represented Canada in cross country skiing at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, February 10-26, 2006.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the importance of well-supported child care programs in Alberta.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Alberta's youth networks.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the importance of public consultation in health care reforms.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately establish a committee for the purpose of holding public hearings in all regions of the province on the Government's "Health Policy Framework" (February 2006) and, further, that the committee should:

- a) include committee members from each of the parties represented in the Legislature,
- b) have the authority to hold public meetings and establish other parameters for an open and transparent public hearing process,
- c) report on its findings at the Fall 2006 Session of the Legislative Assembly, and, further, that no legislation implementing the Government's so-called "Third Way" in health reform is introduced to the Legislative Assembly until the committee's work is completed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 84/2006

Letter dated February 22, 2006, from Jim Sexsmith of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding a lack of low-income housing for seniors and veterans

Sessional Paper 85/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

7 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 86/2006

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

7 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 87/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 8, 2006, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inviting Hon. Mr. Klein to participate in a televised all-party debate concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 88/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Marc Brisbane of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of comments made by Mr. Brisbane to the Alberta Health and Wellness website concerning the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 89/2006

E-mail message dated March 5, 2006, from Denis Arrowchaser to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 90/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, during Oral Question Period on March 6, 2006

Sessional Paper 91/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 92/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 93/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Protection of Persons in Care Report dated February 28, 2006, concerning Jean M. Warden, prepared by Alberta Seniors and Community Supports with attached response dated March 8, 2006, from Robert Warden

Sessional Paper 94/2006

Letter dated February 21, 2006, from Gail Davis, CEO, Alberta Association of Rehabilitation Centres (AARC) and Bill Winship, Vice President, AARC, and Chair, AARC Social Action Committee, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the method used to fund disability services and requesting the opportunity to work with the Government to resolve these funding issues

Sessional Paper 95/2006

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

The Daily news release dated March 7, 2006, entitled "Women in Canada" prepared by Statistics Canada

Sessional Paper 96/2006

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately establish a committee for the purpose of holding public hearings in all regions of the province on the Government's "Health Policy Framework" (February 2006) and, further, that the committee should:

- a) include committee members from each of the parties represented in the Legislature,
- b) have the authority to hold public meetings and establish other parameters for an open and transparent public hearing process,
- c) report on its findings at the Fall 2006 Session of the Legislative Assembly, and, further, that no legislation implementing the Government's so-called "Third Way" in health reform is introduced to the Legislative Assembly until the committee's work is completed.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Interim Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2006-07 Interim Supply 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, 2007, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$344,700,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$17,400,000

Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$832,400,000
Capital Investment	\$207,800,000

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Health and Wellness, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the approved Interim Supply Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

Sessional Paper 97/2006

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., it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Interim Supply Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2006-07 Interim Supply 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, 2007, 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	\$600,000
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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	\$9,200,000
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Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$177,100,000
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Children's Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$224,500,000
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Community Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$93,600,000
Capital Investment	\$2,800,000

Economic Development

Expense	\$17,200,000
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Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$637,400,000
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Energy

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$74,600,000
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Environment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$23,700,000
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Executive Council

Expense	\$4,300,000
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Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$21,600,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$11,000,000

Gaming

Expense	\$38,400,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$328,200,000

Government Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$18,300,000
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Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,291,700,000
Capital Investment	\$5,400,000

Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$137,100,000
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Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$36,100,000
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International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,800,000
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Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$81,600,000
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Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$34,300,000
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Restructuring and Government Efficiency

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$63,900,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$488,300,000
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Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$110,100,000
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Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$43,800,000
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Capital Investment	\$5,600,000
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Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the approved Interim Supply Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

Sessional Paper 98/2006

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 19 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that since the 1979 election, the election period in Alberta has been 28 days. Fourteen days after the issue of the writ have been nomination days, and 14 days after nomination day has been polling day. This has not always been the case.

The shortest election period, 23 to 27 days, was in effect for the elections of 1909, 1913, 1917, and 1921. For elections held between 1924 and 1955 the election period was between 30 and 40 days. For elections starting in 1959 and ending in 1975, the election period was between 39 and 49 days. For these latter elections: 1959, 1963, 1967, 1971, and 1975, nomination day was 25 to 35 days after the date of the writ and polling day was 14 days after nomination day. Currently it is 28 days.

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Great Kids Awards ceremony held on March 5, 2006, and Colin David Price, recipient of a Great Kids Award.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Initiative.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding Giselle Kutrowski, recipient of the Women's Opportunity Award, and Elyse Merriman, recipient of the Violet Richardson Award, presented in Red Deer on March 8, 2006, by Soroptimist International of Central Alberta.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding a presentation on water treatment technology to the Town of Drayton Valley by four scientists from the Mofet B'Yehuda Technology and Business Incubator Research Centre in Israel.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Enron activities in Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding lost royalty revenues.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 150 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

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, March 13, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ2.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

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

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

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Election (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Dr. Taft

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund (Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering), 04/05 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 99/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated February 28, 2006, entitled “Alberta’s New Health Policy Framework Questions and Answers”

Sessional Paper 100/2006

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

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 101/2006

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

Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition news release dated March 9, 2006, entitled “Mazankowski Report Dead Wrong on Health Projections”

Sessional Paper 102/2006

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

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 103/2006

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

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 104/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 9, 2006, from Heather Gordon to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the health care system and the lack of public consultation on the subject

Sessional Paper 105/2006

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 106/2006

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

Daily Herald-Tribune website article dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Third Way is no way: MD, VP of medical services is "frightened" by potential changes"

Sessional Paper 107/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 108/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 109/2006

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

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 110/2006

Letter dated February 15, 2006, from James Sexsmith to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding hospital parking lot fees

Sessional Paper 111/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Evelyn Abbott to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to private health care insurance

Sessional Paper 112/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Dianne Harke, Dave Hanyes, and Nicolas Haynes to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the health care system and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 113/2006

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 114/2006

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 2005

Sessional Paper 115/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 13 to 16, 2006:

Monday, March 13	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, 2, 22 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 14	Aft.	- Government Motions Motion 11 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 18, 20, 21 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 1, 2, 3, 9, 17, 22 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 15	Aft.	- Alberta Legislative Assembly 100th Anniversary Commemorative Celebrations Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 1, 2, 3, 9, 17, 22 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- No evening sitting
Thursday, March 16	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second/Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper

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

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

Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk

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

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

Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Hon. Mr. Stelmach 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 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong

Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until Monday, March 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that from Tony Blair to Winston Churchill to Benjamin Disraeli to Lord Palmerston, parliamentarians of the British House of Commons have always had a need to sit while in committee and in the Commons. The chair to my left is an original chair from Westminster. The chair design, done by Augustus Welby Pugin, dates from about 1845 and has remained unaltered to this day. If this chair could talk, it could tell us about all wars the British people have been in since Crimea, the creation of the British Empire, and developments in the United Kingdom and the world over the past 161 years. This chair will soon be returned to the British House of Commons.

To my right is an identical copy of the original Westminster chair. As an Alberta Legislative Assembly centennial project, three dozen Westminster chairs were expertly built by skilled and dedicated craftsmen of the province's Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation. These new chairs are intended to last well over 100 years. Individually numbered, the Chairs will be placed in the three lobbies of this parliament. They will serve as a visible and practical reminder of our valued connection with the Mother of Parliaments at the Palace of Westminster.

I would like to thank the Minister and the outstanding craftsmen for their support of this project.

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 10-26, 2006.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held March 10-26, 2006, and the sash worn by les coureurs des bois (runners of the woods).

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement regarding a post-secondary education common application system being developed by the Department of Advanced Education.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement congratulating Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, on winning a Soroptimist International of the Americas Making a Difference for Women award.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding recent meetings held in the Lac La Biche-St. Paul constituency concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement outlining ideas to decrease taxes in Alberta.

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of several Members elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 12, 2001.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 116/2006

8 recent e-mail messages and 1 presentation from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the potential closure of Jerry Potts Elementary School and the English program at Varsity Acres Elementary School based on the requirements of Alberta Infrastructure's school space utilization formula

Sessional Paper 117/2006

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

Letter dated February 16, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated February 2, 2006, requesting information concerning the manner in which Canadian Income Stabilization program overpayments are collected

Sessional Paper 118/2006

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

2 letters, the first dated February 28, 2006, from Tammy Stromberg of Edmonton and the second dated March 7, 2006, from Laura Chutny of St. Albert, both to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 119/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 120/2006

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

Petition signed by 52 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding to allow Alberta Works income support benefit levels to be increased

Sessional Paper 121/2006

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 122/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 123/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 124/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Nella Callihoo to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Nella Callihoo to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 125/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Ted Bishop of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requesting detailed information concerning the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 126/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from Hugh Critchley of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 127/2006

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 128/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Emily Brodeur to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to expand private health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 129/2006

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 130/2006

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

Martha's Monthly article dated March 2006, untitled, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 131/2006

Guardian Newspapers Limited website article dated March 10, 2006, entitled "NHS (National Health Service) forced to fix bungled private sector hip replacement operations" written by Sarah Boseley, Health Editor

Sessional Paper 132/2006

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Heather Mackay, MSW., RSW., Edmonton Pro-choice Coalition, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the intent of Bill 204, Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act

Sessional Paper 133/2006

Letter dated March 13, 2006, from Stacey Ursulescu, Communications Coordinator, Canadian Youth for Choice, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the intent of Bill 204, Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act

Sessional Paper 134/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 135/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 136/2006

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

The Council of Commonwealth Societies news release dated March 13, 2006, from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II entitled "Health and Vitality, The Commonwealth Challenge, A message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth"

Sessional Paper 137/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ2. Moved by Dr. Miller:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the use of Provincial Protection Officers for traffic safety enforcement on primary highways under the direction of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were conducted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security prior to the implementation of the pilot project?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13.

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.

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)

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 201, Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006, Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, moved that when the Committee rises and reports, it recommends to the Assembly that consideration of Bill 201, Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006, be deferred until April 3, 2006, or until the first day for consideration of Private Members' business after that date.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 201 Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Liepert

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled a copy of a resolution agreed to by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly

Sessional Paper 138/2006

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act — Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Parental Consent to Medical Treatment for Minors Act, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:
Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Danyluk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, municipal governments, and community organizations to develop mechanisms to formally consult the youth of Alberta on issues that affect their future.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 9)

Moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Webber:

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky 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.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, on March 15, 2006, welcome to the floor of the House a former Member, Mr. Ray Speaker, to address this Assembly to mark the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the convening of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 15, 1906.

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 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

Mr. Strang 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 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted former Member Roy Alexander Farran: "We of the commonwealth of nations are justifiably proud of the system we've inherited: a symbolic head of state in the Crown which continues on forever and is not subject to the whims of parties in power of elected parliaments, appointed judges who then become unassailable by the politicians, courts of appeal, civic rights, and a vast body of law." (*Source: Alberta Hansard, 18th Legislature, 2nd Session, March 8, 1976*)

The Speaker commented that Roy Alexander Farran was born January 2, 1921, in England and spent his youth in India. A Major in the British Army, he retired in 1948. He is probably the most decorated man to have served in the Alberta Legislature. Military honours bestowed upon Mr. Farran include the Croix d'Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, the British Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross, the French Croix de Guerre, the U.S. Legion of Merit, the Italian Gold Medal, and the Greek War Medal.

Mr. Farran arrived in Alberta post-World War II, already an accomplished fiction and nonfiction writer. He arrived here to work with the Calgary Herald and established the North Hill News as owner and publisher. He was an Alderman for the City of Calgary from 1961 to 1971. He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1971 for Calgary-North Hill as a Progressive Conservative and was re-elected in 1975. Mr. Farran was Minister of Telephones and Utilities from 1973 to 1975 and Solicitor General from 1975 to 1979. He is the author of seven books, including the classic "Winged Dagger: Adventures on Special Service" published by Collins in London in 1948. Roy Farran is retired and currently lives in Calgary, Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the grand opening of the new Acme Community Centre following its destruction by fire in 2004.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Red Deer College Kings men's volleyball team on winning their seventh consecutive national championship.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing March 13, 2006, as Commonwealth Day.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement regarding Charley Thomas, Geoff Walker, Rollie Robinson, and Kyle Reynolds, provincial and national junior curling champions from the Grande Prairie Curling Club who are representing Canada at the World Junior Curling Championship in South Korea.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta Pandas women's hockey team on winning their fifth Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championship on March 12, 2006.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for a Government commitment to high-quality, non-profit child care.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 177 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 9, 2006, from Donald E. Moreau of St. Albert to Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing opposition to the requirement for seniors to incur the cost of a medical examination in order to obtain a driver's licence
Sessional Paper 139/2006

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

Letter dated March 10, 2006, from Fouad Ammar of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to private health care
Sessional Paper 140/2006

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 141/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 142/2006

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

Letter dated January 23, 2006, from Roger S. Smith, Board Chair, Winspear Foundation, and Martin Garber-Conrad, Chief Executive Officer, Edmonton Community Foundation, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, with attached report entitled "Winspear Emergency Fund Disbursement Report, November to May 2005"

Sessional Paper 143/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 144/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 145/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 146/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from John Hartley to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 147/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Shariff

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Agnihotri, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 149/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:04 p.m. until Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

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

Ceremony - Alberta Legislative Assembly Centennial

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker stated that 100 years ago today at the hour of 3:00 p.m., the 25 Members of the First Legislative Assembly of Alberta came to order in a makeshift Chamber in the Thistle Roller and Ice Rink located only a short distance from this site. They heard the province's first Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable George Hedley Vicars Bulyea, outline the first steps to be taken in the evolution of the fledgling province.

Today we sit in the Chamber of a magnificent Legislature Building where we celebrate the Centennial of our Legislative Assembly and, in doing so, give recognition and our profound thanks to the contributions of the 769 men and women who built and developed this institution beginning in 1905. Their vision, dedication, and sound judgment in serving the interests of Albertans have led us to where we stand today, a province with a high standard of living, productive and healthy citizens, and unparalleled potential for the future.

In celebrating 100 years of democracy in Alberta, we are thankful for the wisdom shown by our forebears in choosing the Westminster model of democratic governance that, despite its occasional foibles and frustrations, has demonstrated its staying power and effectiveness over 700 years of history.

The Speaker then called on His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, to address the Assembly.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor - Address to the Assembly

I am honoured to join you all today in paying tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. This is a proud day for we who are gathered in this Chamber. Indeed, it is a proud day for all Albertans.

Since 1906 the Legislative Assembly and those who served through it have been our most powerful and enduring symbols of democracy. While it is true that democratic ideals thrived in this land long before Alberta was a province, it is the Legislative Assembly and its special partnership of Crown and Assembly Members that gives us the means to govern in a truly democratic fashion. Since 1906 nearly 800 Albertans have responded to the call of public office. They have given their hearts and minds to serve as Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Throughout our history Honourable Members have represented a variety of viewpoints and political affiliations. They have debated issues both great and small. Regardless of which side of the House they sat on or sit in, each has shown the highest degree of personal sacrifice, dedication, and commitment. Each person who has served in this Assembly has an intense desire to leave their communities and this province a better place than they found it.

As Her Majesty the Queen's representative in Alberta I congratulate all of you on 100 years of service to the citizens of Alberta.

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 13, 2006, the Speaker invited former Member of the Legislative Assembly Mr. Ray Speaker to address the Assembly.

Mr. Ray Speaker - Address to the Assembly

I want to say that it is a great opportunity to be able to say thank you for letting us as former Members be part of this ceremony today. Mr. Speaker, you have done a superb job. Thank you. My colleagues in the gallery are having a great time today. We want to thank you for that and they want to thank you for this great time.

Spending nearly 30 years in this place has allowed me a very special friendship with MLAs dating back to 1935, some 70 years. I want to say something about those people. Every one of them was very strong in purpose. They came here because they wanted to represent their constituents, they wanted to do it in a democratic process, and they wanted to make sure that the individual needs of Albertans were well met. I can only say again that our gallery here has a group of people that have made an excellent contribution to this Assembly, the Government, and the democratic process of our province.

A few remarks on the lighter side. My first visit to this Legislature was 42 years ago on February 13 for the opening of the 1964 session of the Legislature. I walked from the hotel with a Member that was elected in 1935. He said, "I will show you what to do and when to do it." So I followed and went along with him. We entered the rotunda, and as I saw this new building and looked up, I said to myself, "Man, there's nothing like this in Little Bow." So then after that we proceeded up the marble steps and turned to the left. Now, that's the only time that I've done that.

The two of us proceeded to a room just outside of this door over here and we walked into this room. It was larger than it is today. It was a bare room and all that was on the wall was a series of coat hooks. My colleague said to me, "That's your hook right over there, hang up your hat and coat." which I did. Then as I turned, he said, "Over on the right here, through that open door, is the urinal. If you have to use it, go ahead." That was my introduction to this Legislature.

1964 was also a special session in that it was the first session to have a sound system. Prior to 1964 the Premier and the Government had difficulty hearing the Opposition. That was for two reasons. It's not quite the same today, I understand. Democracy in Alberta had the habit of electing small oppositions. That was the first reason. The second reason was that at that time, the Members of the Government brought the paper back into the Assembly, a local paper, and they read the paper during Question Period, so you couldn't hear anything.

I had a Scandinavian friend that was part of the Legislature at that time. I said, "That was prior to my time. What was the name of that paper?" He said, "Well, gee whiz, I tink dat was de Edmonton Urinal." Anyway, at that point in our history the Opposition was finally heard. Also, we had Hansard introduced in the same session and you could read what the Opposition had to say to the Government at that point in time.

Well, the 1964 session ended with a volley of paper from the press gallery and that signalled two things. Certainly, first of all, that the session was over, and secondly, that as Members, and you don't go through this practice, we all came out this door. We lined up at the Clerk's Office over here and there was the Clerk's counter. We all lined up and as your turn came to approach the counter, you were given two things. First of all, your annual pay cheque, and it was one cheque, no deductions. Secondly, you were given your annual supplies. Mr. Speaker, as a note I want to say that it wasn't a briefcase with a million dollars in it. It was a cardboard box, and in that cardboard box was the following: one pack of legislative paper, one pack of envelopes, four steel loose-leaf rings, one eraser, and one box of paper clips. Now I tried to understand that, but I understood it better and respected it, this kind of frugality, when I was reminded by some of the Members at that time that in 1935 public servants couldn't be paid by the Government. So it was part of that era.

Well, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Premier, and certainly Members here, things have changed, but I think the constant that we have in this Legislative Assembly is the democratic process that keeps us free and able to speak our minds and give our opinions. If we could look back and witness 100 years of our democratic system that has been in partnership with the private sector of our province, the way to observe it, the most obvious way, is in our success as Alberta. First of all, today, and I just happened to read the third-quarter annual report of the Finance Minister, \$24 billion in the budget, \$7 billion as a surplus, no deficit, no debt. We have a Heritage Savings Trust Fund that is active and viable, specifically in research. We have an infrastructure in this province of roads, of schools, of public buildings, of hospitals, and telecommunications. We have a funded program of health care and social services. Along with that, in our private sector we have a broad diversity, which is most important. We can all agree that that's most exciting, that in 100 years we have moved from a frontier province of homesteaders to a diversity and combination of public and private opportunities that are second to none in this province.

In my recent travels to Ottawa and other places in Canada, I can report to all of you that Alberta is the envy of all Canada. Congratulations. Mr. Premier, you know what I think, it's time that we throw a party.

In our 100 years, former Governments have set the stage for this progress, and with the Members that are former Members that are here, I think historically as to what has happened, that we should recognize that. For example, the Government of Premier Brownlee in 1930 secured for Alberta provincial rights to our public lands and natural resources, and that was a promise made by the Laurier Government in 1905. Premiers Aberhart and Manning in the 1940s legislated a checkerboard system of resource development and a resource reserve program to manage Alberta's provincial oil and gas resources. Premier Strom in the 1970s supported resource development and balanced the first billion dollar surplus budget for the Province of Alberta.

Premier Lougheed in the 1970s and the 1980s in battling constitutional and National Energy Program challenges ensured the protection of Alberta's natural resource ownership, specifically oil and gas, by insisting on the notwithstanding clause being in the Canadian Constitution Act of 1982. Premier Getty took courageous steps to diversify our Alberta economy to protect our public revenue in times of unexpected shifts. Premier Klein, you heard the call of Albertans in the 1990s to eliminate the deficit and the debt. Your Government listened at that time and you are to be congratulated.

That brings me back to today. This Government and this Opposition face a fantastic opportunity at the beginning of the next 100 years. Democracy holds the answer to what unfolds in the Province of Alberta.

With this privilege, on behalf of my colleagues here assembled, I wish you the best on the 100th anniversary of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Following Mr. Speaker's address, the Assembly heard remarks from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to make remarks.

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Britny Martens and Danielle Hilsabeck, recipients of a 2006 Great Kids Award.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, on behalf of Mrs. McClellan, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler (Minister of Finance), made a statement regarding the fundraising efforts of the New Brigden School, a small school containing only 49 students.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding democratic reform.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the University of Calgary Human Performance Laboratory.

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, made a statement regarding 100 years of democracy in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the shortcomings of the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 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.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition signed by 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to call a public inquiry into Enron's role in the development of electricity deregulation in Alberta and their market conduct in the Power Pool of Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

2 letters, the first dated March 6, 2006, from Lorene Gervais of Edmonton and the second dated February 27, 2006, from Bryn Berezanski of Edmonton, both to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 150/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Christel Hyshka to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed reforms to public health care, allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems, and a lack of public consultation on the issue

Sessional Paper 151/2006

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

42 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 152/2006

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

7 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 153/2006

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

Notice of a public health care consultation meeting to be conducted by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on March 22, 2006, at the King's University College

Sessional Paper 154/2006

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

7 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 155/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 156/2006

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

Message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the occasion of the Centenary of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 157/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 4:18 p.m. until Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in keeping with the theme of the anniversary this year, 100 years of democracy in the Province of Alberta, last evening at a special and unique event for former Members and current Members we unveiled a new book titled "100 Years at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta: A Centennial Celebration."

This project began three years ago. We concluded that we would hire an architectural photographer and ask that person to show the building, to take a series of visuals of the building in a way that many of us may have never seen it before. The photographer in question, a gentleman by the name of Jason Statler, accepted the challenge and excelled at the task. Then came the difficult part, the choosing of only about 100 photos from the thousands taken by both the architectural photographer as well as other photographers associated with the Legislative Assembly in the Province of Alberta.

Earlier today I introduced a number of people who worked on the book. They were team leader, Rhonda Sorensen; writing and book design, Wolfgang Maul; colour photographs of the building by the architectural photographer, Jason Statler and Wolfgang Maul as well; and editing and production by Rhonda Sorensen, Philip Massolin, Tracey Sales, and Kathy Hnatiuk. We selected the 100 photographs from over 1,000 digital photos that were taken.

All current and former Members of the Legislative Assembly will receive a copy of this publication. We had 1,000 volumes of the book published for our centennial event. We're in the process of publishing an additional 9,000 so that all Albertans and Canadians can view and appreciate this book. The books will be available within six weeks at our gift shop.

I will also be providing to all Members of the Legislative Assembly sufficient copies so that they may distribute them to all of the libraries in their constituencies if they wish to participate. If the Member chooses not to participate in the delivery of such to the libraries within their constituencies, then, of course, we will arrange for the distribution. We hope to have this process in place by early May of this year.

The books were published in the Province of Alberta and you will see on the back page of the book the whole production team, the team that worked on it. This is the first time in 26 years that we've had a book done on the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta. The people who worked on it, again, I repeat, volunteered evenings, weekends, and holidays because they believed in the project here in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. I'm really proud of them.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Louis Warring and Jan Mitsosz Lisiecki, winners of the "What Democracy Means to Me" essay contest held by the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement congratulating the Speaker and Assembly staff on the Legislative Assembly centennial celebrations held on March 15, 2006.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the proposed Montana-Alberta Tie Line Project.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the role of grandparents.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the March 14, 2006, announcement of the Keephills 3 Electricity Generation Plant, a partnership between TransAlta and EPCOR.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding a special labour code designation granted to CNRL (Canadian Natural Resources Limited) by the Government.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition signed by 20 Edmonton residents urging the Government to establish public auto insurance as proposed in "People Before Profits" from the Alberta Liberal Caucus.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition signed by 1,193 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition signed by 1,175 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

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 20, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

Motions for Returns: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 206 Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act — Ms DeLong

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 158/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement
Sessional Paper 159/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement
Sessional Paper 160/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Gordon Inglis of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care, private health insurance, and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems
Sessional Paper 161/2006

Letter dated March 15, 2006, unsigned, from Martha Dobbin of Edmonton to Whom it May Concern, regarding the differences between health care in the United States and Canada

Sessional Paper 162/2006

Letter dated March 13, 2006, unsigned, from Tonya Malo to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's plans to reform the health care system

Sessional Paper 163/2006

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Papers 164/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 165/2006

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

Report dated March 2006 entitled "Final Report Summary of Proceedings, January 28, 2006 Community Workshop Special Education Review" prepared by Kathryn Burke

Sessional Paper 166/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from Cheryl Senger to Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, expressing concern regarding cuts to daycare subsidies and low wages for daycare workers

Sessional Paper 167/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Ted Woynillowicz to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care, private health insurance, and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 168/2006

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Chris O'Brien of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's plans to reform health care and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 169/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from James Johnson of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the privatization of health care and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 170/2006

E-mail message dated January 31, 2006, from Colleen Mead of Edmonton to the Liberal Communications Branch attaching the text of an e-mail message to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, suggesting the Government examine the health care systems in Britain and Australia before implementing changes in Alberta

Sessional Paper 171/2006

E-mail message dated March 15, 2006, from Virginia Stephen of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 172/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 173/2006

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

Alberta Federation of Labour website article, undated, entitled "The Horizon Project: Showdown Over Labour Rights"

Sessional Paper 174/2006

Letter dated February 26, 2006, from Tammy Winder of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting assistance to determine why her developmentally disabled daughter did not receive proper support to manage her diabetes, with attached letter dated January 23, 2006, from Tammy Winder to Debbie Deak, Special Education Director, Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division

Sessional Paper 175/2006

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

19 recent letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, to Whom it May Concern and to the Calgary Board of Education outlining the difficulties encountered when trying to obtain education for special needs children and requesting additional funding for special needs programs

Sessional Paper 176/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 20 to March 23, 2006:

Monday, March 20	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 12, 13, 14 Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 1, 3 Second Reading Bill 10, 13, 16 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 21	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 10, 17, 18 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 22	Approx. 3:15 p.m.	- Temporary Recess
	Approx. 3:30 p.m.	- Messages Budget Address And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Motions As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 23

Aft. - **Royal Assent**

Government Motions

As per the Order Paper

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 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy 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.

Subamendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 177/2006

Amendment to Bill 1 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Beverly-Clareview on March 14, 2006) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 178/2006

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 179/2006

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of documents tabled by Ms Blakeman during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 1.

Copy of the Tobacco Control Act, cT-14.1, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2001
Sessional Paper 180/2006

ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) advertisement entitled "The place we're most exposed to smoking is indoors"

Sessional Paper 181/2006

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(5), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, March 20, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 20, 2006

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 17th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Ms. Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 20, 1989.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that three major plebiscites, one on electrification and two concerning Daylight Saving Time, were voted on province-wide in conjunction with a provincial general election in 1948, 1967, and 1971.

On August 17, 1948, the plebiscite subject was electrification. 139,991 Albertans, or 50.017% voted yes to, "Are you in favour of the generation and distribution of electricity being continued by the power companies?" 139,840, or 49.973% of the people of Alberta voted yes to the question, "Are you in favour of the generation and distribution of electricity being made a publicly owned utility administered by the Alberta Government Power Commission?"

On May 27, 1967, 236,555, or 48.75% of citizens voted yes to the question, "Do you favour province-wide Daylight Saving Time?" 248,680, or 51.25% voted against the question. The question, "Do you favour province-wide Daylight Saving Time?" was asked again on August 31, 1971. 386,846, or 61.47% of Albertans voted yes and 242,431, or 38.53% voted against.

As a separate vote a province-wide liquor plebiscite was conducted on October 30, 1957, on the question, "Do you approve additional types of outlets for the sale of beer, wine, and spirituous liquors subject to a local vote?" 171,786, or 63.9% voted in favour and 96,961, or 36.1% voted against. The same plebiscite asked the question, "Should mixed drinking be allowed in beer parlours in Edmonton and Calgary and the surrounding areas?" 99,150, or 78.5% voted in favour of mixed drinking while 27,203 or 21.5% voted against.

Since 1971 no province-wide plebiscites have been held in Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Alberta youth forums.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Alberta Association of Community Living and the recently released book "Hear My Voice, Stories told by Albertans with Developmental Disabilities Who Were Once Institutionalized."

Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, made a statement congratulating the City of Calgary on hosting the 2006 ISU (International Skating Union) World All-round Speed Skating Championships, March 18-19, 2006, and the 2006 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, March 20-26, 2006.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement congratulating the Alberta 2005 Centennial History Society who collaborated with 34 authors to produce the book "Alberta Formed-Alberta Transformed," and Charley Thomas, Geoff Walker, Rollie Robinson, and Kyle Reynolds from the Grande Prairie Curling Club on winning the 2006 World Junior Curling Championship in South Korea.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Alberta Division.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the importance of Alberta's public health care system.

Presenting Petitions

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

of Royal Trust Corporation of Canada for the Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006;

of Thomas Wispinski on behalf of the Alberta Catholic Health Corporation for the Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Amendment Act, 2006;

of Edmonton Community Foundation for the Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006;

of Calgary Olympic Development Association for the Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2006.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 3, 2006, unsigned, from John Wodak, M.A., Ph.D. of Sherwood Park to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 182/2006

Acure Health Corporation advertisement providing information concerning medical access insurance

Sessional Paper 183/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 184/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 9, 2006, from Richard Clarke to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 185/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Michele Brown to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 186/2006

E-mail message dated February 2, 2006, from Susan Williams to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the effect the Government's proposed health care reforms will have on poor and disabled Albertans and requesting the Alberta Liberal Opposition not support the reforms

Sessional Paper 187/2006

2 e-mail messages, the first dated February 27, 2006, from Pat Anderson of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and the second dated March 7, 2006, from Pat Anderson of Calgary to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, Jim Prentice, and The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, both concerning the Alberta health care system

Sessional Paper 188/2006

E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Paula Stein of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Paula Stein of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 189/2006

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

Letter dated March 3, 2006, unsigned, from Neil Evans of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a recent incident involving a Legislative Assembly Page

Sessional Paper 190/2006

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans and 1 letter dated March 8, 2006, from the Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative Limited, all to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 191/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 192/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Book entitled "Hear My Voice, Stories told by Albertans with Developmental Disabilities Who Were Once Institutionalized" compiled by the Alberta Association of Community Living

Sessional Paper 193/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 194/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Sterling Rideout of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, attaching the text of an e-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Mr. Rideout to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 195/2006

Series of recent e-mail messages between Reg and Elsie Roberts, Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and the Alberta Connects website, addressing concerns raised by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 196/2006

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 197/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Stuart Palace of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to a recent judicial decision granting bail to four youths charged with manslaughter in the recent death of Stefan Wiliam Conley on an ETS (Edmonton Transit Service) bus

Sessional Paper 198/2006

Letter dated March 1, 2006, from Marlene and Don Schwartz of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 199/2006

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

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Mary and Ed Gamble expressing concern regarding the effect the Government's proposed health care reforms would have on access to health care services

Sessional Paper 200/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 201/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 202/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

What is the total number of physicians who have opted out of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for each of the 2001 to 2005 fiscal years and from April 1, 2005, to February 22, 2006?

WQ3. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Agnihotri:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, how many grants awarded by the Wild Rose Foundation were subsequently investigated due to inadequate assurance that grant funds were used as intended?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total cost incurred by the Government for its response to the Acheson Acclaim sour gas blowout that occurred on December 12, 2004, broken down by department?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and type of program?

WQ9. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many of the patients who had qualified to be put on the list for surgery in the Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project were unable to have their surgery completed at the Health Resource Centre in Calgary due to other health issues that these patients had that could not be treated by this particular private clinic during the fiscal year 2004-2005?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ8. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many physicians have been recruited to work in Alberta municipalities with populations equal to or less than 15,000 residents for the fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and April 1, 2005, to February 23, 2006?

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

What was the percentage increase in the number of physicians working in Alberta municipalities with populations equal to or less than 15,000 residents for the fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and April 1, 2005, to February 23, 2006?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ5. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What is the exact dollar amount paid to each group or individual by the Ministry of Energy pertaining to its latest royalty review?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR14. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, budgetary analyses, submissions, proposals, memos, and other correspondence related to the decision to increase the minimum debt level required for eligibility for the Alberta Student Loan Relief Program from \$5,000 to \$7,140 per annum.

MR16. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Health and Wellness, her staff and/or designate on trips during the 2004-2005 fiscal year including, but not limited to, travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, as well as incidental and miscellaneous expenses.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR5. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, briefing notes, backgrounders, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006, that analyze the injection of CO₂ for storage purposes.

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all studies, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006, that analyze the injection of CO₂ for storage purposes.

MR6. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, briefing notes, backgrounders, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Energy and/or the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006, that analyze the injection of CO₂ for the extraction of oil.

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all studies, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Energy and/or the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006, that analyze the injection of CO₂ for the extraction of oil.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all submissions received by the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Review Committee between May 26, 2005, and February 22, 2006.

- MR2.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all minutes of the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Review Committee meetings from May 26, 2005, to February 22, 2006.
- MR3.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence (including e-mails), contracts, proposals, briefing notes, or memoranda prepared for or by the Government and/or the Calgary Health Region pertaining to the Health Resource Centre or Network Health Inc. between January 1, 2002, and February 22, 2006.
- MR4.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the report of the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Review Committee announced on May 26, 2005.
- MR7.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including legal opinions, briefing notes, backgrounders, or memoranda prepared by or for the Ministry of Health and Wellness from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006, that analyze whether the Government's Third Way initiative violates either existing provincial legislation or the Canada Health Act.
- MR8.** Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the results, data, and analysis of all public opinion polls, focus groups, surveys and questionnaires undertaken by or on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Wellness from January 1, 2004, to February 22, 2006.
- MR9.** Moved by Mr. Eggen:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports, briefing notes, backgrounders, or memoranda regarding grizzly bear populations in Alberta prepared by or for the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development from January 1, 2004, to February 22, 2006.

MR10. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the agenda and minutes of the February 20, 2004, meeting involving the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports and the MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo referenced on page 30 of the October 2005 Report of the Auditor General on Alberta Social Housing Corporation - Land Sales Systems.

MR11. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the memo from the Deputy Minister to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports referenced on page 30 of the October 2005 Report of the Auditor General on Alberta Social Housing Corporation - Land Sales Systems.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Miller:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the final report submitted by the accounting firm KPMG to the Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) auditing ASC employee computer systems.

MR13. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Miller:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund ethical investment policy.

MR15. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, reports, proposals, presentations, and correspondence related to the design, mandate, and implementation of the Campus Alberta Quality Council, including any correspondence between the Ministry of Advanced Education (formerly Learning) and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) or other accreditation organizations.

MR17. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of all cost-benefit analyses for the implementation of private insurance for non-emergency health services.

MR18. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, a list of all groups and individuals representing either specific private health care related companies or any association, group, or organization representing the interests of the private health care industry who have met with the Premier, the Minister of Health and Wellness, the Assistant Deputy Ministers of Health and Wellness, or any Alberta Standing Policy Committee.

MR19. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Miller:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the report completed by Bearing Point Canada regarding employee complaints at the Alberta Securities Commission that allege senior management engaged in favouritism and fostered an oppressive work environment.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR20, MR21, MR22.

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 Continuing Care Standards Act — Ms Pastoor

A debate followed.

Mr. Backs 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 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Acting Speaker's Statement - Motion Other Than Government Motion 505

Honourable Members, before proceeding to the debate on Motion 504, the Chair wants to comment about Motion Other Than Government Motion 505 which, in the ordinary course of events, will be considered by the Assembly on the evening of Monday, April 3, 2006.

The Honourable Member from Calgary-Foothills who is proposing the motion, asked late last week that he be allowed to amend it. The request arrived in the Speaker's Office last Thursday but did not make it in today's Order Paper. Under Standing Order 39.2(2), notice of the amendment must appear on the Order Paper not less than 4 sitting days before the motion is moved. All Members should have the proposed amended Motion 505 on their desks. As the motion will not be debated until 2 weeks from today, the Chair would ask for unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 39.2(2).

The Acting Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39.2(2) to allow for less than 4 sitting days' notice of the amendment to Motion Other Than Government Motion 505.

Although Motions Other Than Government Motions appear only in Monday's Order Paper, the Chair will arrange to have the amended Motion appear in tomorrow's Order Paper.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Rev. Abbott (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *encourage* municipalities to provide minimum standards of fire, rescue, *and recovery* services.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 24, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski

Second Reading

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

- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that from 1906 until an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act came into effect in 1972, the tenures of Leaders of the Official Opposition were based on actual session dates. In other words, one was the Leader of the Official Opposition when the Legislature sat and not when it did not. Between 1906 and 1971 Alberta had 18 different Leaders of the Official Opposition.

Albert J. Robertson, a Conservative representing High River, served from 1906 to 1909. Richard B. Bennett, a Conservative representing Calgary, served in 1910. Edward Michener, an Independent then Conservative representing Red Deer, served from 1910 to 1917. George Hoadley, a Conservative representing Okotoks, served in 1918 and 1919. James Ramsey, a Conservative representing Edmonton East, served in 1920. John R. Boyle, a Liberal representing Edmonton, served from 1922 to 1924. Charles R. Mitchell, a Liberal representing Bow Valley, served in 1925 and 1926. John C. Bowen, a Liberal representing Edmonton, served in 1926. From 1926 to 1940 there was no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition.

In 1941 and 1944 James H. Walker, an Independent from Warner, served as the Leader. Alfred Speakman, an Independent from Red Deer, served in 1942 and James C. Mahaffy, an Independent from Calgary, served in 1943. From 1945 to 1948 J. Percy Page served as an Independent from Edmonton. The Legislative Assembly had no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition from 1949 to 1951.

J. Harper Prowse, an Edmonton Liberal, served from 1952 to 1958 and in 1959 J. W. Grant MacEwan, a Calgary Liberal, served as the Leader. From 1960 to 1963 the Legislative Assembly had no recognized Leader of the Official Opposition.

From 1964 to 1967 Michael Maccagno, a Liberal representing Lac La Biche, served as the Leader. In 1968 Peter Lougheed, a Conservative, representing Calgary West, became the Leader of the Official Opposition and served in that capacity to 1971.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Team Canada's achievements at the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games held in Torino, Italy, from March 10-19, 2006.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2006, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2006, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 55th annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association seminar recently held in Westminster, England.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing March 2006 as Youth Science Month.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's solutions to long-term care issues.

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 20, 2006, and can advise the House that all but one of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Committee has considered the remaining petition and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 89(1)(b) be waived for the petition of the Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006, subject to the petitioner completing the necessary advertising in accordance with the Standing Orders before the Committee hears the petitioner.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 106 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 51 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition signed by 53 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition signed by 92 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — 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 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

List of groups that met with Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, at Health Policy Framework stakeholder meetings held in Bonnyville and St. Paul on March 11, 2006

Sessional Paper 203/2006

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

Letter dated March 11, 2006, from Don Veldhoen of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, stating he does not believe the Government's proposed changes to the health care system will improve it or make it more sustainable

Sessional Paper 204/2006

Letter dated March 20, 2006, from Jean and Merv Rogers of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting detailed information regarding the Government's proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 205/2006

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

23 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 206/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 207/2006

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

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 208/2006

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

4 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 209/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Brenda Knight of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, stating she feels the Government is not acting in the best interests of Albertans regarding its proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 210/2006

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Eileen Carpenter of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing opposition to a two-tiered health care system

Sessional Paper 211/2006

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Ken Baden of Edmonton to Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing opposition to having to pay for medical services and private health insurance

Sessional Paper 212/2006

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

Norway Government Ministry of Finance website article, undated, entitled "Ethical Guidelines for the Government Pension Fund - Global"

Sessional Paper 213/2006

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

Letter dated March 12, 2006, from Marilyn Caskey of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 214/2006

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

Book entitled "100 Years at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta - A Centennial Celebration" by Wolfgang Maul, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 215/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Agnihotri on March 20, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, how many grants awarded by the Wild Rose Foundation were subsequently investigated due to inadequate assurance that grant funds were used as intended?

Sessional Paper 216/2006

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 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Ms Pastoor moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

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

Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

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)

Adjournment

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk

Dr. Brown, 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 10 (Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 217/2006

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 4 Daylight Saving Time Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 5 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 6 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 7 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 8 Trustee Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that as of June 1, 1972, the Legislative Assembly Act addressed the actual tenure of the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Since that time the Leader was the Leader on a full-time basis, unlike the practice which existed from 1906 to 1971.

Former Premier Harry E. Strom, Social Credit representing the constituency of Cypress, served in 1972. In 1973 James D. Henderson, Social Credit representing Wetaskiwin-Leduc, served for a brief period before Robert C. Clark, Social Credit representing Olds-Didsbury, was elected Leader. Mr. Clark served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1973 to 1980. In 1980 Raymond A. Speaker, Social Credit representing Little Bow, became the Leader and served to 1982.

Grant Notley, New Democratic Party representing the constituency of Spirit River-Fairview, served as the Opposition Leader in 1983 and 1984. Following Mr. Notley's untimely death, the current Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, a member of the New Democratic Party representing Edmonton-Norwood assumed the position and served from 1984 to 1993.

Laurence Decore, a Liberal representing Edmonton-Glengarry, served in 1993 and 1994 when D. Grant Mitchell became the new Liberal Leader. Mr. Mitchell served as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1994 to 1998. From July 7, 1998, to March 12, 2001, Nancy J. MacBeth, a Liberal representing the constituency of Edmonton-McClung, served as the Leader. In 2001 Dr. Ken Nicol, Liberal representing Lethbridge-East, became Leader and served in that capacity to March 27, 2004, when the current Member for Edmonton-Riverview, a Liberal, assumed the position.

Alberta has had 28 different Leaders of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, 16 Lieutenant Governors, and 12 Premiers. While one, E. Peter Lougheed, was to be elected Premier of the Province of Alberta in Alberta's first 100 years, four were to become Lieutenant Governors of Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Alberta Association of Community Living and its annual family conference recently held in Edmonton.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding "Today's Promise, Tomorrow's Reality," the Challenge North 2006 Conference to be held April 5-7, 2006, in High Level.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Catherine Druhall, a constituent who recently passed away.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 2006 CIS Men's Ice Hockey Championship (Telus University Cup) being held at the Clare Drake Arena in Edmonton from March 23-26, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2006, as World Water Day.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition signed by 100 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 51 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

17 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 219/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 220/2006

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

Letter dated March 15, 2006, unsigned, from Jan Ardis of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding the financial issues faced by persons with developmental disabilities and requesting an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 221/2006

5 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Albertans to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 222/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Carolyn Pogue of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care plans

Sessional Paper 223/2006

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:51 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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 (the Members standing).

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2006-07 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2006-07 Government 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 16, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2006-07 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 224/2006

2006-07 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund
Sessional Paper 225/2006

Budget 06 Fiscal Plan
Sessional Paper 226/2006

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 06 Business Plans
Sessional Paper 227/2006

16. 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, the Assembly adjourned at 4:05 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Drug-endangered Children Act, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 6

Blakeman	Eggen	Pannu
Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas

Against the amendment: 29

Boutilier	Hinman	Mitzel
Cao	Horner	Morton
Cardinal	Jablonski	Oberle
Evans	Knight	Pham
Forsyth	Liepert	Prins
Graydon	Lindsay	Renner
Groeneveld	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Haley	Mar	Swann
Hancock	McClellan	Tarchuk
Herard	McFarland	

The question for Third Reading of Bill 2, Drug-endangered Children Act being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 23 Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

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 18 (Hon. Minister of Community Development) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 228/2006

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 229/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

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

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

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

Members' Statements

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

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

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

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

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 142 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

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

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

Notices of Motions

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

Written Questions: WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13.

Motions for Returns: MR20, MR21, MR22.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight

Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Bill 211 Traffic Safety (Mandatory Motorcycle Training) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lindsay

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

Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight

Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

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

Sessional Paper 230/2006

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

Sessional Paper 231/2006

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

Sessional Paper 232/2006

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

Sessional Paper 233/2006

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

Sessional Paper 234/2006

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

Sessional Paper 235/2006

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

Sessional Paper 236/2006

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

Sessional Paper 237/2006

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

Sessional Paper 238/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 239/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 240/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 241/2006

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

Sessional Paper 242/2006

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

6 letters dated February 28, 2006, from Edmonton and area residents to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the cancellation of a national child care agreement

Sessional Paper 243/2006

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

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

Sessional Paper 244/2006

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

Sessional Paper 245/2006

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

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2004-2005 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 246/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 3 to 6, 2006:

Monday, April 3	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 16 Second Reading Bill 15, 20, 23, 26 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 4	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Legislative Assembly Estimates Main Estimates (Day 1 of 24) Seniors and Community Supports (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 2 of 24) Energy And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 5	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 3 of 24) Infrastructure and Transportation (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 4 of 24) Executive Council And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 6 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates (Day 5 of 24)
Human Resources and
Employment (Designated)
And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

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

Monday, April 3, 2006

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

Speaker's Statement - Rotation of Questions and Members' Statements

Honourable Members, before we move on to the next point in the Routine, changes in the composition of one caucus within the Assembly has required some changes to the rotation for Oral Question Period and for Members' Statements.

The rotation for Oral Question Period and the rationale for that rotation is found in the Chair's ruling of March 8, 2005, which can be found on pages 90 and 91 of Hansard for that day. The Chair does not plan to repeat that whole ruling and will now indicate how that rotation is going to be altered.

As Members know, the independent Member from Cardston-Taber-Warner is entitled to the fifth question every fourth day in the Assembly. The Chair can see no reason why the Member for Strathmore-Brooks should not be entitled to the same place in the rotation. On our schedule of House activities today, Monday, April 3, 2006, is day two in the rotation. The fourth day from today will be Thursday, April 6, at which time the Member for Strathmore-Brooks will be entitled to ask the fifth question of the day. So that no one is confused, the Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner is entitled to a question on Wednesday, April 5.

To be clear, on day one of the rotation the Official Opposition will be entitled to the first three questions and the Members of the Third Party will be entitled to the fourth question. The Member for Strathmore-Brooks will have the fifth question, the Official Opposition the sixth, eighth, 10th, 13th, 15th, and 17th questions. Members from the Government Caucus will be entitled to the seventh, ninth, 12th, 14th, and 16th questions. The Third Party Caucus will continue to be entitled to the 11th and 18th questions.

Members should be alerted that day one of the rotation will not be the same as day four. On day four the sixth question goes to a Member of the Government Caucus while on day one, which will be this coming Thursday, the sixth question goes to a Member of the Official Opposition.

The Chair will be tabling charts to demonstrate the new rotation and will be providing the charts to Members along with the new Projected Sitting Days Calendar.

With respect to Members' Statements, there was an arrangement that was agreed to by House Leaders on March 16, 2005, concerning the operation and rotation of Members' Statements. In keeping with this rotation, the Member for Strathmore-Brooks will be entitled to two Member's Statements over the next five weeks. His first Member's Statement will be Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in the spring of 1930, a Bill was placed before the Legislative Assembly to ratify an agreement which John Edward Brownlee, Alberta's fifth Premier, called, "probably the most important piece of legislation that would ever come within the experience of Members now sitting in the House."

On April 3, 1930, the Alberta Natural Resources Act received Royal Assent, the corresponding federal Statute being enacted on May 30 of the same year. The Act reads in part: "In order that the Province may be in the same position as the original Provinces of Confederation are . . . the interest of the Crown in all Crown lands, mines, minerals . . . and royalties derived therefrom within the Province, and all sums due or payable for such lands, mines, minerals or royalties, shall . . . belong to the Province."

For many Albertans the settlement also constituted a moral victory insofar as "the inferior constitutional status of Alberta had been an important factor in a continuing feeling of alienation amongst our population."

In practical terms the agreement provided for the transfer of about 40.5 million hectares of land, 1.21 million hectares of tar sands, 202,300 hectares of petroleum rights, and several million hectares of coal leases. Financially the arrangement stipulated that the Dominion Government pay to the Province an annual sum of \$562,500 until its population reached 800,000, after which it was to pay an annual sum of \$750,000 until its population reached 1.2 million. Finally, it was to remit an additional sum of \$1,125,000 in perpetuity. In addition, legislation was passed in the Alberta Legislative Assembly that same session to provide for the administration of the natural resources that were now under provincial auspices.

Members' Statements

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement congratulating Casey Scheidegger, Katie Wilson, Jessie Scheidegger, and Jayme Coutts on winning the 2006 Optimist Juvenile Girls Provincial Curling Championship and for representing Alberta in the finals of the 2006 Optimist Under-18 International Championship held March 30 to April 2, 2006, in Calgary.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding British parliamentary democracy and the merits of the single-member plurality system.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the recent opening of the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose.

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement congratulating Stephen Ames of Calgary on winning the Players Tournament at TPC (Tournament Players Club) Sawgrass on April 2, 2006, in Ponte Verde, Florida.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the sale of land adjacent to Anthony Heday Drive in Edmonton.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing March 27, 2006, as World Theatre Day.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 1,330 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 53 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Edmonton Journal article dated October 3, 1987, entitled "Land price \$6M too high, memo says"

Sessional Paper 247/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 892001585

Sessional Paper 248/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 882132658

Sessional Paper 249/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from L.E. Wagner to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition and offering alternatives to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 250/2006

Letter dated March 17, 2006, unsigned, from Sarah Wall of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the public health care system and opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 251/2006

Letter dated March 11, 2006, from Mieke Wharton-Meijer of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the consultation process offered to Albertans by the Government to comment on proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 252/2006

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Tena Wiebe to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, urging the Government to improve the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 253/2006

Letter dated February 21, 2006, from Marlene Williams of St. Albert to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government's proposed health care reforms on seniors and persons with chronic illnesses, disabilities, and low incomes

Sessional Paper 254/2006

E-mail message dated February 24, 2006, from Kellogg and Katherine Wilson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 255/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Warren Woodcox of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the difficulties he encountered while dealing with private health insurance providers and urging the Government to maintain and improve the public health care system

Sessional Paper 256/2006

Letter dated March 5, 2006, from Geraldine Young to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, offering suggestions on how to improve the public health care system

Sessional Paper 257/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Carolyn Pogue of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the public health care system and opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 258/2006

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

Letter dated January 25, 2006, from Rick Gilson of Grande Prairie to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requesting the creation of a fund to support the development of athletic facilities in Alberta

Sessional Paper 259/2006

Letter, undated, from Dorian Despins of Grande Prairie to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, encouraging the Government to continue improving the public health care system instead of developing a private system

Sessional Paper 260/2006

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

7 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding several policies contained in the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 261/2006

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

Letter dated March 8, 2006, from Lorna Berlinguette of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Government to develop an action plan to address the issue of violence against women and girls

Sessional Paper 262/2006

Letter dated March 12, 2006, from Evan and Marian Addy of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms and suggesting a province-wide referendum be held to determine if the reforms should be implemented

Sessional Paper 263/2006

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

12 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and 1 letter, undated, unaddressed, unsigned, from Martin Cowan, all expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 264/2006

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

Program from the Magic Moments Children's Benefit Dinner and Auction held on March 24, 2006, at the Fantasyland Hotel

Sessional Paper 265/2006

E-mail message, undated, from J. Thompson to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, attaching the text of comments made by J. Thompson to the Alberta Health and Wellness website concerning the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 266/2006

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Pat Seale of Edmonton to the Communications Branch, Alberta Health and Wellness, outlining the costs and benefits of the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 267/2006

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Daniel Langdon to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, urging the Government not to proceed with its proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 268/2006

2 letters, undated, from Tobias Jeserich and Lonnie Tanner, both of Edmonton, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and 1 letter dated March 11, 2006, from Linda Whitlock of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, all regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 269/2006

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

Revised Legislative Assembly of Alberta Projected Sitting Days Calendar and Oral Question Period Rotation for the Second Session of the 26th Legislature

Sessional Paper 270/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Martin:

What was the average portion of the total cost for a resident in an assisted living facility that was publicly paid for and what portion was privately paid for in the fiscal years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005?

WQ11. Moved by Mr. Martin:

What was the average portion of the total cost for a resident in a long-term care facility that was publicly paid for and what portion was privately paid for in the fiscal years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005?

WQ12. Moved by Mr. Martin:

For the fiscal years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated assisted-living facility?

WQ13. Moved by Mr. Martin:

For the fiscal years 2003/2004 and 2004/2005, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated long-term care facility?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR20. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of payments made by a Regional Health Authority or the Ministry of Health and Wellness to all facilities in Alberta whose designation changed from “long-term care facility” to “assisted living facility” between April 1, 2001, and February 22, 2006.

MR21. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of facilities in Alberta whose designation changed from “long-term care facility” to “assisted living facility” between April 1, 2001, and February 22, 2006.

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 1997-98 through 2004-05 and April 1, 2005, to March 9, 2006, all reports, studies, papers, or analyses prepared or received by the Ministries of Health and Wellness or Environment related to the health impacts of industrial activities in Alberta.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR23, MR24.

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 Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Liepert

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 201, Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006, Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, moved that the Chair do now leave the Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and the Chair left the Chair.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

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 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Johnson

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Continuing Care Standards Act — Ms Pastoor

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: 15

Agnihotri	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Backs	MacDonald	Pastoor
Blakeman	Martin	Swann
Bonko	Mather	Taylor
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Tougas

Against the motion: 31

Abbott	Johnson	Ouellette
Ady	Knight	Prins
Amery	Liepert	Rodney
Brown	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Stevens
Forsyth	McFarland	Strang
Fritz	Melchin	Tarchuk
Graydon	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Haley	Morton	Webber
Herard	Oberle	Zwozdesky
Horner		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Webber (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *recognize the positive and critical role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren and to encourage access when it is in the best interest of the child.*

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved the motion be amended by striking out “recognize the positive and critical role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren and to encourage access when it is in the best interest of the child” and substituting “protect the rights of grandparents by introducing legislation to make it less onerous and burdensome for them to gain access to their grandchildren”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the 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 23 Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

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 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 271/2006

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Ms Calahasen

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that the first provincial election held in Alberta on November 9, 1905, was governed by the regulations to the Ordinances of the North-West Territories. It was not until 1909 that the province enacted its own election legislation with An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly. This Act, like its predecessor, indicated that the Clerk of the Executive Council was responsible for overseeing the administration of general elections in the province.

The responsibility for administering general elections in Alberta remained with the Clerk of the Executive Council until the Election Statutes Amendment Act, 1972. Under this new legislation, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, a non-partisan Officer of the Assembly, took on the administrative responsibilities associated with elections. This legislative change coincided with an administrative change which saw the appointment of two different individuals to the position of Clerk of the Executive Council and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Although the two roles themselves were always distinct, it was the practice in Alberta from 1935 to 1973 to have the same individual serve in both offices concurrently.

It was not until 1977 that legislation came into effect to create an Officer of the Legislature, the Chief Electoral Officer. Appointed by a special committee of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer continues to administer all by-elections and general elections for the Province of Alberta.

Since 1977 four individuals have occupied the role of Chief Electoral Officer: Kenneth Wark from 1977 to 1985, Patrick Ledgerwood from 1985 to 1994, Dermot Whelan from 1994 to 1998, and O. Brian Fjeldheim from 1998 to 2005. The Legislative Assembly of Alberta will soon deal with the appointment of Alberta's fifth Chief Electoral Officer.

Members' Statements

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, made a statement regarding the success of the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Family Law Act.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding infrastructure needs in Fort McMurray.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding political parties.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 30th Canadian Senior Broomball Championships held in Leduc from March 27 to April 1, 2006.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding new projects and services provided by the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC).

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition signed by 16 Red Deer and area residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 207 Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Shauna Warrilow of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, suggesting there are not enough nurses to support both the public and proposed private health care systems
Sessional Paper 272/2006

Letter, undated, from Cheryl Touchings of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding private health insurance and doctors being allowed to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems
Sessional Paper 273/2006

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

Letter dated January 11, 2006, from Roger Mariner, FOIP Coordinator, Alberta Finance, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, attaching information requested regarding services provided to Alberta Finance by Rod Love Consulting Inc. for the period 2001-2005

Sessional Paper 274/2006

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

Letter dated March 29, 2006, unsigned, from Sherry Ewing of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding kindergarten funding, school infrastructure, and the teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 275/2006

Document dated March 27, 2006, regarding alternative energy sources, prepared by Rod E. McConnell of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 276/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 6, 2006, from Ileene Breton of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching a letter, undated, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, both expressing concern regarding health care

Sessional Paper 277/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Joan Buhr to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's Third Way health proposal

Sessional Paper 278/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from Brian Burke of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the privatization of the health care system

Sessional Paper 279/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from Dave Burkhart of St. Albert to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework and the destruction of the public health care system

Sessional Paper 280/2006

Letter dated March 10, 2006, from S. Burrows of Red Deer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Government to maintain a publicly-funded health care system

Sessional Paper 281/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Elizabeth Carmichael of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health insurance

Sessional Paper 282/2006

E-mail message dated March 9, 2006, from Catherine Carson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private health insurance and private health care
Sessional Paper 283/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Aaron Chubb of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding health care funding
Sessional Paper 284/2006

Letter dated March 5, 2006, unsigned, from Darrell Clarkson of Sherwood Park to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the health care system with attached document entitled "The Future of Public Health Care in Alberta, A Proposal" prepared by Darrell Clarkson
Sessional Paper 285/2006

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

7 cancelled Land Titles Certificates for legal description SE 9-52-25-W4
Sessional Paper 286/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 882132665
Sessional Paper 287/2006

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 16, 2000, entitled "New documents show middleman assisted in 1994 WEM (West Edmonton Mall) refinancing"
Sessional Paper 288/2006

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

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Judge D.C. Norheim, Provincial Court of Alberta, dated March 10, 2006, in the matter between Her Majesty the Queen and Kipp Kelley
Sessional Paper 289/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Sandra Stadnek of Wetaskiwin to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's Health Policy Framework
Sessional Paper 290/2006

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

Letter dated March 23, 2006, from Rashpal S. Sehmy of Edmonton to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding private health care
Sessional Paper 291/2006

Speaker's Statement - Order Paper Modification

Honourable Members, before calling Orders of the Day, I would like to draw your attention to the Order Paper. There is a slight change to today's Order Paper. Bill 15, International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act, now in Committee of the Whole and introduced by the former Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, now appears under the name of the Acting Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

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

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

(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, 2007, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly**Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense	\$45,936,000
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Office of the Auditor General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$19,166,000
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Office of the Ombudsman

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,327,000
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense	\$2,515,000
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Expense	\$410,000
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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Expense	\$4,510,000
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Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$1,911,905,000

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 5:15 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Energy

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$132,239,000

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 13 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

Bill 23 Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that E. Peter Lougheed was the only Official Opposition Leader in Alberta's first 100 years to become Premier. Four former Official Opposition Leaders were to become Lieutenant Governors.

John C. Bowen served as Lieutenant Governor from 1937 to 1950. He served as a Liberal MLA for Edmonton from 1921 to 1926 and was not re-elected in 1926. Mr. Bowen's tenure was the longest of any 20th century Lieutenant Governor in Canada. He died in Edmonton on January 2, 1957, at age 84.

John J. Bowlen served as Lieutenant Governor from 1950 to 1959. He was first elected in the 1930 election as a Liberal representing Calgary, was re-elected in 1935, then ran as an Independent in 1940 and was re-elected. He was defeated in 1944. During his term he was referred to as the "Vice-regal Cowboy." He died in Edmonton on December 16, 1959, at age 83.

J. Percy Page served as Lieutenant Governor from 1959 to 1966. He was elected as an Independent in Edmonton in 1940, re-elected in 1944, defeated in 1948, and in 1952 was elected as a Member of the Progressive Conservative Party as he was again in the 1955 election. He was defeated in the 1959 election. Perhaps Mr. Page is best known as the coach of the Edmonton Grads basketball team, which was famous internationally. He died in Edmonton on March 2, 1973, at the age of 84 years.

J. Grant MacEwan served as Lieutenant Governor from 1966 to 1974. He was elected as a Liberal in 1955 in Calgary and was defeated in the 1959 election. Dr. MacEwan was well known as an agriculturist, popular historian, educator, public speaker, conservationist, and author of a multitude of books. He died in Calgary on June 15, 2000, at the age of 97.

Of Alberta's 16 Lieutenant Governors, four were former Leaders of the Official Opposition. A fifth, Helen Hunley, was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement congratulating the Enoch Cree Nation on the upcoming opening of the River Cree Resort and Casino.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating the Wetaskiwin and County Sports Hall of Fame on its inaugural induction dinner on March 18, 2006.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement congratulating the University of Calgary on its 40th anniversary as an autonomous university.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement outlining recent Alberta Liberal Caucus efforts in the area of governance and democratic renewal in Alberta.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding Joseph Anthony (Tony) Mercredi, former Chief of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, who passed away on April 2, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's Health Policy Framework.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition signed by 304 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition signed by 96 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 116 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 119 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition signed by 119 Albertans urging the Government to eliminate private clinics and private delivery in the health care system and develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and extend medicare.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, presented a petition signed by 116 Calgary residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 106 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

The petition put forth by Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, was not in order to be presented.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 3, 2006, from Isabel M. to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government's proposed health care reforms on financially disadvantaged Albertans

Sessional Paper 292/2006

Letter dated March 10, 2006, unsigned, from Blayne Newton of Edmonton to Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, attaching a See Magazine article dated March 9, 2006, entitled "Alberta's Chicken Little, After all these years, why run into Foxy Loxy's jaws?"

Sessional Paper 293/2006

Letter, undated, from Don Ronaghan of St. Paul to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching 2 letters dated March 11, 2006, from Mr. Ronaghan to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inquiring into the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 294/2006

Document dated March 3, 2006, outlining proposals to improve the public health care system, prepared by Marty Richardson

Sessional Paper 295/2006

Poem entitled "Privatization: the ready solution" written by Cec Race of Leduc

Sessional Paper 296/2006

E-mail message dated March 1, 2006, from Walter Procter of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of comments submitted by Mr. Procter to a CFCN TV poll regarding the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 297/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from David R. Pearce of Edmonton to the Edmonton Journal, commenting on an Edmonton Journal article dated March 4, 2006, concerning public health care, with an attached Official Opposition of Alberta article dated February 28, 2006, entitled "Klein's Way for Health a Road to Disaster" prepared by Josh Stewart, Media Liaison

Sessional Paper 298/2006

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Ray Palmer to the Liberal Communications Branch attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Mr. Palmer to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to private health care and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 299/2006

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Mike O'Reilly to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, and Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government's proposed health care reforms on seniors and financially disadvantaged Albertans

Sessional Paper 300/2006

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

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 992211106

Sessional Paper 301/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 972225161

Sessional Paper 302/2006

2 Land Titles Certificates and 1 cancelled Land Titles Certificate for legal description SE 9-52-25-W4

Sessional Paper 303/2006

Alberta Corporate Registration System Corporation/Non-Profit Search dated March 31, 2006, concerning Galfour Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 304/2006

7 cancelled Land Titles Certificates for legal description SW 9-52-25-W4

Sessional Paper 305/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2006, from Pierre Gosselin of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait times in the health care system

Sessional Paper 306/2006

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Dr. Pannu,
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from Elisabeth Ballermann to Hon.
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's Health
Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 307/2006

E-mail message dated April 3, 2006, from Lucia Teixeira to Hon. Mr. Klein,
Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's Health Policy
Framework

Sessional Paper 308/2006

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

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Vinay Jhass to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon.
Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the
Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 309/2006

Letter dated March 8, 2006, from Lorna Berlinguette of Edmonton to Hon.
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding violence against indigenous
women and urging the Government to develop an action plan to more effectively
deal with the issue

Sessional Paper 310/2006

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Petition signed by 15,297 Albertans urging the Government to introduce
legislation to provide funding for radiation therapy in Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 311/2006

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the
Legislature Report Card 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 312/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Document, undated, entitled "WHO (World Health Organization) Report on
Private Health Spending in Europe"

Sessional Paper 313/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,593,312,000
Capital Investment	\$1,089,590,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006 — 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 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, 2007, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Executive Council

Expense	\$25,294,000
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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. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:04 p.m. until Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that today four Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly will be appointed to Cabinet, or Executive Council of Alberta, for the first time. Their tenure as a Minister will begin immediately upon the administering of the Oath of Office.

Such has not always been the case in Alberta. If you had been appointed to the provincial Cabinet following the 1905 election and you were re-elected in the 1909 election, you could continue to hold a Cabinet position. However, if you were an MLA appointed to Cabinet for the first time in the post-1909 period, you had to return to your constituency and be re-elected in a by-election. By way of an example, D.M. Marshall was elected as a Liberal Member for Olds in the general election of March 22, 1909. He was nominated for the position of Minister of Agriculture, returned to his constituency, then was re-elected in a by-election held on November 23, 1909.

This practice was to continue following the general elections of 1913, 1917, and 1921. It was discontinued following the election of 1926. During the time between the elections of 1909 and 1926, 14 such by-elections were held. Five were held in the post-1909 period, one was held in the post-1913 period, three were held in the post-1917 period, and five were held in the post-1921 period. All new appointees were successful in their by-election bids and subsequently served as Ministers of the Crown.

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing April 6, 2006, as Tartan Day.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement congratulating Finola Hackett of Tofield, two-time CanWest CanSpell National Spelling Bee Champion.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the population increase in Calgary and the need to fund more infrastructure.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding child care.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed changes to the health care system.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 294 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 221 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition signed by 213 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition signed by 100 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition signed by 100 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 150 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 114 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to immediately provide funding enabling municipalities and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) to hire 500 additional community police officers.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 98 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition signed by 67 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition signed by 302 Albertans urging the Government to recognize the financial burden borne by post-secondary students in this province and to take action by implementing a significant rollback of tuition fees.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 10, 2006:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 208 Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Morton
- Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Prins on behalf of Mr. Rodney
- Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 16, 2006, from Stuart Millman of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to a two-tier health care system

Sessional Paper 314/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Jonathan Lytton of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to for-profit health care and the elimination of procedures covered by public health care

Sessional Paper 315/2006

E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Matthew Smith of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of a letter sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, suggesting the Government reconsider its approach to improving the health care system

Sessional Paper 316/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Donna Sahuri to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait time for surgery

Sessional Paper 317/2006

E-mail message dated February 28, 2006, from Danny Sutherland to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 318/2006

E-mail message dated March 20, 2006, from Lois and Frank Meunier of Edmonton to the Liberal Correspondence Branch and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 319/2006

E-mail message dated March 29, 2006, from Elisa Sereno-Janz and Tim Janz to the Liberal Correspondence Branch expressing opposition to paying for medical services

Sessional Paper 320/2006

Document, undated, from Janet Carruthers to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the Government's Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 321/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 10 to 13, 2006:

Monday, April 10	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 15, 16, 20 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 11	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 6 of 24) Environment (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 7 of 24) Municipal Affairs Second Reading Bill 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 And as per the Order Paper

- Wednesday, April 12 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 8 of 24)
 Advanced Education (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 9 of 24)
 Agriculture, Food and Rural
 Development
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 10, 14, 21
 And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, April 13 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 10 of 24)
 Children's Services (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — Main Estimates)

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

(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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$790,278,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, April 10, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 10, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted former Member Dr. Hugh M. Horner: "There have been significant extensions in the amount of time and effort required by an MLA. The very nature of the expansion and growth of Alberta has expanded those duties. The nature of modern government has expanded those duties. The modern communications age has expanded those duties. I think that has been very useful expansion, and I think a very good thing for democracy that we, in fact, do have a much closer contact with our constituents because of modern communications." (Source: Alberta Hansard, 17th Legislature, 1st Session, November 2, 1972)

Dr. Hugh M. Horner was the Member of Parliament for Jasper-Edson from 1958 to 1967. He was elected as the MLA for Lac Ste. Anne in 1967 as a Member of the Official Opposition and served as Opposition House Leader from 1967 to 1971. He was re-elected in 1971, 1975, and 1979 in the constituency of Barrhead. He resigned in September 1979. Among the portfolios held by Dr. Horner in addition to being Deputy Premier, was that of Minister of Agriculture, the portfolio currently held by his son, the Honourable Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert. Dr. Horner passed away on March 25, 1997.

Members' Statements

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding child access exchange centres.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Una MacLean Evans of the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency who celebrated her 80th birthday on March 11, 2006.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating the participants of a 36-hour soccer game played April 8-9, 2006, in Edmonton in an attempt to set a record for playing the world's longest soccer game and to raise funds for the Mill Woods Youth Centre.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the need for adequate before and after school care in Alberta.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement congratulating the University of Calgary on its many achievements as it celebrates its 40th anniversary as an autonomous university.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding British Columbia's Citizens' Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition signed by 11 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 104 Calgary residents urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition signed by 98 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 32 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition signed by 28 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. VanderBurg as Deputy Chair

that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Oberle

that Dr. Brown be added

on the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

that Mr. Johnston replace Mr. McFarland

on the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

that Mr. Strang become Deputy Chair

that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Ducharme

on the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing:

that Mr. Oberle replace Mr. Groeneveld

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills:

that Mr. Webber replace Mr. VanderBurg

that Mr. Rogers replace Mr. Oberle

on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services:

that Mr. Knight become Deputy Chair

that Mr. Lindsay replace Mr. Horner

that Mr. Lukaszuk replace Mr. McFarland.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 33 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 34 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

2 petitions signed by approximately 20,000 Albertans urging the Solicitor General to revoke the bail of four youths charged with the death of Stefan William Conley on March 2, 2006

Sessional Paper 322/2006

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment:

Report dated April 2006 entitled “Standard for Baseline Water-well Testing for Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Operations” prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 323/2006

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

Copy of page 3218 of the Alberta Gazette dated August 15, 1981, outlining Ministerial Order 83/81 concerning the sale of land in a restricted development area

Sessional Paper 324/2006

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Sessional Paper 325/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 992086598

Sessional Paper 326/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 e-mail messages dated March 10, 2006, from David L. Fleiger, the first to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and the second to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, both concerning comments made by Hon. Ms Evans regarding private health care services currently being offered in Quebec

Sessional Paper 327/2006

E-mail message dated March 14, 2006, from Roxanne Felix to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, attaching the text of a response received by Ms Felix from the Alberta Connects website regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 328/2006

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from R.W. Evans to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the effect of the Government's proposed health care reforms on financially disadvantaged Albertans

Sessional Paper 329/2006

E-mail message dated March 7, 2006, from Hank Espeseth to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms and attaching the text of an e-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Espeseth in response to an earlier e-mail message from Mr. Espeseth

Sessional Paper 330/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Diann Duthie to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of an e-mail message, undated, from Ms Duthie to Dr. Gimbel comparing her experiences with eye surgery in both the public and the private health care systems

Sessional Paper 331/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Lana and Andy Dong of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to expand private health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 332/2006

E-mail message dated March 15, 2006, from Harvey Dick and Laurette Lund to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing concern that privatization of health care will not decrease costs in the public health care system

Sessional Paper 333/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Melanie Crisfield to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to expand private health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 334/2006

E-mail message dated March 4, 2006, from T. and E. Cliff to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting on the Government's proposed health care reforms
Sessional Paper 335/2006

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

E-mail message dated March 30, 2006, from Michelle Chaloner to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms
Sessional Paper 336/2006

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

Letter, undated, from Judith Da Silva to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities
Sessional Paper 337/2006

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

Letter dated April 3, 2006, from The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, outlining the Federal Government's current priorities and commenting on the Health Policy Framework as it relates to the Canada Health Act
Sessional Paper 338/2006

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

Letter dated March 28, 2006, from E.P. Ellis of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to private health care and doctors being allowed to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems
Sessional Paper 339/2006

E-mail message dated March 31, 2006, from Valerie Shell to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the decrease in funding to programs supported by Persons with Developmental Disabilities
Sessional Paper 340/2006

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

Letter dated March 17, 2006, from Anne McCracken of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the potential impact of the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) on the Government's proposed health care reforms and the implications of allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems
Sessional Paper 341/2006

Letter dated January 13, 2005, from Fred Depencier, Manager, Information and Privacy, Alberta Gaming, to Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to a FOIP request by Mr. Tougas relating to services provided to Alberta Gaming by Rod Love Consulting Incorporated
Sessional Paper 342/2006

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

5 recent letters from organizations to Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, expressing support for Bill 206, Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act, and offering their facilities as potential child access exchange centres

Sessional Paper 343/2006

Speaker's Statement - Order Paper Modifications

Honourable Members, before calling Orders of the Day, I would once again like to draw your attention to the Order Paper. There are some modifications in today's Order Paper to reflect various appointments and resignations that took place last week. Bill 12, Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006, currently at Third Reading stage and introduced by the former Minister of Government Services, now appears under the name of the new Minister of Government Services. Bill 15, International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act, now in Committee of the Whole and introduced by the former Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations was changed April 4, 2006, to reflect the name of the acting Minister. The Bill now appears under the name of the new Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

Motions Other Than Government Motions 520, 544, and 577 have also been withdrawn to reflect the appointment of the Hon. Member for Whitecourt -Ste. Anne and the Hon. Member for Little Bow to Executive Council.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Railway (Alberta) (Heritage Railway) Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Johnson

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act — Ms DeLong

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Mitzel:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote the use of Highway 41, up to and including Highway 63, from Wildhorse to Fort McMurray, as an alternate north-south transportation corridor from the United States.

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 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in 1901, the area to be known as Alberta had a population of 73,022. Between 1901 and 1905 some 40,000 homesteads were granted to future Albertans, and in 1905 life expectancy in this province was 53 years of age.

On April 25, 1906, a motion by Calgary Liberal MLA W.H. Cushing to make Calgary the permanent capital of Alberta was defeated by a vote of 16 to eight and Edmonton was declared the capital.

In 1906 the speed limit within cities in Alberta was 10 miles per hour and in the rural part of Alberta it was 20 miles per hour.

In August 1907 the sod for the new Alberta Legislature Building was turned, and in October 1909 Governor General Earl Grey laid the cornerstone for this building.

In 1914, on the eve of World War I, the population of Alberta had surpassed 470,000 people, two-thirds of whom were farmers or farm-related people.

Members' Statements

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the Challenge North conference held in High Level from April 5 to 7, 2006, hosted by the Northern Alberta Development Council.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the development of a new trades and technology complex at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding licensed practical nurses Pat Fredrickson and Rita McGregor.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement challenging the Minister of Community Development to raise the profile of parks and protected areas.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding several individuals from the Bow Island and district emergency services who received an Alberta Emergency Service Medal on April 8, 2006.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the need for a strategy to protect Alberta's drinking water.

Presenting Petitions

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition signed by 51 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

The petition put forth by Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, was not in order to be presented.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the position that revenue from non-renewable resources should be excluded from the formula by which federal equalization payments are calculated.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Liepert

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

Bill 30 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Liepert

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

4 land sale agreements dated April 30, 1997, two between 350852 Alberta Ltd. and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and two between 346922 Alberta Ltd. and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta

Sessional Paper 344/2006

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

Letter dated April 11, 2006, from Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, responding to questions asked during Oral Question Period on April 10, 2006, regarding the recent theft of laptop computers from Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 345/2006

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

Settlement Proposal, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Wetaskiwin, undated, between Joseph M. Sheckter, Inland Gravel Ltd. and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta as Represented by the Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services and the Minister of the Environment

Sessional Paper 346/2006

Excerpt from the Alberta Gazette dated June 30, 1981, regarding restricted development area composed of Plan 5306 KS, Block B

Sessional Paper 347/2006

3 cancelled Certificates of Title and 2 Transfers of Land for Plan 5306 KS,
Block B

Sessional Paper 348/2006

Cancelled Certificate of Title for SE 8-54-24-W4

Sessional Paper 349/2006

Cancelled Certificate of Title for SE 8-54-24-W4

Sessional Paper 350/2006

Cancelled Certificate of Title for SE 8-54-24-W4

Sessional Paper 351/2006

Land Title Certificate for NE 25-51-24-W4

Sessional Paper 352/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Jim Moses of Edmonton to Dr. Taft,
Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to private
health care

Sessional Paper 353/2006

Letter dated March 7, 2006, from Ian Morgan of Okotoks to Mr. Groeneveld,
Hon. Member for Highwood, expressing support for public health care and
allowing qualified foreign doctors and nurses to work in Canada

Sessional Paper 354/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from K.T. and S. Moorthy to Hon.
Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the
Government's health care proposals and suggesting the Government promote
healthier lifestyles

Sessional Paper 355/2006

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from John Mathewson to Dr. Taft, Hon.
Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting clarification of the Government's
Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 356/2006

E-mail message dated March 10, 2006, from Adele McDonald of Edmonton to
Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern
regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 357/2006

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

Report dated June 2005 entitled "Equalization Reform, A Fair Deal for
Saskatchewan" prepared by Bev Dahlby

Sessional Paper 358/2006

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

Memorandum dated October 9, 1980, from Hon. J.W. (Jack) Cookson, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Premier, regarding Edmonton and Calgary RDA (restricted development area) purchases and special warrants
Sessional Paper 359/2006

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Sessional Paper 360/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 992086220
Sessional Paper 361/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

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, 2005-06 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 362/2006

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the position that revenue from non-renewable resources should be excluded from the formula by which federal equalization payments are calculated.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 6 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Pastoor 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Environment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$142,091,000
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. 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, APRIL 11, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 7 — 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$140,468,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Motions

17. Oral notice having been given Monday, April 10, 2006, Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts:
that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. VanderBurg as Deputy Chair
that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Oberle
that Dr. Brown be added

on the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:
that Mr. Johnston replace Mr. McFarland

on the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:
that Mr. Strang become Deputy Chair
that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Ducharme

on the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders
and Printing:
that Mr. Oberle replace Mr. Groeneveld

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills:
that Mr. Webber replace Mr. VanderBurg
that Mr. Rogers replace Mr. Oberle

on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services:
that Mr. Knight become Deputy Chair
that Mr. Lindsay replace Mr. Horner
that Mr. Lukaszuk replace Mr. McFarland.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight
- Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:16 p.m. until Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on seven occasions in the history of the Alberta Legislative Assembly, strangers, that is, individuals other than Members or Officers of the Assembly, have been given permission to attend and address our Assembly from the floor.

In 1935 William Aberhart spoke to the Assembly about the Douglas Social Credit plan before he became a Member and Premier of the province later that same year. In 1997 wheelchair athlete and fundraiser Rick Hansen addressed the Assembly on the 10th anniversary of his Man in Motion World Tour. Daniel Novak, Page Speech Competition winner, read his entry to the Assembly in 1999. In 2002 Prince Michael of Kent, cousin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, addressed the House on the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebration. In 2005 the Honourable Sam Lieberman spoke on behalf of the province's Second World War veterans on the 60th Anniversary of VE Day. On May 24, 2005, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II delivered the first address by a reigning Monarch to the Assembly, and on March 15, 2006, Ray Speaker presented an address on behalf of all former Members.

Shortly the Assembly will be asked to give permission to allow Her Excellency The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, to attend and address the Alberta Legislative Assembly on May 4, 2006.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing April 23-29, 2006, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement congratulating the Canadian Federation of Independent Business on its 35th anniversary.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the High River and District Health Foundation on its 20th anniversary.

Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement recognizing the 134 finalists of the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the environmental impact of industrial development in Alberta.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding a recent MoneySense Magazine poll recognizing Lloydminster as the third-best place to live in Canada.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the many attractions in the constituency of Cardston-Taber-Warner.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition signed by 206 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition signed by 202 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition signed by 205 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 110 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 208 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 204 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 108 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, presented a petition signed by 228 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board, Annual Report For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 363/2006

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

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 364/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 365/2006

Alberta Finance contracts policy, effective January 1, 2006

Sessional Paper 366/2006

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

Results of a “Third Way” health care survey dated April 6, 2006, prepared by Viewpoints Research

Sessional Paper 367/2006

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

Letter dated April 3, 2006, from William D. Thomas of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed “Third Way” health care reforms and urging the Government to improve the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 368/2006

Letter dated March 31, 2006, from Carolyn Campbell of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, urging the Government to improve the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 369/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 10, 2006, from Donna Thompson to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding a decision to remove the librarian position at her children’s school because of a lack of funding

Sessional Paper 370/2006

E-mail message dated March 29, 2006, from Janna Stirling Gilchrist to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, urging the Government to maintain the existing public health care system rather than develop a private system

Sessional Paper 371/2006

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

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice P.J. McIntyre, Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, dated August 12, 2005, in the matter between Her Majesty the Queen and Nicholas Cypui Chan

Sessional Paper 372/2006

Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Alberta Education news release dated April 7, 2006, entitled “2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards (2006) finalists recognized” and Edmonton Journal advertisement dated April 7, 2006, listing the 134 finalists for the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards

Sessional Paper 373/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Pat Boehm of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's "Third Way" health care proposal

Sessional Paper 374/2006

E-mail message dated March 8, 2006, from Desiree Bauer, Licensed BTSA Practitioner, Synapses: Brain Based Thinking, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms and requesting their withdrawal

Sessional Paper 375/2006

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Diana M. Bacon to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 376/2006

E-mail message dated March 4, 2006, from Scott Babcock to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, asking why there are only three adult hospitals in Calgary

Sessional Paper 377/2006

E-mail message dated March 16, 2006, from Dale L. Watson to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to private health care and urging the Government to increase funding for the public health care system by redistributing the tax burden to wealthier Albertans

Sessional Paper 378/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Paul Ammann to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching the text of an e-mail message from Mr. Ammann to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 379/2006

Letter dated March 10, 2006, from Bill Alton of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing several concerns regarding the privatization of health care and urging the Government to focus on improving the public health care system

Sessional Paper 380/2006

E-mail message dated March 12, 2006, from Allison Akgungor to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, attaching comments she provided to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the Health Policy Framework

Sessional Paper 381/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from "ACP" to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, outlining suggestions to improve the public health care system

Sessional Paper 382/2006

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 8 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Johnston 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,068,035,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$103,900,000

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 5:16 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, APRIL 12, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 9 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$691,795,000

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 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk

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 10 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul on March 21, 2006) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 383/2006

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 384/2006

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 385/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:46 p.m. until Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2006

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

Deputy Speaker's Comment

The Deputy Speaker quoted former Member Samuel Barnes: "This is the people's forum. It is the debating chamber wherein proposed legislation must be studied, analysed, and debated. The people have a right to know all sides of these discussions. If this province is to be properly governed the greatest freedom of debate must take place within this chamber before the public." (Source: Edmonton Bulletin, August 27, 1936)

These words come from Samuel Augustus Gordon Barnes, who was first elected as a Social Credit Member for Edmonton in the August 22, 1935 general election. Prior to becoming a Member he was an Edmonton school board trustee for 23 years and was President of the Labour Party of Edmonton in 1921. In 1940 he ran under the banner of the Independent Progressives and was not re-elected. He died on April 14, 1941.

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing April 16 to 22, 2006, as National Soil Conservation Week.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing April 13, 2006, as Khalsa Day, or Vaisakhi, an important event in the Sikh community.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding the Olympic, Paralympic, and Athlete of the Year Salute held in Calgary on April 12, 2006.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement urging the Minister of Children's Services to defend the federal child care agreement.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding public confidence in the justice system and the need to review parole guidelines and sentencing trends.

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the need for a water-use management program.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, presented a petition signed by 17 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, presented a petition signed by 72 Hinton residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 1,007 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, presented a petition signed by 23 Tilley and Brooks urging the Government to introduce regarding effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition signed by 203 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition signed by 206 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 600 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition signed by 114 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation allowing parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and to fund urgently required youth drug treatment.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition signed by 199 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition signed by 64 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition signed by 407 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 24, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ15, WQ29.

Motions for Returns: MR26.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill Pr4 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2006 —
Ms DeLong

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

World Health Care Congress web page listing the speaker faculty for the 2006 World Health Care Congress to be held from April 17-19, 2006, in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 386/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Shannon Little of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, attaching her e-mail dated February 20, 2006, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development, expressing opposition to private health care, private health insurance, and allowing doctors to work in both the public and the proposed private health care systems

Sessional Paper 387/2006

E-mail message dated March 6, 2006, from Joan Lewis to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to private health care

Sessional Paper 388/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Dennis Kaban of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the manner in which Hon. Mr. Klein is dealing with the proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 389/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Norma Farquharson of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching comments addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to private health care and private health insurance

Sessional Paper 390/2006

E-mail message dated March 13, 2006, from Clare and Tammy Irwin of Edmonton to Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 391/2006

Letter dated March 1, 2006, from the Very Reverend Fabian W. Hugh of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting that he believes the Government's proposed health care reforms will benefit only wealthy Albertans

Sessional Paper 392/2006

E-mail message dated March 2, 2006, from Harry Hoffman of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to a two-tiered health care system

Sessional Paper 393/2006

E-mail message dated March 11, 2006, from Shirley Harpham of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting that she is opposed to private health care because of previous difficulties when dealing with private health insurance companies and encouraging the Government to strengthen the current public health care system

Sessional Paper 394/2006

E-mail message dated March 3, 2006, from Horace R. and Janis E. Gopeesingh of Calgary to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding private health care and suggesting governments promote better lifestyles

Sessional Paper 395/2006

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

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Charles E. Murphy suggesting the Government provide details of their plan to reform the health care system

Sessional Paper 396/2006

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

Public Interest Alberta website article dated April 13, 2006, entitled "Albertans oppose Harper's plan to cancel childcare agreements" with attached Viewpoints Research poll dated April 2006 regarding the Federal Government's childcare proposals

Sessional Paper 397/2006

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Letter dated April 13, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, to Beckie Scott congratulating her on her retirement from a successful cross-country skiing career

Sessional Paper 398/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 24 to 27, 2006:

Monday, April 24	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 24, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 11 of 24) Education (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 12 of 24) Gaming And as per the Order Paper Committee of the Whole Bill 14, 15, 25, 26, 27, 28 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 13 of 24) Community Development (Designated) And as per the Order Paper

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 14 of 24)

Innovation and Science

Committee of the Whole

Bill 24, 29, 30

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 27

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**

Main Estimates (Day 15 of 24)

Health and Wellness (Designated)

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 10 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Prins 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Children's Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$916,770,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 13 agreed to on March 20, 2006, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, April 24, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24, 2006

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. Edward William Ewasiuk, Member for Edmonton-Beverley, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on April 14, 2006; and Mr. Frederick Charles Colborne, Member for Calgary and Calgary-Centre, 1944 to 1971, who passed away on April 19, 2006.

The Speaker also asked all Members to remember four brave Canadian soldiers: Lieutenant William Turner, a reservist; Corporal Randy Payne of Canadian Forces Base Wainwright; Corporal Matthew Dinning, a member of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Petawawa, Ontario; and Myles Mansell, a member of the Victoria's 5th Field Regiment, who died this past weekend while on duty in Afghanistan.

A prayer was also offered in recognition of the Honourable Jobie Nutarak, Speaker of Nunavut, who passed away yesterday near Pond Inlet, Nunavut.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement recognizing April 23-29, 2006, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that by 1935 William Aberhart's "Back to the Bible Hour" had a weekly radio audience of over 350,000 people. In 1935 Alberta had a population of about 750,000.

On August 22, 1935, 81.8% of Alberta's eligible voters, the largest ever, reviewed the platforms of 240 different candidates and gave the Social Credit Party 54.25% of the votes and 56 out of 63 seats. William Aberhart had personally hand-picked Social Credit candidates in every constituency, but he himself was not a candidate. He became the Premier of Alberta but not a Member of the Legislative Assembly. William Morrison, the Social Credit Member for Okotoks-High River, resigned and William Aberhart was elected an MLA by acclamation on November 4, 1935.

Alberta was to enter a very stormy period. Premier Aberhart led the Social Credit Party into the March 21, 1940 election and emerged with 42.9% of the votes and 36 out of 57 seats. Mr. Aberhart was elected in Calgary.

The political storms were to continue. The press constantly ridiculed Mr. Aberhart. The Lieutenant Governor considered removing him from office. Major opposition came from Ministers within his own Cabinet who felt he was not determined enough in advancing the Social Credit theories of Major C.H. Douglas.

On a trip to Vancouver on May 23, 1943, he died a painful death from cirrhosis of the liver at age 64. So embittered was his family for the years of criticism he endured that they cancelled plans for a state funeral in Alberta and buried him in Vancouver.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Corporal Matthew Dinning, Bombardier Myles Mansell, Corporal Randy Payne, and Lieutenant William Turner who were killed this past weekend while on duty in Afghanistan.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing April 23-29, 2006, as National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing April 23-29, 2006, as the inaugural National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the effectiveness of the Alberta's Promise initiative.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the purchase of Crown land for the development of the Edmonton and Calgary ring roads.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, presented a petition signed by 60 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, presented a petition signed by 18 Manning and area residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 111 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 938 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition signed by 482 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to give parents and/or guardians the authority to place children under the age of 18, who are involved with drugs, into mandatory treatment.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition signed by 98 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation allowing parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and to fund urgently required youth drug treatment.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 35 Fuel Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Securities Transfer Act — Mr. Knight

Bill 37 Miscellaneous (Provincial Treasurer) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 —
Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Bill 36 Securities Transfer Act — Mr. Knight

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Dr. Miller on March 13, 2006:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the use of Provincial Protection Officers for traffic safety enforcement on primary highways under the direction of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were conducted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security prior to the implementation of the pilot project?

Sessional Paper 399/2006

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR49, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on November 28, 2005:

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.

Sessional Paper 400/2006

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

Letter dated March 29, 2006, from R. and J. Poulin of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 401/2006

Alberta History magazine dated Autumn 2005 entitled "A Century of Alberta Premiers"

Sessional Paper 402/2006

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

Program from the 11th Annual Chrysalis Achievement Awards held on April 23, 2006, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 403/2006

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

Letter dated April 9, 2006, from Grace Wheatley to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the minimum wait time to receive a rent supplement from Capital Region Housing

Sessional Paper 404/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

32 letters from Albertans to several addressees requesting increased funding for long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 405/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s24.1(6):

Report dated March 2006 entitled "The Status of Research on Occupational Causation of Selected Primary Site Cancers in Part-time Firefighters" prepared for the Alberta Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 406/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald on March 20, 2006:

What was the total cost incurred by the Government for its response to the Acheson Acclaim sour gas blowout that occurred on December 12, 2004, broken down by department?

Sessional Paper 407/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5, asked for by Mr. Eggen on March 20, 2006:

Copies of all studies, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006 that analyze the injection of CO₂ for storage purposes.

Sessional Paper 408/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ29. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What measures has the Government taken to work collectively with the Federal Government and the Alberta China Office to address human rights concerns in China, specifically in regards to Falun Gong supporters?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ15. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Miller:

What is the total cost incurred to administer the \$400 Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate Program?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ14, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR26. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including legal opinions, briefing notes, backgrounders, or memoranda that analyze the impact of income trusts and income trust conversions on Alberta Government revenues from January 1, 2002, to April 1, 2006.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR23, MR24, MR25, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act — Ms DeLong

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 206, Designation of Child Access Exchange Centres Act, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 207 Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support improved health, educational, and social outcomes for children by providing increased, dedicated funding for school nutrition programs for at-risk children in Alberta.

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

Amery	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Backs	Hancock	Pastoor
Bonko	Mar	Swann
Cao	Mason	Taft

Against the motion: 25

Ady	Jablonski	Oberle
Boutilier	Knight	Ouellette
Coutts	Lindsay	Prins
DeLong	Lougheed	Rogers
Doerksen	Magnus	Snelgrove
Evans	McFarland	Stevens
Goudreau	Mitzel	Tarchuk
Groeneveld	Morton	Zwozdesky
Haley		

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Dr. Taft 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 30 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 33 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 34 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m. until Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day we commemorate the remembrance of the Holocaust. I would like to quote text found on pages 213 and 215 in the book "The War That United the Province: 1939-1945" volume 8 in the series Alberta in the 20th Century. The text is written by Steve Weatherbe.

"Aberhart, despite his own Germanic background, was unflagging in his support for the post-war dismemberment of Germany.

This did not stop his critics from hinting at secret Nazi sympathies; no populist radical was safe from such libels. It was all the worse for Aberhart because his enemies were willing to take his fights with Ottawa as evidence of sedition. National commentator C.S. Burchill warned readers of the National Home Monthly that Alberta was rife with Nazi sympathizers and that Aberhart led the pack. Burchill cited the Germanic ancestry not only of Aberhart but also of his civil servants; 250 of their names began with "K," he noted, while a further 46 opened with the even more sinister "Sch." Clearly, Alberta was ripe for treachery.

As the war progressed and Hitler's extermination of European Jewry came to light, anti-Semitism became more disreputable, but it thereby became a convenient weapon to be used against one's political foes. To the embarrassment of Aberhart and his senior cabinet minister Ernest Manning, their ideological inspiration, Britain's Major C.H. Douglas, grew increasingly anti-Semitic during the war years. Aberhart shared Douglas's conspiratorial world view, but considered the ethnicity of the "Big Shots" and international financiers to be irrelevant. Whereas Douglas (like Hitler) swore by the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a phony document whipped up by the Tsarist secret

police and purporting to detail a Jewish plot for world domination, Aberhart and Manning denounced them as a fabrication. Incredibly, Douglas came to believe that Hitler was himself part of the Jewish conspiracy and was faking the final solution in order to spread Jewish agents, disguised as refugees, throughout the world.”

Many of these ideas were transmitted to Alberta through the Social Credit Board, which at one point had sought, almost successfully, to overthrow Aberhart. By 1940 the board’s chief representative was L.D. Byrne, one of two Social Credit experts Douglas had sent to Alberta to guide the province in instituting Social Credit doctrine. In 1942 Aberhart’s many Jewish supporters demanded he purge the anti-Semites in his party and repudiate Douglas. He responded that he lacked the power to oust members but promised to do what he could “to put the brakes on this foolish spirit of anti-Semitism.” Both Aberhart and Manning made statements denouncing anti-Semitism. Through the Bible Institute’s publication, *The Prophetic Voice*, Aberhart declared that any nation that harmed its Jews was cursed before God.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing April 25, 2006, as Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah).

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 2006 Canadian Transplant Games to be held in Edmonton from August 8-13, 2006.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Alberta Wilderness Association Climb for Wilderness held in Calgary on April 22, 2006.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing 100 years of labour council activity in Edmonton and northern Alberta.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society’s Immigrants of Distinction Awards presented on April 20, 2006.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, presented a petition signed by 103 Fairview and area residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition signed by 208 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 38 Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Lund on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled “PDD Edmonton Budget Planning, 2006/2007 - 2008/2009”

Sessional Paper 409/2006

Letter dated April 24, 2006, from Denise Young, Director of Community Development, Calgary SCOPE Society, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding funding for agencies in Calgary providing services to persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 410/2006

Letter, undated, unaddressed from Derrick Seabrook expressing concern regarding funding cuts to Persons with Developmental Disabilities programs

Sessional Paper 411/2006

Letter dated March 27, 2006, from Sharon Nolan, Chairperson, Lifestyle Choices Support Society, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing concern regarding a reduction in funds her sister receives from the Government

Sessional Paper 412/2006

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

Program from the 2006 Food for All Seasons Gala held on April 13, 2006, in support of the Edmonton Food Bank

Sessional Paper 413/2006

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from Minnan Liu, Ph.D., P.Eng. of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, alleging that organs are being harvested in concentration camps in China and requesting Mr. Elsalhy raise this issue in the Assembly

Sessional Paper 414/2006

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

10 recent letters from Edmonton and Sherwood Park residents to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the standard of care for seniors in long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 415/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 16, 2006, from Ronald Goss of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed changes to the health care system

Sessional Paper 416/2006

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from Valerie Moore of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, attaching the text of the e-mail message she sent to the Government expressing opposition to proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 417/2006

E-mail message dated April 13, 2006, from Dorothy Tovell of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 418/2006

4 recent Alberta newspaper photographs depicting Government Members presenting cheques for community programs

Sessional Paper 419/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

10 recent letters from staff of long-term care facilities expressing concern regarding staffing shortages and poor working conditions

Sessional Paper 420/2006

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

City of Edmonton Tax Assessment and Collection Property Tax Search Summary dated February 7, 2006, for land described as Plan 0024559, Lot A

Sessional Paper 421/2006

Copy of page 98 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, January 31, 2002, concerning the sale or disposition of land described as Plan 0024559, Lot A

Sessional Paper 422/2006

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

8 recent letters from staff of long-term care facilities expressing concern regarding staffing shortages and poor working conditions

Sessional Paper 423/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk Assistant 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 2004-2005, April 1, 2004, to March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 424/2006

Clerk Assistant 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, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 425/2006

Clerk Assistant 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 Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 426/2006

Annual Report for the College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta, 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 427/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 11 — Main Estimates)

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

(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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,824,278,000
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. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Gaming

Expense	\$201,627,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,306,155,000

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 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Mitzel

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 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

Mr. Magnus 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 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Rodney on behalf of
Mr. Liepert

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 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:25 p.m. until Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that appointments to the Privy Council for Canada are made by the Governor General upon the recommendation of the Prime Minister. All current and former members of the Federal Cabinet are members of the Privy Council, but the Prime Minister may recommend the appointment of other distinguished Canadians as well. While the Privy Council is constitutionally an executive advisory body, convention has limited the advisory duties to those members who are currently members of the Federal Cabinet. An appointment to the Privy Council is intended to be a great honour.

A number of Alberta's Premiers have been appointed to the Privy Council, including Arthur L.W. Sifton, who served as Alberta's Premier from 1910 to 1917. He was appointed to the Privy Council on October 12, 1917. Charles Stewart, who served as Premier from 1917 to 1921, was appointed December 29, 1921. Both Mr. Sifton and Mr. Stewart received their appointments when they were named to the Federal Cabinets of Prime Ministers Sir Robert L. Borden and W.L. Mackenzie King respectively. Premier Ernest C. Manning, who served from 1943 to 1968, was appointed to the Privy Council on July 5, 1967. Premier E. Peter Lougheed, who served as Premier from 1971 to 1985, was appointed on April 17, 1985.

All former Alberta MLAs who have eventually been appointed to the Federal Cabinet have also become members of the Privy Council of Canada, the most recent of which is former MLA Stockwell Day.

Appointments to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada are for life.

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement recognizing the 20th anniversary of the explosion of a reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant on April 26, 1986.

Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding BLAST (Bureau of Learners from Alberta's Speakers Team) and the importance of literacy.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement outlining the Alberta Liberal Opposition's vision for democratic renewal in Alberta.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for democratic renewal in Alberta.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement congratulating Zaheed Damani, recipient of a Leaders of Tomorrow Award at the 10th annual Leadership Awards held on April 25, 2006, in Calgary.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement congratulating several Albertans who received awards at the 10th annual Leadership Awards held on April 25, 2006, in Calgary.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 26, 2006, from Donald M. Hamilton, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with associated attachments providing information relating to post-employment restrictions for Members of Executive Council under the Conflicts of Interest Act

Sessional Paper 428/2006

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Letter dated April 10, 2006, from Barbara Brown to Whom it May Concern attaching a petition signed by approximately 800 Albertans requesting additional medical staff in the Peace River area

Sessional Paper 429/2006

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

10 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requesting increased funding for long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 430/2006

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

10 recent letters from Albertans, unaddressed, requesting an increase in staff at long-term care facilities to improve working conditions and provide a more acceptable standard of care for residents

Sessional Paper 431/2006

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

E-mail message, undated, from Sheila Haddad of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the Federal Government's protocol for honouring fallen members of the Canadian military

Sessional Paper 432/2006

10 recent letters from Albertans to several addressees expressing concern regarding staff shortages and poor conditions at long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 433/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 13 — Main Estimates)

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

(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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Community Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$229,798,000
Capital Investment	\$20,749,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Prins 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$143,554,000
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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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

The question was put that Bill 24, Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Abbott	Fritz	McClellan
Ady	Goudreau	Melchin
Amery	Griffiths	Mitzel
Brown	Hancock	Ouellette
Calahasen	Jablonski	Prins
Cao	Johnston	Renner
Cenaiko	Knight	Rodney
Danyluk	Lukaszuk	Rogers
Doerksen	Lund	Webber
Ducharme		

Against the motion: 5

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pastoor
Eggen	MacDonald	

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 30 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Rev. Abbott, 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 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 434/2006

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Fuel Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 2006

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 people killed or injured in the workplace.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2006, 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.

The Speaker 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.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on September 22, 1933, Vivian MacMillan, a stenographer employed by the Government of Alberta, and her father, Allan D. MacMillan, brought a civil suit against Premier John Edward Brownlee under the Seduction Act seeking damages and compensation for Mr. Brownlee's alleged seduction of Vivian MacMillan from the time she was 18 and over the course of three years.

Premier Brownlee categorically denied the allegations, asserting in his defence that there was not a word of truth in the MacMillans' suit and that he intended to defend the action to the limit. Mr. Brownlee issued a counterclaim in November 1933 alleging that Vivian MacMillan, together with her medical student suitor, John Caldwell, had conspired to level false allegations against him.

After a sensational trial on June 30, 1934, jurors awarded \$10,000 in damages to Vivian MacMillan and \$5,000 to her father. The trial judge, William C. Ives, admonished the jury for reaching a verdict inconsistent with the evidence, overturned the decision, and imposed court costs upon the MacMillans. Despite Justice Ives' actions, Mr. Brownlee recognized that the jury's initial verdict signalled an end to his political career.

On the morning of July 5, 1934, Premier Brownlee delivered his resignation and that of the entire Cabinet to Lieutenant Governor William L. Walsh. The resignations were effective July 19, 1934. On the same day Richard G. Reid, Provincial Treasurer and United Farmers of Alberta Member for the constituency of Vermilion, was sworn in as Premier.

In the general election of August 22, 1935, Richard G. Reid, John Edward Brownlee, and the United Farmers of Alberta Government were defeated in a landslide victory by the Social Credit, who won 56 out of a total of 63 seats in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In 1937 the MacMillans successfully appealed Justice Ives' decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. On June 4, 1940, J.E. Brownlee's appeal of the Supreme Court's decision to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom was dismissed. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, located in the United Kingdom, was the highest court of appeal in Canada until 1949. The law firm Brownlee LLP bears the name of Alberta's fifth Premier.

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. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Hobbema Community Cadet Corps.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Government's privatization policies.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the immediate need to eliminate the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding provincial parks and wilderness areas.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the success of Athabasca University.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by over 2,100 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 1, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ14.

Motions for Returns: MR23, MR24, MR25.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Pages 157-158 of Alberta Hansard dated March 1, 2006, noting comments made by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding gastro paresis
Sessional Paper 435/2006

Letter dated March 14, 2006, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, offering to issue a province-wide news release to help raise awareness of digestive disturbances
Sessional Paper 436/2006

Response to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on March 1, 2006, Department of Health and Wellness, 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2) debate
Sessional Paper 437/2006

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

Letter dated April 27, 2006, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, requesting the Federal Government enhance the current bilateral child care agreements with the provinces and extend them to the territories

Sessional Paper 438/2006

Report dated April 2006 entitled "The Incredible Shrinking \$1,200 Child Care Allowance: How to Fix It" prepared by Ken Battle

Sessional Paper 439/2006

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Letter dated April 24, 2006, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, responding to questions raised during several Oral Question Periods in April 2006 regarding services provided to the Government by Rod Love

Sessional Paper 440/2006

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated January 21, 2006, sent by e-mail, from Petro Oliynyk, Head of the Lviv Oblast State Administration, Ukraine, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, inviting Hon. Mr. Klein, an official delegation, and a business delegation to visit the Lviv Oblast, with attached list of proposals to be considered during the visit

Sessional Paper 441/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

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 2005

Sessional Paper 442/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, 13:

Alberta Education, 2006-2009 Business Plan

Sessional Paper 443/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2004, Section 1

Sessional Paper 444/2006

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2004, Section 2

Sessional Paper 445/2006

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2004, Section 3

Sessional Paper 446/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 1 to May 4, 2006:

Monday, May 1	9:00 p.m.	- Government Motions Motion 18 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38 Committee of the Whole Bill 20 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 2	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 16 of 24) Government Services (Designated) And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 17 of 24) International and Intergovernmental Relations

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			<p>Committee of the Whole Bill 20, 28, 33, 34 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, May 3	Aft.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 18 of 24) Sustainable Resource Development (Designated) And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 19 of 24) Justice and Attorney General</p>
			<p>Committee of the Whole Bill 14, 20, 25, 26, 29, 31, 32 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, May 4	Aft.	-	<p>Governor General's Address Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24) Solicitor General and Public Security (Designated) And as per the Order Paper</p>

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the question was put that the Estimates for the Department of Health and Wellness be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Brown	Goudreau	McClellan
Calahasen	Graydon	Melchin
Cao	Haley	Prins
Cardinal	Hancock	Renner
Coutts	Jablonski	Rogers
Danyluk	Johnston	Stelmach
DeLong	Knight	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Liepert	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Lukaszuk	Webber
Evans	Mar	Zwozdesky
Forsyth		

Against the motion: 4

Blakeman	Mather	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Mason		

The Acting Speaker assumed 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$10,289,506,000
Capital Investment	\$32,056,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Monday, May 1, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 1, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that four different political parties have formed the Government of Alberta in Alberta's first 100 years. The Liberal Party was the Government in the first four Legislatures. In the election of 1905 it received 57.56% of the votes and held 22 of 25 seats. In the election of 1909 it received 59.26% of the votes and held 36 of 41 seats. In the election of 1913 it received 49.23% of the votes and held 39 of 56 seats. In the election of 1917 it received 48.14% of the votes and held 34 of 56 seats. In these first four Legislatures the Conservative Party held the second largest number of seats: three out of 25 in 1905, two out of 41 in 1909, 17 out of 56 in 1913, and 19 out of 56 in 1917.

In the election of 1921 the United Farmers of Alberta formed the Government with 28.92% of the votes but with 38 of the 61 seats. The Liberal Party received more votes, 34.07%, but elected only 15 of 61 MLAs. In the election of 1926 the United Farmers of Alberta elected 43 of 61 MLAs with 39.68% of the votes. The Liberals won seven seats with 26.17% of the votes. In the election of 1930 the United Farmers of Alberta won 39 of 63 seats with 39.41% of the votes and the Liberals came in second with 24.59% of the votes and 11 MLAs. The election was held on June 19, 1930.

Alberta's next election was held five years and two months later, on August 22, 1935. The election of 1935 saw the highest number of candidates, 240, and the highest number of political parties to date, 12. The turnout of voters was massive, with 81.8% of eligible voters voting: 95.4% of the electorate voted in the constituency of Cardston, 91.6% voted in the Olds constituency, and 90.3% was the turnout in Acadia. When the results were in, Alberta had a new political party governing them. The Social Credit Party won 56 of 63 seats with 54.25% of the votes. The Liberals received 23.14% of the votes and won five seats. The United Farmers of Alberta, the Government in the previous three terms, received 11% of the votes and was completely shut out with no seats.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act that will be proclaimed July 1, 2006.

Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement congratulating Legislature Page Samantha Johnston who was crowned "Miss Alberta" at the provincial Job's Daughters pageant on March 31, 2006.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the Calgary Roundtable on Childcare held on April 29, 2006.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing May 1-6, 2006, as National Mental Health Week.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing April 30 to May 6, 2006, as Education Week.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding health care spending.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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 that cancellation of the child care agreement concluded and signed by Alberta and the Federal Government in 2005 puts into jeopardy the funding that makes possible Alberta's five-point plan for child care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View:

Document dated March 8, 2006, outlining parallels between Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006, and the original draft of Bill C-38, The Civil Marriage Act

Sessional Paper 447/2006

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

Copy of page 1736 of the Alberta Gazette dated July 15, 2005, concerning the sale of certain parcels of land

Sessional Paper 448/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 052227408

Sessional Paper 449/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 052283668

Sessional Paper 450/2006

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Alberta Disability Coalition pamphlet encouraging Albertans to purchase Alberta Progressive Conservative Party memberships and to support the leadership candidate most likely to treat disability issues as a priority

Sessional Paper 451/2006

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

Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition news release dated May 1, 2006, entitled "Aon Report Projections Dead Wrong, Mason cites government fear-mongering on the future of public health care" and backgrounder dated May 1, 2006, entitled "Aon Report Financial Projections Analyzed Against Actual Trends"

Sessional Paper 452/2006

Speaker's Ruling - Anticipation

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to make a statement pertaining to a matter of business that will be addressed by the Assembly this evening, namely Motion Other Than Government Motion 508, standing in the name of the Member for Foothills-Rocky View. The issue of anticipation may arise as Motion 508 deals with the subject of fixed election dates, as does Bill 210 (Election (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2006), which is sponsored by the Leader of the Official Opposition.

Under Beauséne's at paragraph 566(7), "a motion dealing with the same subject-matter as a bill . . . on the Order Paper for second reading [should not] be considered." This rule of parliamentary practice is based on the principle that an Assembly should not consider the same matter twice. Under the rule stated at Beauséne's paragraphs 512 and 513, a matter must not be anticipated if it is contained in a more effective form of proceeding based on a descending scale of values where Bills have priority over Motions, which in turn have priority over amendments.

Even in the House of Commons this principle has been applied in a more lenient manner when it comes to Private Members' Business. After stating the basis for this ancient rule against anticipation, Marleau and Montpetit in House of Commons: Practice and Procedure say this at page 477:

"An exception has been allowed, however, in the case of an opposition motion on a Supply day related to the subject matter of a bill already before the House. Under the normal application of the rule, the Chair would refuse the motion because it ranks as inferior to a bill. The Speaker has nonetheless ruled that the opposition prerogative in the use of an allotted day is very broad and ought to be interfered with only on the clearest and most certain of procedural grounds."

This tendency not to rule Private Members' Business out of order on the basis of the rule against anticipation is reflected in the 24th edition of Erskine May at page 389, where it is stated that because of the limited opportunities that exist for Members in the British House of Commons to raise matters with Ministers, "the rule is therefore enforced much less strictly than before."

Honourable Members, the Chair and the Table Officers have researched this issue and believe that this is the first time the issue of anticipation has been raised with respect to a Private Member's Motion and a Private Member's Bill. It differs from a March 28, 1995 situation reported at page 872 of Alberta Hansard for that day where a Private Member's Motion was struck out because it was on the same subject as a Government Bill. The alleged conflict here is between a Private Member's Motion and a Private Member's Bill.

Given the process for arriving at the order of Motions Other Than Government Motions and Private Members' Bills, a Member proposing a Motion would not necessarily know what was in such a Bill until it was given First Reading. The Chair would also note that Motion 508 may have a similar subject but is not identical to Bill 210. The debate would not necessarily be the same.

The Chair has always given the widest latitude possible to Private Members' Business consistent with the rules and practices of the Assembly, which are in large part derived from the 1993 reforms which made Alberta a leader in Private Members' Business. The Chair will, whenever possible, allow debate to proceed. Given that there are differences between Motion 508 and Bill 210, and that it is not certain when Bill 210 will be considered by the Assembly, the Chair does not find the Motion out of order so the debate can proceed.

The Chair is providing this ruling at this time in anticipation of the possibility of such a Motion being raised later in the day or at 8:00 p.m. The bottom line is that both Motion 508 and Bill 210 can proceed.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that cancellation of the child care agreement concluded and signed by Alberta and the Federal Government in 2005 puts into jeopardy the funding that makes possible Alberta's five-point plan for child care.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ14. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Miller:

How much money in total did the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund invest in tobacco-based companies in the fiscal year 2004-05 broken down by individual company and amount invested in each?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR23. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the contract between the Ministry of Health and Wellness and Margaret Kool Marketing (mkm) awarded following Request for Proposal 05-243.

MR24. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents produced for the Ministry of Health and Wellness by Margaret Kool Marketing (mkm) under the contract awarded following Request for Proposal 05-243.

MR25. Moved by Mr. Martin:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the public sector comparator done for the Northeast Calgary Ring Road Project which was announced as a public-private partnership on February 24, 2006.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35.

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 208 Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act,
2006 — Dr. Morton

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Dr. Morton:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring fixed election dates every 4 years or whenever the Government loses the confidence of the Assembly.

Mr. Snelgrove moved the motion be amended by striking out “to introduce legislation requiring fixed election dates every 4 years or whenever the Government loses the confidence of the Assembly” and substituting “to initiate a process to study the benefits and disadvantages of implementing fixed election dates with the intention of introducing legislation based on the recommendations arising from that study.”

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.

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that the Assembly invite Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General of Canada, to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, May 4, 2006, and that this address be the first order of business after Prayers and that the ordinary business of the Assembly will resume upon the conclusion of Her Excellency's address. Be it further resolved that Her Excellency's address become part of the permanent record of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Mitzel

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 38 Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner 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 36 Securities Transfer Act — Mr. Knight

Bill 37 Miscellaneous (Provincial Treasurer) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 —
Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 20 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on April 26, 2006) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 453/2006

Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 454/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:08 p.m. until Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on March 21, 1940, Albertans elected their second Social Credit Government with 42.9% of the votes and 36 of 57 seats. For the first time in our history the Liberal Party was neither the Government nor the second-largest party in the House. Nineteen Independents were elected with 42.47% of the votes. The Liberals elected one Member.

The election of August 8, 1944, saw the Social Credit Government returned with 51.88% of the votes and 51 of 57 seats. The second-largest grouping was three Independents with 16.75% of the votes. Two Co-operative Commonwealth Federation MLAs were elected with 24.92% of the votes. There were no registered Liberal candidates in the election of 1944.

On August 17, 1948, 55.63% of Albertans voted Social Credit and returned 51 of 57 MLAs. The CCF polled 19.13% of the votes and elected two Members, as did the Liberals with 17.86% of the votes.

Four years later on August 5, 1952, the largest number of political parties ever, 13, contested the election. The Social Credit Party received 56.24% of the votes and elected 53 of 60 MLAs. Three Liberals were elected with 22.37% of the votes.

On June 29, 1955, in Alberta's 50th anniversary year, 37 of 61 seats went to the Social Credit Party with 46.42% of the votes. The Liberals elected 15 Members with 31.13% of the votes.

In Alberta's 14th election held on June 18, 1959, 55.69% of Albertans elected 61 Social Credit Members out of 65 seats. The Progressive Conservative Party elected one MLA with 23.88% of the votes. For the first time in Alberta's history a political party received more than 200,000 votes; Social Credit received 230,283.

Almost four years to the day later, June 17, 1963, the Social Credit Party won 60 of 63 seats with 54.81% of the votes. Two Liberals were elected with 19.76% of the votes.

In Canada's 100th year and on May 23, 1967, 44.6% of Albertans returned 55 of 65 MLAs to the Legislature as Social Credit MLAs and six Progressive Conservatives were elected with 26% of the votes. The New Democratic Party received 16% of the votes and elected no MLAs while the Liberals elected three MLAs with 10.81% of the votes. This was the ninth election victory in a row for the Social Credit Party.

The score to-date is four Liberal Governments, three United Farmers of Alberta Governments, nine Social Credit Governments.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating the Junior B Red Deer Vipers hockey team on winning the Western Canadian Junior B Hockey Championship in Campbell River, British Columbia, on April 23, 2006.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating several Albertans who were recipients of Leaders of Tomorrow Awards at ceremonies held in Wetaskiwin on April 24, 2006, and in Camrose on April 26, 2006.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding a child care public forum held in Calgary on April 29, 2006.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Portage College Annual Sports and Education Dinners held in Cold Lake and Lac La Biche on April 28 and 29, 2006.

Mr. Liepert, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 32nd annual Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards gala held in Edmonton on April 29, 2006.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for safe, sustainable groundwater.

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 Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Rodney

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Lukaszuk

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr2, Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act
Sessional Paper 455/2006

Proposed amendment to Bill Pr3, Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 456/2006

Mr. Speaker, I request concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, presented a petition signed by 6 Rocky Mountain House and area residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 3,126 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 75 St. Albert and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 204 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated April 18, 2006, from E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, to the Board of Trustees, Edmonton Public Schools, with associated attachments recommending the approval of the proposed 2006-2007 planning base
Sessional Paper 457/2006

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Copy of page 106 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, dated February 28, 2006, outlining an erratum concerning the sale of land described as Plan 0325670, Block 1, Lot 2

Sessional Paper 458/2006

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

Letter dated July 25, 2005, from Rob Kinsey, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, UA (United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada) Local Union #488, to Stephen F. Kelly, Assistant General President, General Office, United Association, providing information regarding employment opportunities for UA members from the United States in the jurisdiction of UA Local Union #488 located in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 459/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

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

(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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Government Services

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$109,226,000
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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. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., 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 2, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

(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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

International and Intergovernmental Relations

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$10,691,000

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Mitzel

Bill 38 Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert

Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Liepert

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:53 p.m. until Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in the general election of August 30, 1971, 46.4% of the votes went to the Progressive Conservative Party, which elected 49 of 75 MLAs. The Social Credit Party received 41.1% of the votes and elected 25 MLAs. The Progressive Conservative Party became the fourth party to elect a government in Alberta.

On March 26, 1975, 62.65% of Albertans elected Progressive Conservatives in 69 out of Alberta's 75 seats. The Social Credit Party received 18.17% of the votes and elected four MLAs.

Four years later on March 14, 1979, voters voted 57.4% Progressive Conservative and elected 74 of 79 MLAs. The Social Credit Party received 19.87% of the votes and elected four MLAs.

On November 2, 1982, 588,485 Albertans gave the Progressive Conservative Party 62.28% of the votes and 75 of 79 seats. The New Democratic Party elected two MLAs with 18.75% of the votes, and 947,644 Albertans cast ballots, the largest number to date.

In the election held on May 8, 1986, only 47.25% of Albertans voted, one of the lowest turnouts in our history. The results gave the Progressive Conservative Party 51.4% of the votes and 61 of 83 seats. The New Democratic Party elected 16 MLAs with 29.22% of the votes.

Less than three years later on March 20, 1989, Albertans returned to the polls and 44.29% of voters gave the Progressive Conservative Party 59 out of 83 seats. The Liberals received 28.68% of the votes and elected eight MLAs, the New Democratic Party received 26.29% of the votes and elected 16 MLAs, and 53.6% of Alberta voters voted.

In the election held on June 15, 1993, the turnout was 60.21% and 991,472 ballots were cast. The Progressive Conservative Party received 44.49% of the votes and elected 51 of 83 Members. The Alberta Liberal Party received 39.73% of the votes and elected 32 MLAs. The New Democratic Party elected no MLAs with 11.01% of the votes. The highest number of candidates to date participated, 382.

On March 11, 1997, voter turnout was 53.75% and the Progressive Conservative Party elected 63 MLAs out of 83 with 51.17% of the votes. The Alberta Liberal Party elected 18 MLAs with 32.75% of the votes. Two New Democrats were elected with 8.81% of the votes.

For the first time in Alberta's election history ballots cast surpassed 1,000,000 with 1,016,000 voters participating in the election held on March 21, 2001. The Progressive Conservative Party elected 74 MLAs of 83 with 61.91% of the votes, the Alberta Liberal Party elected seven MLAs with 27.33% of the votes, voter turnout was 52.83%.

On November 22, 2004, 450 candidates, the largest ever in Alberta's history, contested the election which saw voter turnout at 44.7%. The Progressive Conservative Party elected 62 MLAs of 83 with 46.8% of the votes, the Alberta Liberal Party elected 16 Members with 29.39% of the votes, the New Democratic Party elected four MLAs with 10.2% of the votes, and the Alberta Alliance Party elected one Member with 8.7% of the votes. The voter turnout at 44.7% was the lowest in the history of Alberta. In one constituency, Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, voter turnout was 26.4% and the Progressive Conservative candidate won 63.2% of those votes.

The electoral score to-date: Liberal Governments, four; United Farmers of Alberta Governments, three; Social Credit Governments, nine; Progressive Conservative Governments, 10.

Members' Statements

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Lethbridge and Medicine Hat centennials.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing May 1-7, 2006, as Mental Health Week and acknowledging the work done in the Edmonton-Centre constituency and throughout Alberta in support of people with mental illness.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Wetaskiwin centennial.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Alberta labour market and the use of temporary foreign workers.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement congratulating Bill and Elvie Brown of Wainwright on their 70th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2006.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the use of resource revenue to establish a provincial pension plan.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition signed by 1,140 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition signed by 382 Lethbridge and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz,
Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Report dated May 2006 entitled "Continuing Care Health Service Standards"
prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 460/2006

Report dated May 2006 entitled "Supportive Living Accommodation Standards"
prepared by Alberta Seniors and Community Supports

Sessional Paper 461/2006

Report dated May 2006 entitled "Long-Term Care Accommodation Standards"
prepared by Alberta Seniors and Community Supports

Sessional Paper 462/2006

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

Page 1363 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, June 29, 1996, concerning the sale or
disposition of three parcels of land

Sessional Paper 463/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered
as 962155947

Sessional Paper 464/2006

Land Title Certificate for portion of legal description SW 8-52-25-W4

Sessional Paper 465/2006

Letter dated May 1, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation,
requesting the Government initiate an independent judicial inquiry into all
Government land deals related to the construction of the Edmonton and Calgary
ring roads

Sessional Paper 466/2006

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2003

Sessional Paper 467/2006

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2004

Sessional Paper 468/2006

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

Letter dated May 3, 2006, from Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky
View, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting
that Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes
Amendment Act, 2006, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 469/2006

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

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

(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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$229,636,000
Capital Investment	\$33,200,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$342,436,000

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, during Committee of Supply consideration:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 470/2006

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

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

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 with some amendments:

Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 471/2006

Amendment to Bill 25 (Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 472/2006

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Fuel Tax Act (\$) — 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 Bills were reported:

Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus

Bill 33 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 34 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 473/2006

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 474/2006

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 475/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:48 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 2006, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2006

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

While awaiting the arrival of Her Excellency, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General of Canada, His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond, CC, and the Premier entered the Chamber. Her Excellency 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

On behalf of all Members and all Albertans I would like to welcome Your Excellencies to this province and to this legislative Chamber. Your Excellency is the first Governor General of Canada to address this Assembly in this room. You do us a rare and signal honour in this the Assembly's centennial year.

Your Excellencies, Honourable Members, in 1964 these words were said by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada: "The ways of democracy depend upon the conscious support of all citizens. The function of constitutional monarchy is to personify the democratic state, to sanction legitimate authority, to assure the legality of means and guarantee the execution of the public will."

Your Excellency's presence here today reminds us of this and of the pre-eminent role the Crown plays in the life of this country. Her Majesty's words speak to the bedrock foundation that supports our people and the public institutions that serve our provinces, territories, and nation.

It is fitting and appropriate that Your Excellency sits on this day in this Chamber beneath the flags of the provinces and territories. They are a unique expression of the loyalty and allegiance Members of this Assembly feel to Canada, just as you represent the human dimension of all that this nation is. Welcome sincerely to both of you.

It is now my honour to invite the Premier of Alberta, Honourable Ralph Klein, to speak.

Premier's Statement

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Excellencies, Members of the Legislative Assembly. I do want to extend a very warm and sincere Alberta welcome to Their Excellencies on behalf of all Members of the Legislature. As the Speaker pointed out, this is the very first time that we've had the honour and the privilege of hearing from a Governor General in this Chamber, and we're looking forward with great anticipation to your remarks today. Welcome once again.

The Speaker then invited Her Excellency to address the Assembly.

Address from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada

Premier, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, distinguished guests, chers amis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel truly privileged to be here today. It is a great pleasure for my husband, Jean-Daniel Lafond, and me, and also for our daughter, Marie-Éden, to begin here in Edmonton our first official visit to Alberta. We may be a bit early for the wild roses but I would say that the warmth of your hospitality is like the embrace of your Alberta chinooks.

Last night Jean-Daniel and I enjoyed an outstanding jazz concert at Canada's oldest jazz club, the internationally renowned Yardbird Suite. This morning Jean-Daniel shared some meaningful time with Francophone community leaders and students at the Campus Saint-Jean of the University of Alberta.

Also this morning I was deeply moved and terribly pleased to have spent time with some of Canada's wounded soldiers and their families at CFB Edmonton to learn more about the Military Family Resource Centre and the challenges facing military families on a daily basis. My thoughts are with the family and friends of Corporal Randy Payne who gathered yesterday in Wainwright, Alberta, for a memorial service, as well as the family of Bombardier Myles Mansell, whose funeral was held yesterday in Victoria. On Sunday my thoughts will be with Lieutenant Bill Turner and his family and friends as they celebrate his life at a memorial service in Edmonton.

I can say that, clearly, it is not only Alberta's breathtaking scenery and great economic prosperity that is attracting new citizens here. This province has long been seen as a mecca of opportunity. For over a century hard-working and independently-minded people have been coming here to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Je sais, par exemple, que dès les années 1700 les voyageurs canadiens-français y sont venus pour la traite des fourrures après un long et périlleux voyage. Je sais qu'en épousant des femmes crie et en établissant des communautés métisses, ils ont commencé une longue tradition de diversité linguistique et culturelle, qui persiste jusqu'à nos jours. Et puis la ruée vers l'or et la construction du chemin de fer ont donné lieu à la vague d'immigration suivante. Puis après la découverte du pétrole en 1947 votre population a doublé.

(French-Canadian voyageurs made the long and arduous trek to your lands in search of fur during the 1700s. By marrying Cree women and establishing Métis communities, they began a long tradition of linguistic and cultural diversity that persists today. The gold rush and construction of the railway represented the next wave of migration. And then, following the 1947 discovery of oil, your population doubled.)

Poursuivant leurs rêves, chaque nouvelle génération de pionniers entrepreneurs a enrichi l'Alberta. Il vous a fallu – c'est impressionnant – à peine 100 ans pour atteindre un niveau de prospérité qui fait l'envie aujourd'hui du pays.

(In pursuing their dreams, each new generation of ambitious pioneers has enriched Alberta itself, and in just 100 years you have together achieved a level of prosperity that is the envy of the country.)

Who would have predicted a century ago the thriving communities of this province? Did observers in 1905 envision a rich economy based on agriculture, energy, tourism, and, of course, world-famous Alberta beef? I had some for lunch today and it was just delicious.

They say that journalists write the first version of history, and it's interesting to review what they had to say a century ago on the occasion of you entering into Canada. I was very interested to learn that the Globe, for one, was suitably impressed by Alberta. Reporting on the events and ceremonies of September 1905, its representative observed, "An easterner cannot come west without learning that here they never do things by halves." Similarly, Montreal's French language daily, La Presse, reported, "With its immense natural resources, its intelligent and active population, one can predict that the new province is called to play a significant role in Canada's future."

The pioneer spirit of independence and resourcefulness in this province is legendary, yet your deserved reputation for fierce individualism and economic self-reliance belie another lesser known aspect of Alberta's character: your people are among the most generous of Canadians. 85 percent of you make financial contributions to charitable and nonprofit organizations. Combined with those who volunteer their time, 94 percent of your citizens believe in giving back. So Alberta's tremendous prosperity affords you the opportunity to make the most of this attitude of sharing. Surely a prime benefit to be derived from such communal wealth is the ability it gives us to ensure that no one is left behind and that each among us has a voice.

The health and prosperity of every society is compromised by the people within it who suffer from poverty, who are disadvantaged by birth, who fight against discrimination of all kinds.

Vous savez que je me suis engagée à me servir de mon poste de Gouverneur Générale pour attirer l'attention justement sur la nécessité de briser les solitudes. C'est-à-dire, il faut entendre par solitude les multiples différences qui continuent de nous séparer: celles qu'imposent la géographie et l'âge, le sexe et l'origine culturelle, la langue et la religion, la pauvreté et l'ignorance.

(I have pledged to use my office to focus attention on breaking down solitudes, the myriad of differences that continue to separate us, those imposed by geography and age, by gender and ethnicity, by language and religion, by poverty and ignorance.)

Mais je crois qu'en oeuvrant ensemble, nous pourrions éliminer les barrières qui empêchent, par exemple, les autochtones d'atteindre leur potentiel et d'apporter leur contribution à la société. En reconnaissant la force qui naît de la diversité linguistique et culturelle, nous pourrions enrichir notre société tout entière. Et en collaborant, nous pourrions trouver des solutions valables à l'aliénation sociale qui conduit certains jeunes à l'isolement et au désespoir.

(I think that by working together, we can eliminate the barriers that prevent, for example, aboriginal people from reaching their potential and contributing to society. I also think that by recognizing the strength that comes from linguistic and cultural diversity, we can enrich our entire society. And by collaborating, we can find meaningful solutions to the social alienation that drives some young people to isolation and despair.)

The marginalization of any human being is a loss to us all, and nothing in our affluent society is more disgraceful than our failure to nurture and support those who are most vulnerable. I also believe that children and youth represent not only our future but they are our present, and we have a profound duty to them not only to pass on a better world but also to ensure that they have the capacity to embrace it and each other with respect and responsibility.

This, too, is part of our collective dream and an achievement that has eluded many societies. Close to realizing it in so many ways, we cannot afford to take it for granted or to assume that it is someone else's task. I think every one of us, with every action we take and every attitude we express, has really an opportunity to foster respect, to promote dialogue, to nurture cooperation to ensure that all citizens have the opportunity to fully participate in building our society.

It is especially fitting to reflect on the importance of these values here in the Chamber that was home to the first female legislators in the British Empire. Between them, Louise McKinney and Roberta MacAdams exemplified such values. They really championed initiatives and supported legislation to help widows, to help immigrants, to help people with disabilities, to help soldiers and their families.

Here in this House, at a time of unprecedented prosperity in your province, I think you have a golden opportunity to continue this tradition. Your capacity to make a difference in the lives of others through your actions and through your decisions is limitless.

So I want to say that I look forward to hearing of your plans and to continuing the conversation we start this week. It will be but the first chapter in our ongoing dialogue. I know that you and the people of Alberta you represent have important matters to discuss. I think you have very inspiring stories to share and I must say, valuable lessons to teach me. So I am here. We are here to listen. Thank you very much. Merci beaucoup.

Speaker's Statement

Les mots de Votre Excellence ont retenu l'esprit et la promesse de la province de l'Alberta. (Your Excellency's words have captured the spirit and the promise of the Province of Alberta.) Your Excellencies, this House would ask that you carry with you as the Queen's representative our good and heartfelt wishes for success in all that you endeavour to do across this nation.

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 Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General of Canada, His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond, CC, and the Premier left the Chamber.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that today, for the first time in its history, the Governor General of Canada attended the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Today this Assembly has made history for itself.

Members' Statements

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the value of educational support staff and recognizing April 30 to May 6, 2006, as Education Week.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition signed by 6,388 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 8, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24.

Motions for Returns: MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader:

Letter dated May 3, 2006, from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, urging that the request by Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, to waive Standing Order 8(5)(c) to allow for early Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006, be put to the Assembly for unanimous consent

Sessional Paper 476/2006

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

Program from the Edmonton Catholic Schools Celebration of the Arts held on May 3, 2006, at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Sessional Paper 477/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 8 to May 11, 2006:

Monday, May 8	9:00 p.m.	- Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 20, 29, 35
		And as per the Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 9
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 21 of 24)
 Restructuring and Government Efficiency (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 22 of 24)
 Economic Development
Second Reading
 As per the Order Paper
Committee of the Whole
 Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, 20, 36, 37, 38
 And as per the Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 10
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 23 of 24)
 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (Designated)
 And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24)
 Finance
Second Reading
 Bill 40
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 20, 29, 31
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 11 Aft. - **Private Bills / Government Bills
and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, 9, 10, 11, 12,
15, 16, 21, 24, 27, 30

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$434,123,000
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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. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, May 8, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that Alberta's longest serving MLA is Gordon Edward Taylor, who was first elected to the Alberta Legislature on March 21, 1940, and he served to March 14, 1979. That was a total of 38 years, 11 months, and three weeks. But then there's the question of who Alberta's shortest serving Member was, and there are actually three ways of defining this.

In one way Alberta's shortest serving Member is William Morrison. He was elected as a Social Credit MLA in the constituency of Okotoks-High River in the general election held on August 22, 1935. He resigned on October 7, 1935, to allow William Aberhart to run in the by-election held November 4, 1935. Mr. Aberhart was elected by acclamation. Mr. Morrison's length of service was 46 days.

On July 19, 1921, Percival Baker, the United Farmers of Alberta Member for the constituency of Ponoka, died. He had been elected in the general election held the previous day, July 18, 1921. Mr. Baker was a Member who, unfortunately, was hit in the head by a tree when he was stumping trees several weeks before the election that was held on July 18. He was elected on July 18, was moved from the hospital in Ponoka to the Misericordia hospital in Edmonton, and he died the following day. Mr. Baker's service was less than one day, but he was never sworn in as an MLA. In the by-election held on December 9, 1921, J.E. Brownlee was elected by acclamation.

The shortest term of office between election and defeat is another category, and that term is held by Don MacDonald, a Liberal elected in a by-election in the constituency of Three Hills on October 26, 1992, following the resignation of Connie Osterman. Mr. MacDonald received 46.3% of the votes. In the general election held on June 15, 1993, in the now named constituency Three Hills-Airdrie, the current member for Airdrie-Chestermere won the seat with 51.2% of the votes. Mr. MacDonald received 34.2% of that vote, and his term was seven months, 20 days.

The second shortest term of office between election and defeat is held by Alberta's first elected separatist, Gordon Kesler. Mr. Kesler won a by-election held February 17, 1982, in the constituency of Olds-Didsbury caused by the resignation of incumbent Robert C. Clark. He represented the Western Canada Concept and received 42.2% of the votes. In the general election held on November 2, 1982, Mr. Kesler ran in another riding, the riding of Highwood, and finished second with 17.9% of the votes. Harry Alger, a Progressive Conservative, won that with 69.9 per cent of the vote. Mr. Kesler's term was nine months less a day.

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing May 10, 2006, as the 61st anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by the allied forces.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement acknowledging the heroic efforts of Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, and Lanny Westersund, Legislative Assistant to Mr. Lukaszuk, in providing assistance to the driver of a vehicle that was on fire.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the need for affordable housing in Calgary.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating the grade four and five students at St. Martin de Porres School in Red Deer for their performance of the play "God's Masterpiece."

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing May 2006 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the sale of land involving the Edmonton and Calgary ring roads.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition signed by 318 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition signed by 1,481 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 57 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

The petition put forth by Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, was not in order to be presented.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 42 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition signed by 190 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, 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, that the Government’s refusal to fully fund and implement the recommendations made by the Auditor General in his May 2005 report on long-term care and the November 2005 Report of the MLA Task Force puts seniors and other continuing care residents in jeopardy.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 take the policy or budgetary steps required to identify the causes and reduce the extraordinary incidence of a variety of health problems, including cancers, among the residents of Fort Chipewyan and area.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

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

Bill 41 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2006, from Dennis Loughlin of Edmonton to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing concern regarding Albertans who obtain international driver's licences instead of Alberta driver's licences

Sessional Paper 478/2006

Letter dated February 2, 2006, from Larry Marcotte of Edmonton to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing concern regarding the poor living conditions in housing units operated by the Capital Housing Corporation

Sessional Paper 479/2006

E-mail message dated April 10, 2006, from Jim Struthers to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requesting the Government reinstate the requirement for licence plates to be displayed on the front of all motor vehicles registered in Alberta as outlined in Motion Other Than Government Motion 509, which was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on May 9, 2000

Sessional Paper 480/2006

E-mail message dated April 18, 2006, from Michael Marlowe of Edmonton to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, attaching the text of an e-mail message dated April 5, 2006, from Mr. Marlowe to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding commitments allegedly made by Hon. Mr. Klein concerning seniors

Sessional Paper 481/2006

E-mail message dated April 10, 2006, from Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, attaching the text of an e-mail, undated, from Mathilda Deck of Edmonton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 482/2006

E-mail message dated April 21, 2006, from Maria Marrazzo of Edmonton to Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, expressing concern regarding conditions at long term-care facilities

Sessional Paper 483/2006

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on April 4, 2006, Department of Energy, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 484/2006

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

Map entitled "Edmonton Transportation and Utility Corridor" prepared by Alberta Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 485/2006

Letter dated May 4, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, requesting information concerning the sale of 157 acres of surplus land in Fort McMurray in May 2005

Sessional Paper 486/2006

Alberta Government Services Land Titles Office image of document registered as 022057161

Sessional Paper 487/2006

Land Title Certificate for NE 4-52-23-W4

Sessional Paper 488/2006

Memorandum dated December 10, 1979, from Nader, Triple Five Corporation Limited, to Joe attaching a list of companies to be utilized when purchasing land in the "greenbelt"

Sessional Paper 489/2006

Copy of pages 637-638 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, March 31, 2003, concerning the sale or disposition of certain parcels of land

Sessional Paper 490/2006

Copy of pages 139-140 of the Alberta Gazette, Part I, January 31, 2003, concerning the sale or disposition of certain parcels of land

Sessional Paper 491/2006

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

5 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, and Hon. Diane Finley, Federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, expressing concern regarding changes to the proposed national child care program

Sessional Paper 492/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated April 27, 2006, from Derek Jassman of Calgary to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding funding for staff caring for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 493/2006

10 letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 494/2006

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

7 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Diane Finley, Federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, expressing concern regarding changes to the proposed national child care program

Sessional Paper 495/2006

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

Letter dated April 6, 2006, from Ruth Maria Adria, Elder Advocates of Alberta, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting information concerning the process used to classify the care needs of long-term care residents

Sessional Paper 496/2006

11 recent letters from Albertans to several addressees expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 497/2006

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

AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) news release dated May 4, 2006, entitled "AUPE president calls for adequate funding, uniform standards for continuing care"

Sessional Paper 498/2006

E-mail message dated May 4, 2006, from Paul Armstrong of Calgary to Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 499/2006

Letter dated May 4, 2006, from Pamela Pizarro, Communications and Outreach Officer, Youth Coalition, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 500/2006

Letter dated May 8, 2006, from Erin McGuinty, Canadian Youth for Choice Coordinator, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 501/2006

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

E-mail message dated May 5, 2006, from Cinnamon Suyal of Edmonton to Whom it May Concern expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 502/2006

E-mail message dated May 2, 2006, from Garrett P.J. Epp of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, attaching the text of 2 e-mail messages from Mr. Epp to Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, and to United Families Canada, expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 503/2006

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from several Canadians to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requesting the Government establish the Andy Russell - I'tai sah kòp Park, with attached Calgary Herald editorial dated June 3, 2005, entitled "Andy Russell 1915-2005, Mountain Man Raconteur"

Sessional Paper 504/2006

CUPE Alberta (Canadian Union of Public Employees) news release dated May 1, 2006, entitled "Federal budget won't help parents - CUPE, Daycare program needed"

Sessional Paper 505/2006

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

Letter dated March 30, 2006, from L. Schmode of Red Deer to Government Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding health care and the Métis Harvesting Agreement

Sessional Paper 506/2006

Letter dated April 18, 2006, from Rita Calhoun of Kapasiwin to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding wait time in the emergency department at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 507/2006

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

3 recent e-mail messages from Leisa Minter, Shaun O'Brien of Calgary, and Dana Stebner, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities, and 1 recent e-mail message from Lana Zips of Chipman to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding salary levels for staff who work with persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 508/2006

10 recent letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 509/2006

7 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, and Hon. Diane Finley, Federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, expressing concern regarding changes to the proposed national child care program

Sessional Paper 510/2006

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

Copy of a letter dated May 6, 2006, from Gordon Inglis of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 511/2006

Edmonton Airports, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 512/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

E-mail message dated May 1, 2006, from Eleanor Orser of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, and Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West (Minister of Economic Development), expressing concern regarding education funding

Sessional Paper 513/2006

10 recent letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 514/2006

10 recent letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 515/2006

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

9 recent letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 516/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Document dated February 2, 2006, entitled "Lake Wabamun Derailment, Fate and Persistence of the Spilled Oil" prepared by Polaris Applied Sciences Incorporated

Sessional Paper 517/2006

Letter dated February 14, 2006, unsigned, from George Fedoruk of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for the public health care system

Sessional Paper 518/2006

Letter dated March 16, 2006, from Sheila Hogan of Edmonton to Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed health care reforms, with 2 attached documents dated March 28, 2006, the first entitled "Proposed Third Way 'Health Policy Framework' (February 2006, Alberta), Feedback provided by Sheila Hogan" and the second entitled "Third Way Health Policy Framework, Summary of Feedback, Sheila Hogan"

Sessional Paper 519/2006

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

Chart, undated, entitled "Private Members' Public Bills, Requests for Early Consideration"

Sessional Paper 520/2006

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that the Government's refusal to fully fund and implement the recommendations made by the Auditor General in his May 2005 report on long-term care and the November 2005 Report of the MLA Task Force puts seniors and other continuing care residents in jeopardy.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 take the policy or budgetary steps required to identify the causes and reduce the extraordinary incidence of a variety of health problems, including cancers, among the residents of Fort Chipewyan and area.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ16. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Agnihotri:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, what measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to meet the funding challenges associated with supporting provincial sports and recreational programs as detailed by the Alberta Sport Plan Task Force in their report "A New Century For Amateur Sport - From Participation to Excellence"?

Debate adjourned on the following Written Question:

WQ17. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What groups or individuals did the Ministry of Energy consult with in its latest royalty review?

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Miller speaking.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ17 (debate adjourned), WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Rogers (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *improve the delivery* of stable and reliable electricity to meet the demands of advanced manufacturing throughout the province, by increasing investment in transmission and associated infrastructure.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Rodney

Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Oberle on behalf of Mr. Lukaszuk

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 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved the Bill be amended by striking out section 12 and substituting the following:

12. Section 112 is amended by renumbering it as section 112(1) and adding the following after subsection (1):

(2) Where

(a) a substance was released into the environment between September 1, 1993, and

(b) the activity that resulted in the release was permanently discontinued before that date,

the person responsible for the substance shall as soon as that person is aware that the substance may cause, is causing or has caused an adverse effect, take the actions specified in subsection (1).

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

For the amendment: 6

Chase
Flaherty

Martin
Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)

Swann
Taylor

Against the amendment: 29

Ady	Goudreau	Mitzel
Amery	Hancock	Ouellette
Boutilier	Johnson	Prins
Brown	Knight	Renner
Calahasen	Liepert	Rogers
Cao	Lougheed	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Lund	Stevens
Coutts	Magnus	Webber
Doerksen	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Ducharme	Melchin	

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government 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 10 minutes to two minutes.

The question was put on the remaining clauses of Bill 29, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Ady	Goudreau	Mitzel
Amery	Hancock	Ouellette
Boutilier	Johnson	Prins
Brown	Knight	Renner
Calahasen	Liepert	Rogers
Cao	Lougheed	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Lund	Stevens
Coutts	Magnus	Webber
Doerksen	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Ducharme	Melchin	

Against the motion: 6

Chase	Martin	Swann
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on an amendment introduced by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 1, 2006, that Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006 be amended by striking out section 4.

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

For the amendment: 7

Chase	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Swann
Flaherty	Pannu	Taylor
Martin		

Against the amendment: 29

Ady	Goudreau	Mitzel
Amery	Hancock	Ouellette
Boutilier	Jablonski	Prins
Brown	Johnson	Renner
Calahasen	Knight	Rogers
Cao	Liepert	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	Webber
Doerksen	Magnus	Zwozdesky
Ducharme	Melchin	

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 —
Mr. Mitzel

Bill 35 Fuel Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 20 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on May 1, 2006) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 521/2006

Amendment to Bill 29 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on May 3, 2006) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 522/2006

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 523/2006

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 524/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:42 p.m. until Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that 97 by-elections have been held in Alberta since the first general election in 1905. In our first 50 years, 66 by-elections were held with the first taking place on April 12, 1906. That by-election was necessitated by the resignation of Leverett G. DeVeber, a Liberal, who had been elected in Lethbridge in the general election of 1905. Mr. DeVeber had been appointed to the Canadian Senate. W.C. Simmons, a Liberal, is Alberta's first MLA to have been elected in a by-election.

Until 1926 Members were required to run for re-election before accepting appointment to Cabinet. From 1909 to 1926, 15 by-elections were held for this purpose, and in nine of these instances the Member was returned by acclamation.

In Alberta's second 50 years we had 31 by-elections, with the most recent by-election held on April 8, 2002. The incumbent MLA, Butch Fischer, had resigned, and the current Member for Battle River-Wainwright was elected in the then-named constituency of Wainwright as a Progressive Conservative. The current Legislative Assembly has seven Members who were elected to this Assembly via by-elections.

While there have been 97 by-elections, the number of different MLAs elected is 95. Two different Members were elected on two different occasions in by-elections. On June 29, 1910, C.R. Mitchell, a Liberal, was elected in Medicine Hat as a result of the resignation of incumbent W.T. Finlay. Mr. Mitchell lost his seat in the general election held on April 17, 1913, to Nelson Spencer, a Conservative. George Lane, the Liberal incumbent in Bow Valley then resigned his seat, Mr. Mitchell ran in the by-election held on June 12, 1913, and won by acclamation.

Don Getty returned to the Alberta Legislature via a by-election held on December 11, 1985, after being elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and Premier in the fall of 1985. Mr. Getty had been originally elected in 1967 in the constituency of Strathcona West. He was re-elected in 1971 and 1975 in Edmonton-Whitemud. He did not contest the election of 1979. Premier Getty was re-elected in 1986 but then suffered personal loss in the general election of 1989 to Liberal Percy Wickman in Edmonton-Whitemud. Brian Downey, the Progressive Conservative incumbent, resigned his seat in Stettler and Don Getty was re-elected in that seat in a by-election held on May 9, 1989.

By way of a summation, Alberta experienced 66 by-elections in its first 50 years and 31 in its second 50 years. Ninety-five different Members were elected in these 97 by-elections with two Members being elected twice in by-elections.

Members' Statements

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement recognizing May 6, 2006, as Alberta Search and Rescue Day.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement recognizing May 8-14, 2006, as National Nursing Week.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding addiction services that will be provided for youth under the Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing May 7-13, 2006, as Alberta Forest Week.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the number of Aboriginal people in Alberta correctional facilities.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding several teachers from the Edmonton-Glenora constituency who received Excellence in Teaching Awards on May 6, 2006.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lindsay

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

Bill 39 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lindsay

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Document dated May 9, 2006, entitled "Government Executive Fleet Operations, Operator Unit Listing, Ministerial Class"

Sessional Paper 525/2006

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

Memorandum dated February 9, 1982, from Hon. John W. (Jack) Cookson, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. Peter Lougheed, Chairman, Committee on Finance, Priorities and Coordination, clarifying questions asked during Department of the Environment Committee of Supply debate, January 29, 1982

Sessional Paper 526/2006

Document, undated, entitled "Presentation to the Metropolitan Affairs Cabinet Committee, Progress Report of Edmonton and Calgary R.D.A. Land Purchases and Implementation of Transportation and Utility Corridor Plans"

Sessional Paper 527/2006

Memorandum dated November 21, 1984, from Gordon Coombs, Deputy Secretary of Cabinet, to Hon. T. Chambers, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, regarding approval to negotiate R.D.A. land purchases

Sessional Paper 528/2006

Memorandum dated January 7, 1981, from B. Thomas Thackeray, Executive Assistant to the Minister, Department of the Environment, to W. Solodzuk, Deputy Minister, Department of the Environment, regarding recommendations made by Metropolitan Affairs concerning R.D.A. lands, with several related attachments

Sessional Paper 529/2006

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

Document dated May 2, 2006, entitled "Ted Morton asks for Jim Crow laws in Alberta, Re: Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006"

Sessional Paper 530/2006

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

Program from the ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) Calgary 40th Anniversary Celebration held on May 4, 2006

Sessional Paper 531/2006

Program from the Calgary Community Land Trust North Hill Launch held on May 4, 2006

Sessional Paper 532/2006

Program from the Mayor's Luncheon for Business and the Arts held in Calgary on May 5, 2006

Sessional Paper 533/2006

Information card regarding the Annual CP (Cerebral Palsy) Bike-a-thons

Sessional Paper 534/2006

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

Media release dated May 9, 2006, entitled "Bill 40 Clouds Future on Tuition: Students Demand the Bill be Rescinded" prepared by the University of Alberta Students' Union

Sessional Paper 535/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Magazine dated 2006, entitled "Visit the Country, Edmonton Countryside Ag and Cultural Experiences"

Sessional Paper 536/2006

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 2005

Sessional Paper 537/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ducharme, Minister of Community Development:

Copy of a petition signed by 11 Cold Lake residents urging the Government to introduce measures to effectively curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta

Sessional Paper 538/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 21 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Restructuring and Government Efficiency

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$255,139,000
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Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, during Committee of Supply consideration:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Restructuring and Government Efficiency (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 539/2006

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 22 — Main Estimates)

(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, 2007, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Economic Development

Expense	\$102,864,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Private Bills/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)

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved the Bill be amended by striking out section 7.

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

For the amendment: 7

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	MacDonald
Bonko	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 26

Abbott	Horner	Ouellette
Ady	Knight	Prins
Amery	Lindsay	Rodney
Brown	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Calahasen	Lund	Stelmach
Coutts	Magnus	Stevens
Evans	Melchin	Webber
Graydon	Morton	Zwozdesky
Groeneveld	Oberle	

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 37 Miscellaneous (Provincial Treasurer) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 —
Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 38 Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Rodney

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 36 Securities Transfer Act — Mr. Knight

Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lukaszuk

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated
on division

Sessional Paper 540/2006

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 541/2006

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 542/2006

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (Hon. Member for Peace River) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 543/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:33 a.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2006, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that citizens' access to the Legislature Building and citizens' understanding of the building and the institution of democracy that it houses has taken decades to develop. Alberta did not start producing its own Hansard until 1972, making Alberta one of the last provinces in Canada to do so. Alberta, however, was one of the first jurisdictions in the country to have permanent television broadcasts with the first of its proceedings televised on March 15, 1972. In 1998 a searchable Hansard was provided daily on the Internet, and in 2003 gavel-to-gavel audio broadcasts were added to the Assembly website, followed in 2004 by streamed video of Oral Question Period.

On July 1, 1998, unique in Canada, and for the first time in the history of Alberta, opportunity was accorded to citizens to walk onto the floor of the Chamber. We now have numerous student parliaments, School at the Legislature, and some 176,000 visitors annually with talented and professional tour guides to make these visitors feel comfortable.

While we are pleased with the many people who do visit and can visit this building, many are unable to visit the Legislature Building, until now. Today we unveiled the most innovative visitor access tool found in the world. The Virtual Visit: Step Inside the Alberta Legislature website is another major educational first for Alberta. To the knowledge of many, no other online tour provides the same immersive, three-dimensional experience that Alberta's tour does.

This project, Virtual Visit: Step Inside the Alberta Legislature, provides a realistic three-dimensional environment in cyberspace that replicates the layout, scale, lighting, and finishes of the Alberta Legislature. Students and citizens anywhere in the world can access the website and experience a virtual tour of this building that allows them to look around and move as if in the real world.

As Speaker I would like to extend deepest appreciation to Alberta Education, the previous Minister, and the current Minister for believing in a project that had humble beginnings several years ago. Virtual Visit: Step Inside the Alberta Legislature was fully funded as an Alberta Education centennial project and gifted people in Alberta Education worked hand-in-hand with gifted people in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to erect a groundbreaking visitors' education tool that is the first of its kind. Deepest appreciation is also extended to the private sector firm Fuel Industries for outstanding work on this project. Access is at www.virtualvisit.learnalberta.ca.

Today's tour is the first step. With the support of the Members of this Assembly we hope to add more educational activities as well as enhanced interactive features with Members in the future. As of today anyone anywhere in the world can visit the Alberta Legislature Building right now, as we speak.

Members' Statements

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the potential of a canola-based bio-diesel industry.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Big Valley Jamboree to be held in Camrose, from August 3-6, 2006.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement recognizing the contributions of World War II veterans.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the City of Lethbridge official centennial ceremonies held on May 9, 2006.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the voluntary efforts of the Northgate Lions Seniors Recreation Centre and the Northgate Senior Citizens Association.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement congratulating Evans Consoles of Calgary, the first Canadian company to receive an Aerospace Supply Award from NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) United Space Alliance.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition signed by 9 Nanton residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, presented a petition signed by 30 Albertans urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition signed by 94 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation allowing parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and to fund urgently required youth drug treatment centres.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition signed by 95 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation allowing parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and to fund urgently required youth drug treatment centres.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, on behalf of Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House (Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation), presented a petition signed by 15 Lethbridge and area residents urging the Government to introduce effective and immediate measures to curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta as reported by Health Canada that include, but are not limited to a tobacco tax increase, legislation to control tobacco sales and marketing, and legislation to make all workplaces completely smoke-free.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated May 8, 2006, from Paul Griffin, Director, Western Region, Canadian Bankers Association, to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, outlining several concerns regarding Bill 38, Livestock Identification and Commerce Act

Sessional Paper 544/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated April 28, 2006, from Kellan Fluckiger, Executive Director, Alberta Energy, to Members of the Electric Utilities Act Advisory Committee regarding the role and mandate of Alberta electricity industry implementing agencies

Sessional Paper 545/2006

Report entitled "April 28, 2006, Roles and Mandates Refinements for Alberta Electricity Industry Implementing Agencies: Response to stakeholder comments and recommendations on the November 28, 2005 paper" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 546/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Information booklet entitled "Alberta's Seniors Deserve Better, It's time to take action" prepared by Public Interest Alberta

Sessional Paper 547/2006

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

Memorandum dated March 23, 2006, from Kathie Landry of Edmonton to Steve Rapanos, Chief, EMS-Ambulance (Emergency Medical Services), City of Edmonton, with attached photographs, expressing concern regarding long EMS wait time which is further compounded by hospital emergency department wait time

Sessional Paper 548/2006

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

Program from the Salvation Army Annual Luncheon held at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton on May 10, 2006

Sessional Paper 549/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

11 letters from Albertans, 8 to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and 3 unaddressed, expressing concern regarding resident and employee conditions at long-term care facilities and requesting an increase in funding to address these issues

Sessional Paper 550/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 23 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Pastoor 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$34,003,000
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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. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 24 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed 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, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,129,463,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$65,793,000

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Finance:

Letter dated April 4, 2006, from Raymond J. Protti, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Bankers Association, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, congratulating Hon. Mrs. McClellan on Alberta's 2006-07 budget

Sessional Paper 551/2006

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 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

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

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

Bill 41 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

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

Bill 39 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Lindsay

Mr. Lindsay 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Unanimous Consent

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes during consideration of Bill 31, Health Information Amendment Act, 2006.

The question was put on the remaining clauses of Bill 31, Health Information Amendment Act, 2006, which was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Abbott	Graydon	Mar
Ady	Groeneveld	McClellan
Amery	Haley	Mitzel
Boutilier	Herard	Morton
Brown	Horner	Pham
Cao	Jablonski	Renner
Cardinal	Knight	Stevens
Danyluk	Lindsay	Tarchuk
DeLong	Lougheed	

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Mason	Taft
Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tougas
Elsalhy	Pastoor	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, moved the Bill be amended in section 4, in the proposed section 6,

- (a) by striking out subsection (4)(a);
- (b) by striking out subsection (5).

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes during consideration of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006.

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

For the amendment: 7

Blakeman	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Mason	Tougas
Elsalhy		

Against the amendment: 26

Abbott	Graydon	McClellan
Ady	Groeneveld	McFarland
Amery	Haley	Mitzel
Boutilier	Horner	Morton
Brown	Jablonski	Pham
Cao	Knight	Renner
Cardinal	Lindsay	Stevens
Danyluk	Lougheed	Tarchuk
DeLong	Mar	

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood)
— Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 552/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill on May 3, 2006) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 553/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 554/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 555/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 556/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 557/2006

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 558/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:28 a.m., Thursday, May 11, 2006, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in the 1905 general election Albertans voted using coloured pencils. Voters selected the coloured pencil corresponding to the candidate for whom they wished to vote, then marked a coloured X on the blank ballot paper. If current Members in 2006 conclude from time to time that the House may get carried away with lawmaking and the writing of regulations, let me quote from page 299 of the North-West Territories Ordinances of 1905:

“The pencils used under the provisions of sections 26 to 53 inclusive of this ordinance shall be of colour as follows in each electoral district. If there are two candidates, the colours shall be blue and red; if three, yellow shall be added; if four, black shall be added; if five, brown shall be added; if six, green shall be added; and if there are more than six, such additional colours of pencils shall be provided as the Lieutenant Governor may direct. The handle of each pencil shall be of wood and shall be not less than six inches in length and of sufficient thickness to enable the name of any candidate to be placed upon one side in characters not less than three-eighths of an inch in depth. The wood of the pencil should be painted the same colour as that of the marking materials it contains, which shall be inserted securely in the handle so that it cannot be removed.”

The Alberta Election Act governed the election process for the first time in the 1909 election, less than a month after the Act was proclaimed, and it thus deemed the Ordinances unnecessary.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer was created in 1977 under the Election Amendment Act and the office oversaw its first provincial election in 1979.

In 1905 the deposit required to file nomination papers was \$100. In 1993, 88 years later, it was doubled to \$200, and in 2004 the deposit was increased to \$500.

For elections in Alberta, March and June are the favourite months with each hosting seven elections. August has held five, November has held three, May has seen two, and April and July have each experienced one. In Alberta a general election has never been held in January, February, September, October, or December.

Members' Statements

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the history of Mother's Day and recognizing her mother, Cicely Elizabeth Truman.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the 35th anniversary of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the success of the Super Cities Walk for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) held in Lloydminster on April 29, 2006.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the need for democratic renewal in Alberta.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need for Government to support the book publishing industry in Alberta.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement recognizing John Kolkman, Research Director, New Democrat Opposition, for his contributions to the New Democrat Opposition Caucus and to several Edmonton community programs.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee dated May 9, 2006

Sessional Paper 559/2006

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 15, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns: MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Children's Advocate, 2003/2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 560/2006

Child and Youth Advocate, 2004/2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 561/2006

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| Tuesday, May 16 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 43 Committee of the Whole Bill 20, 40, 42, 43 Third Reading As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 20, 40, 42, 43 Third Reading Bill 10, 14, 28, 32 And as per the Order Paper |
| Wednesday, May 17 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 20, 40, 42, 43 And as per the Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 20, 40, 42, 43 And as per the Order Paper |
| Thursday, May 18 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders As per the Order Paper |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Burns Memorial Trust Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Rodney

Bill Pr2 Mary Immaculate Hospital of Mundare Act — Mrs. Jablonski

- Bill Pr3 Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2006— Mr. Lukaszuk
Bill 9 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Shariff
Bill 11 Architects Amendment Act, 2006 — Ms DeLong
Bill 12 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg
Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Ducharme on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar
Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston
Bill 21 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act — Mr. Lougheed
Bill 24 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
Bill 26 Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act — Mr. Magnus
Bill 27 Vegetable Sales (Alberta) Act Repeal Act — Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner
Bill 30 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 — Dr. Brown

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, May 15, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 15, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that while the length of time between Alberta's 26 elections varies, the average length of time is 3.95 years.

The longest period between elections is five years, two months, and three days, the time between the election held June 19, 1930, and the election held August 22, 1935. The second longest time is four years, 11 months, and 10 days, the time between the elections held July 18, 1921, and June 28, 1926. The shortest time between elections is two years, 10 months, and 12 days, the time between the election held May 8, 1986, and March 20, 1989. The second shortest time is two years, 10 months, and 24 days, the time between the elections of August 5, 1952, and June 29, 1955. Nine elections were held four years since the previous election and 12 have been held in the third year.

To repeat, the overall length of time between elections in our history is 3.95 years.

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Marigold library system.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the importance of protecting Alberta's grasslands and the national wildlife refuge portion of the Suffield Military Base in southeastern Alberta.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing May 2006 as Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding social, political, and spiritual diversity in Alberta.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need for physical barriers between residential areas and portions of the Anthony Henday freeway located in southeast Edmonton.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Government's bullying prevention program.

Presenting Petitions

The petition put forth by Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, was not in order to be presented.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, denoted as being effective April 11, 2005, be repealed in their entirety and the Standing Orders tabled in the Assembly on May 15, 2006, and distributed to Members be substituted in their place. The revised Standing Orders come into force on the first day of the next sitting of the Assembly following the adjournment of the 2006 Spring Sitting.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Personal Information Protection Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Personal Information Protection Act as provided in section 63(1) of that Act, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Ady (Chair)	Liepert	Martin
Goudreau (Deputy Chair)	Lindsay	Rodney
Backs	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Johnston	MacDonald	

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most recent Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may travel throughout Alberta and undertake a process of consultation with all interested Albertans.
5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the Department, utilize the services of the public service employed in that Department or the staff employed by the Assembly or the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.
6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
7. The Committee must submit its report, including any proposed amendments to the Act, within 18 months after beginning its review.
8. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Lorne R. Gibson be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2004 Provincial Enumeration and Monday, November 22, 2004 Provincial General Election of the Twenty-sixth Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 567/2006

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Senate Nominee Election, Monday, November 22, 2004

Sessional Paper 568/2006

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Photograph of Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and other individuals at Afton School in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 569/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 4, 2006, from 6 Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Government's proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 570/2006

Letter dated March 15, 2006, from Stan Nykiel, Board Member, Coalition of Seniors Advocates Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the privatization of the health care system and encouraging the Government to improve the public system instead

Sessional Paper 571/2006

Copy of an e-mail message, undated, from Jonathan Hyatt of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing opposition to the privatization of the health care system and encouraging the Government to improve the public system instead

Sessional Paper 572/2006

E-mail message dated March 28, 2006, from Tim Cambridge to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, urging the Government to abandon any plans to privatize the health care system

Sessional Paper 573/2006

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

Program from the Calgary Meals on Wheels "Cuisine and Concours d'Elegance" 4th Annual Fundraising Gala held on May 13, 2006

Sessional Paper 574/2006

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

E-mail message dated May 12, 2006, from Carl Ulrich of Edmonton to Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, expressing opposition to Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006
Sessional Paper 575/2006

E-mail message dated May 10, 2006, from William Dascavich of Edmonton to the "Letters Editor" expressing concern regarding a lack of adequate staff at a sub-acute health care facility in Edmonton where a relative of Mr. Dascavich is a patient

Sessional Paper 576/2006

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

3 recent e-mail messages from Paul Sereda of Calgary, Rod E. McConnell of Edmonton, and Rheanna M. Sand to all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 577/2006

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

Copy of a memorandum dated December 2, 1982, unsigned, from Hon. Fred D. Bradley, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Chairman, Finance, Priorities, and Coordination Committee, providing a progress report concerning the acquisition of Calgary and Edmonton transportation and utility corridors

Sessional Paper 578/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated February 25, 1983, unsigned, from Hon. Fred D. Bradley, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Chairman, Finance, Priorities, and Coordination Committee, updating Hon. Mr. Lougheed concerning the purchase of the "Carma Edmonton lands"

Sessional Paper 579/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated September 18, 1981, unsigned, from Hon. John W. (Jack) Cookson, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Chairman, Members Priorities Committee, attaching a document, undated, entitled "Calgary and Edmonton R.D.A. Transportation and Utility Corridor Land Purchases" prepared by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 580/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated January 5, 1983, unsigned, from Hon. Fred D. Bradley, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Chairman, Finance, Priorities, and Coordination Committee, requesting the Committee's approval to purchase certain parcels of land in the "northeast energy corridor"

Sessional Paper 581/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated October 9, 1980, unsigned, from Hon. John W. (Jack) Cookson, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Premier, President of Executive Council, concerning Edmonton and Calgary R.D.A. purchases and special warrants

Sessional Paper 582/2006

Copy of a memorandum dated November 23, 1981, unsigned, from Hon. Fred D. Bradley, Minister of the Environment, to Hon. E.P. Lougheed, Chairman, Finance, Priorities, and Coordination Committee, requesting the Committee's approval to purchase certain parcels of land through the Government Land Purchases Fund

Sessional Paper 583/2006

Memorandum dated September 10, 1985, from Gordon Coombs, Secretary of Priorities Committee, to Hon. T. Chambers, Minister of Public Works, Supply, and Services, outlining decisions made by the Priorities, Finance, and Coordination Committee at its September 9, 1985 meeting concerning the Edmonton/Calgary R.D.A. land purchase

Sessional Paper 584/2006

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

E-mail message dated May 11, 2006, from Alan and Shirley Rimer to Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, expressing opposition to Dr. Morton's publicly held views concerning the rights of homosexuals

Sessional Paper 585/2006

E-mail message dated May 4, 2006, from Peter Pratt of Edmonton to the Edmonton Journal expressing opposition to an editorial published in the Edmonton Journal on May 4, 2006, concerning Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 586/2006

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

Copy of a petition signed by 69 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to discontinue its proposed health care reforms

Sessional Paper 587/2006

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

Program from the 2nd Annual Edmonton Region Canadian Mental Health "Stop and Smell the Flowers" 2006 Dinner and Carpe Diem Auction Fundraiser held on May 13, 2006

Sessional Paper 588/2006

E-mail message dated May 4, 2006, from Rodney Rea of Edmonton to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding for adults with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 589/2006

2 e-mail messages from Susan Saksida, the first dated November 8, 2005, to Arthur Hagan, Government of Alberta, and the second dated November 16, 2005, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, providing a summary of a meeting held on November 3, 2005, with Peter Blandy and Dennis Gartner, both from the Government of Alberta concerning improper Special Insurance Broker filings

Sessional Paper 590/2006

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

Proposed Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 591/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader:

Report dated May 11, 2006, entitled "Number of Times Closure/Time Allocation Used by the Alberta Government During the Past Five Years" prepared by the Office of the Government House Leader

Sessional Paper 592/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements, December 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 593/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ20. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Initiatives Program grants awarded without matching funds being provided by the grant recipient broken down by recipient and amount of unmatched grant?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 30

Ady	Hancock	Oberle
Blakeman	Jablonski	Ouellette
Brown	Lukaszuk	Pastoor
Calahasen	Lund	Rodney
Cao	MacDonald	Rogers
Cenaiko	Magnus	Stevens
Doerksen	Martin	Strang
Ducharme	Melchin	VanderBurg
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Webber
Fritz	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 7

Abbott	Griffiths	Johnston
Amery	Haley	Snelgrove
Goudreau		

WQ21. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Initiatives Program grant applications that were rejected?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 24

Ady	Fritz	Ouellette
Blakeman	Hancock	Pastoor
Brown	Lukaszuk	Rodney
Calahasen	MacDonald	Stevens
Cenaiko	Martin	Strang
Doerksen	Melchin	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Webber
Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 13

Abbott	Haley	Magnus
Amery	Jablonski	Oberle
Cao	Johnston	Rogers
Goudreau	Lund	Snelgrove
Griffiths		

WQ22. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Facility Enhancement Program grant applications that were rejected?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 25

Ady	Hancock	Pastoor
Blakeman	MacDonald	Rodney
Brown	Martin	Rogers
Calahasen	Melchin	Stevens
Cao	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Strang
Cenaiko	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Oberle	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 12

Abbott	Haley	Lund
Amery	Jablonski	Magnus
Goudreau	Johnston	Prins
Griffiths	Lukaszuk	Webber

WQ23. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Tougas:

For each of the fiscal years 1998-99 through 2004-05, what is the total number of Community Facility Enhancement Program grants awarded without matching funds being provided by the grant recipient broken down by recipient and amount of unmatched grant?

WQ24. Moved by Dr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the total cost broken down by function (projected staff costs, consultant and legal fees, facility and hosting expenses, travel costs, etc.) of the review of Alberta's Advanced Education system known as "A Learning Alberta"?

WQ25. Moved by Dr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 inclusive, what was the total dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program disbursements, all Alberta Student Loan Relief Benefit payments, and all Alberta Student Loan Relief Completion payments?

WQ27. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What steps are the Ministry of Economic Development taking to work with the Government of British Columbia and the Federal Government to allow all Alberta exports safer and faster access to Prince Rupert Port in British Columbia?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ19. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, how many applications received by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board to drill natural gas wells in Alberta were rejected?

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, *and 2005-2006*, how many applications received by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board to drill natural gas wells in Alberta were rejected?

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

For the motion: 36

Ady	Lukaszuk	Pastoor
Amery	Lund	Prins
Blakeman	MacDonald	Rodney
Brown	Magnus	Rogers
Calahasen	Martin	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Marz	Stevens
Chase	Melchin	Strang
Doerksen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Swann
Ducharme	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Hancock	Oberle	Webber
Johnston	Ouellette	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 5

Abbott	Goudreau	Haley
Cao	Griffiths	

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ17. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What groups or individuals did the Ministry of Energy consult with in its latest royalty review?

WQ18. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises did the Ministry of Energy conduct in relation to its latest royalty review?

WQ26. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the impact of problem gambling on workplace performance, productivity, and absenteeism are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Economic Development?

Debate on the following Written Question was adjourned:

WQ28. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the impact of illegal drugs and alcoholism on workplace performance, productivity, and absenteeism are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Economic Development?

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Ducharme speaking.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ28 (debate adjourned), WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36.

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

511. Moved by Dr. Swann:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately commission and regularly update an inventory of all ground and surface (including glacial) water supplies in order to responsibly manage and sustain this resource in the public interest.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders**Unanimous Consent**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government 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 10 minutes to five minutes.

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — 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 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

A debate followed.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that tuition fee policies for public post-secondary institutions must remain in the statute itself, rather than Cabinet regulations, to ensure that any future changes are subject to full public debate in the Assembly.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 7

Elsalhy	Pannu	Taft
Flaherty	Swann	Taylor
Hinman		

Against amendment: 28

Abbott	Griffiths	Pham
Ady	Hancock	Rogers
Brown	Herard	Snelgrove
Calahasen	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Cao	Lund	Stevens
Cenaiko	Melchin	Strang
Doerksen	Mitzel	VanderBurg
Ducharme	Oberle	Webber
Fritz	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Goudreau		

Debate continued on the main motion.

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 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Debate resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed.

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

For the amendment: 5

Elsalhy	Pannu	Taylor
Flaherty	Swann	

Against the amendment: 28

Abbott	Griffiths	Pham
Ady	Herard	Rodney
Brown	Johnston	Rogers
Calahasen	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Cao	Lund	Stelmach
Cenaiko	Melchin	Stevens
Doerksen	Mitzel	Strang
Ducharme	Oberle	Webber
Fritz	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Goudreau		

The question for Second Reading of Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:12 p.m. until Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

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

Acting Speaker's Comment

The Acting Speaker commented that there have been only 11 Speakers of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta over our first 100 years.

Charles Wellington Fisher, a Liberal Member for Banff, was elected as the first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 15, 1906. Mr. Fisher served for 13 years and is the second longest serving Speaker in Alberta history. He died in 1919, a victim of the Spanish flu epidemic.

Our second Speaker was Charles Steuart Pingle, a Liberal Member for Redcliff, first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1913. He was elected Speaker in 1920 and served as Speaker for only 499 days. He is the second shortest serving Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Oran “Tony” McPherson, our third Speaker, was elected to the Assembly in 1921 as the Member for Little Bow and represented the United Farmers of Alberta. He was elected Speaker in 1922 and served in that capacity until 1926. He was the first Speaker to have attended university and the first to exercise the casting vote. To date he is the youngest person, at age 35, to hold the position of Speaker in Alberta.

George Norman Johnston, the Member for Coronation, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1921 and served as Speaker from 1927 to 1935. Our fourth Speaker was the last Member of the United Farmers of Alberta to occupy the role. His rulings declaring certain language unparliamentary were the first to be reported in our parliamentary records.

Nathan Eldon Tanner, the Member for Cardston and representing the Social Credit Party, became the fifth Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in 1936. He presided over only 46 sitting days and 333 calendar days, the shortest tenure of any Speaker, before being appointed as Minister of Lands and Mines. He is thought to be the first member of the Mormon faith to serve as Speaker in the British Commonwealth.

Peter Dawson, the Member for Little Bow representing the Social Credit Party, was elected Speaker in 1937, becoming the sixth Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. He is the longest serving Speaker of the Assembly, with a tenure of 26 years or 9,523 calendar days. He died while in office in 1963 when the House was in session and was the first Speaker to lie in state in the Legislature Building.

Arthur Johnson Dixon, first elected as a Member for Calgary in 1952, served in the role of Speaker from 1963 to 1972. He was the seventh Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the first to have previously held the post of Deputy Speaker. He was the last Social Credit Member to hold the office. Mr. Dixon was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1979.

Gerard Joseph Amerongen, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1971 representing the Progressive Conservative Party. He was elected the eighth Speaker of the Assembly in 1972 and served until 1986, the only Member to have served his entire term as Speaker. In 1972 he presided over the introduction of both Alberta Hansard and the televising of Assembly proceedings.

David John Carter, the Member for Calgary-Egmont, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1979, representing the Progressive Conservative Party. He became Alberta’s ninth Speaker in 1986 and served in that capacity until 1993. He oversaw the Assembly taking responsibility for visitor and educational programs and the publication of the book “The Alberta Legislature: A Celebration” in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Legislature Building.

Alberta's 10th Speaker, Stanley Stanford Schumacher, was elected as the Member for Drumheller in 1986 and the first Speaker elected by secret ballot in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1993. The first Alberta born Speaker, he was also the first with previous experience as a Member of Parliament. He served in the role until 1997.

Our current Speaker was first elected as the Member for Barrhead in a by-election held in 1979. He is the first Speaker in Alberta whose term was preceded by service as a Cabinet Minister. He also served as Deputy Premier from December 1992 to October 1994. He was elected Speaker on April 14, 1997, in the first contested secret ballot election for the role. He is the 11th Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the longest serving Member of all of those serving in the 26th Legislature. As of today he has served 3,319 calendar days, making him the fourth longest-serving Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Of current Speakers in Canada he is the longest serving Speaker, with over eight years of service, and has the longest continuous service as a Member, approaching 27 years. He is the only Speaker in Alberta history during whose tenure the reigning Monarch and the Governor General have spoken in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding five women who will participate in the Canadian Death Race to be held in Grande Cache from August 4-7, 2006, to raise funds for the Eagle Women's Shelter in Black Diamond and promote the prevention of domestic violence.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the Alberta Book Awards Gala, sponsored by the Writers Guild of Alberta and the Book Publishers Association of Alberta, held in Calgary on May 13, 2006.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the first anniversary of the 211 Telephone Help Line in Calgary.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the theatrical production entitled "Feeling Groovy" performed by students at John D. Bracco Junior High School on May 12, 2006, and a poem entitled "Change" recited by Mr. Backs.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the Alberta Dental Association and College centennial.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, made a statement regarding the Alberta New Democrat Opposition's plan for oil sands development.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 5,113 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 594/2006

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

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 4, 2006, Department of Seniors and Community Supports, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 595/2006

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

Document, undated, entitled “Nine Principles Underpinning Freedom of Information Legislation”

Sessional Paper 596/2006

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

Letter dated May 15, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Fred Dunn, Auditor General, requesting an investigation into the Government’s purchase and subsequent sale of Crown lands for the purpose of constructing the Calgary and Edmonton ring roads

Sessional Paper 597/2006

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

Letter dated May 14, 2006, from Cheryl A. Torgalson of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the process to have her daughter accepted into S. Bruce Smith School and requesting Mr. Elsalhy’s assistance with this matter

Sessional Paper 598/2006

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

Report dated 2003 entitled "Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas Economic Impact Report 2002" prepared by Alberta Community Development
Sessional Paper 599/2006

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):

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 600/2006

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 Association of Registered Nurses, 2004/05 Annual Report, with attached Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2005
Sessional Paper 601/2006

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 602/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

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The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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8. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 23.** Oral notice having been given Monday May 15, 2006, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend that Lorne R. Gibson be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

19. Oral notice having been given Thursday, May 11, 2006, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, and Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 28

Abbott	Horner	Ouellette
Coutts	Liepert	Rodney
Danyluk	Lindsay	Rogers
DeLong	Lund	Stelmach
Doerksen	Marz	Stevens
Evans	McFarland	Strang
Forsyth	Melchin	VanderBurg
Griffiths	Mitzel	Webber
Haley	Oberle	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 14

Backs	MacDonald	Pannu
Blakeman	Martin	Pastoor
Chase	Mason	Swann
Elsalhy	Mather	Tougas
Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 3:46 p.m., and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Unanimous Consent

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 agreed to on May 16, 2006, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:17 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Rev. Abbott, 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 20 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 603/2006

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on
behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Third Reading

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

Bill 34 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner on
behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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 34, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Third time because the reduction in the corporate tax rate contained therein shifts the tax burden onto individual taxpayers and narrows the provincial tax base, thereby posing a threat to stable and predictable funding for core programs.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 4

Eggen	Mason	Pannu
Martin		

Against the amendment: 30

Abbott	Herard	Mitzel
Backs	Hinman	Oberle
Coutts	Horner	Prins
Danyluk	Knight	Rodney
DeLong	Liepert	Rogers
Doerksen	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Evans	Lukaszuk	Taylor
Forsyth	Lund	VanderBurg
Fritz	Magnus	Webber
Hancock	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)	Zwozdesky

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government 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 10 minutes to two minutes.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 10 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 25 Securities Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Knight
- Bill 28 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert
- Bill 29 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel

- Bill 31 Health Information Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert on behalf of Dr. Brown
- Bill 32 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act — Mr. Liepert
- Bill 33 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 34 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 35 Fuel Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 36 Securities Transfer Act — Mr. Knight
- Bill 37 Miscellaneous (Provincial Treasurer) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 38 Livestock Identification and Commerce Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

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 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — 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 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

Rev. Abbott, 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 40 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 604/2006

Third Reading

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

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:36 p.m. until Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that 450 candidates from nine different political parties contested the November 22, 2004, Alberta election. Prior to the implementation of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act of 1978, candidates could run under any banner that they chose. Starting January 1, 1978, political parties and independent candidates were required to provide appropriate registration information to Elections Alberta. This registration information has to be in place before a candidate's nomination papers are accepted and the candidate is allowed to participate in the election.

In Alberta's electoral history, 62 different political affiliations have had candidates run in our elections or by-elections. In our first election held on November 9, 1905, the political affiliations or parties were Conservative, Liberal, and Independent. In the election held November 22, 2004, the political affiliations or parties were: Alberta Alliance Party, Alberta Greens, Alberta Liberal Party, Alberta New Democrats, Alberta Party, Alberta Social Credit Party, Communist Party Alberta, Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, and Separation Party of Alberta.

During the Social Credit era coalitions between Liberals and Conservatives were created in an attempt to defeat the Government. These coalitions failed and failed miserably. In the 1955 provincial election the Liberal Conservative political affiliation received only 1.1% of the votes. In the 1963 provincial election the Conservative-Liberal affiliation received .3% of the votes, and in the 1967 election the Liberal/Progressive Conservative Coalition received only .1% of the votes. The support for candidates running under the Conservative or Liberal banner fared much better in these three elections.

In terms of political affiliation or party identification, the name "Liberal" was not to be used by any candidate in the 1944 election whereas the name "Conservative" was not to be used by any candidate in the elections of 1940, 1944, and 1948. Liberal and Conservative candidates have run in all other Alberta elections.

The New Democratic Party name was used for the first time in the 1963 general election. The Alliance Party of Alberta name was used for the first time in the election of 1993. The Conservative and Liberal names were used for the first time in 1905.

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Police and Community Interactive Fair, recently hosted by the Calgary Police Service.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing Father's Day on June 18, 2006.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the Bow Habitat Station aquatic ecopark in Calgary which is scheduled to open in spring 2007.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the successes of the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club and the enthusiasm of their fans.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Calgary Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Calgary-Fort constituency.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition signed by 197 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition signed by 103 Calgary residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition signed by 3,921 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 1,058 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to increase Alberta’s share of oil and gas revenues to pay yearly dividends to Albertans.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 116 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Petition signed by 245 Albertans requesting the Canadian House of Commons provide the provinces and territories with child care funding and ensure effective income support programs for Canadian families

Sessional Paper 605/2006

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

Letter dated May 7, 2006, unsigned, from Barbara McNamara of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for renovations at Western Canada High School

Sessional Paper 606/2006

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

Final report dated December 2004 entitled "Review of the Regulatory Framework for Legal Services in England and Wales" prepared by Sir David Clementi

Sessional Paper 607/2006

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

Letter, undated, with addressee's name struck out, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding a lack of funding for infrastructure maintenance at Strathcona High School in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 608/2006

Letter dated May 17, 2006, from Glynis Dorey, Strathcona High School Parent Committee, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding an unsatisfactory heating system at Strathcona High School in Edmonton and attaching a report dated December 1999 entitled "School Facility Evaluation Report" prepared by Alberta Infrastructure, which identifies the problems with the heating system

Sessional Paper 609/2006

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

16 letters dated April 12, 2006, from Progress Land Services Ltd. land agents to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing opposition to a proposal to remove section 1(C)(ii) of the Land Agent Licensing Act

Sessional Paper 610/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

5 photographs depicting the environmental impact of off-road driving and recreational land-use in the Willow Creek Forestry Area

Sessional Paper 611/2006

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Miller on May 1, 2006:

How much money in total did the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund invest in tobacco-based companies in the fiscal year 2004-05 broken down by individual company and amount invested in each?

Sessional Paper 612/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on May 10, 2006, Department of Finance, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 613/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on May 10, 2006, Department of Finance, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 614/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, on May 10, 2006, Department of Finance, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 615/2006

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers (Registered and Unregistered) Pension Plans, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 616/2006

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

Sessional Paper 617/2006

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on April 11, 2006, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 618/2006

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on April 11, 2006, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 619/2006

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on May 10, 2006, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 620/2006

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, 32nd Annual Report, 2005-2006
Sessional Paper 621/2006

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 622/2006

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona:

Petition signed by 10 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to introduce measures to effectively curtail the substantial increase in teenage smoking in Alberta

Sessional Paper 623/2006

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

Final report dated March 2006 entitled "Summary of Proceedings, January 28, 2006 Community Workshop Special Education Review" prepared by Kathryn Burke on behalf of community workshop participants

Sessional Paper 624/2006

Report dated April 5, 2006, entitled "Survey of Children with Learning Challenges" prepared by Kathryn Burke on behalf of the Academy at King Edward Parent Advisory Council

Sessional Paper 625/2006

E-mail message dated May 6, 2006, from Art Dyer of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting on specific sections of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 626/2006

E-mail message dated May 16, 2006, from W.C. Whiteman of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 627/2006

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

Memorandum dated March 2006, unsigned, from Kim Borden, Research Officer, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Alberta, to Darlene Dunlop, Farm Workers Union of Alberta, listing 2005 Alberta farm fatalities statistics

Sessional Paper 628/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ducharme, Minister of Community Development:

Response to Written Question WQ16, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Agnihotri on May 8, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, what measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to meet the funding challenges associated with supporting provincial sports and recreational programs as detailed by the Alberta Sport Plan Task Force in their report "A New Century For Amateur Sport - From Participation to Excellence"?

Sessional Paper 629/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of 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 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 630/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on May 3, 2006, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 631/2006

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 3, 2006, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 632/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on May 15, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, *and* 2005-2006, how many applications received by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board to drill natural gas wells in Alberta were rejected?

Sessional Paper 633/2006

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given Thursday, May 11, 2006, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, and Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 29

Amery	Haley	Pham
Boutilier	Herard	Prins
Brown	Horner	Renner
Cao	Jablonski	Shariff
Cardinal	Liepert	Snelgrove
Evans	Lougheed	Stelmach
Forsyth	Mar	Strang
Goudreau	McClellan	VanderBurg
Graydon	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Groeneveld	Oberle	

Against the motion: 15

Backs	Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Blakeman	Hinman	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	Martin	Pannu
Eggen	Mason	Taylor
Elsalhy	Mather	Tougas

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from 10 minutes to two minutes.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Debate resumed on Third Reading of Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, at 3:31 p.m.

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 agreed to on May 17, 2006, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:31 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006, be read a Third time, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Amery	Haley	McFarland
Boutilier	Herard	Morton
Brown	Horner	Oberle
Cao	Jablonski	Pham
Cardinal	Knight	Prins
Evans	Liepert	Renner
Forsyth	Lindsay	Snelgrove
Goudreau	Lougheed	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	VanderBurg
Groeneveld	McClellan	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Mason	Pastoor
Bonko	Mather	Swann
Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor
Martin	Pannu	Tougas

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to adjourn the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. today until 1:30 p.m. May 18, 2006, should Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 receive Third Reading.

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

Bill 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the Bill be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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: 6

Bonko	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor
Mather	Pannu	Tougas

Against the amendment: 28

Amery	Herard	McFarland
Brown	Horner	Morton
Cao	Jablonski	Oberle
Cardinal	Knight	Pham
Evans	Liepert	Prins
Forsyth	Lindsay	Renner
Goudreau	Lougheed	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	VanderBurg
Groeneveld	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Haley		

The question being immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 40, Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Amery	Herard	McFarland
Brown	Horner	Morton
Cao	Jablonski	Oberle
Cardinal	Knight	Pham
Evans	Liepert	Prins
Forsyth	Lindsay	Renner
Goudreau	Lougheed	Stelmach
Graydon	Mar	VanderBurg
Groeneveld	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Haley		

Against the motion: 7

Backs	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Taylor
Bonko	Pannu	Tougas
Mather		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 20 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 40 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Herard
- Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2006 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 2006

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

Tribute to Premier Klein

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Deputy Premier, made a statement recognizing the long and distinguished career of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and his many accomplishments while in office.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker presented Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with the first issue of a centennial edition of the Alberta Legislative Assembly Mace pin.

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, responded to the statements and gave thanks to the many colleagues he has been associated with during his time as Premier of Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement recognizing the contributions Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Dr. Colleen Klein have made to Alberta's youth.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Larry Fleming who was recently inducted into the Canadian Amateur Boxing Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the many legacies of the 1988 Winter Olympics that were envisioned by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, who, at the time, was Mayor of Calgary.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Alberta Society for Pension Reform.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing the contributions Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Dr. Colleen Klein have made to Alberta's youth.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding democratic reform.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, Final Report,
May 2006

Sessional Paper 634/2006

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition signed by 33 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 68 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.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition signed by 57 Edmonton and area residents urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition signed by 189 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the “Third Way” health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare.

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition signed by 44 Edmonton residents requesting the Government amend the Gaming and Liquor Act to provide for harsher penalties where liquor licensees allow activities that may be injurious to the health or safety of people in the premises; urging the Government to implement policies that will enhance the safety of staff and patrons at licensed premises which may include video surveillance, license scanning and/or metal detection devices, urging the Government and the City of Edmonton to improve the enforcement of any regulations or by-laws governing occupancy limits in licensed premises.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, May 29, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns: MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 215 Labour Relations Code (First Collective Agreement) Amendment Act, 2006
— Mr. Backs

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter (written in French with translation provided) dated November 16, 2005, from Hon. Pierre Corbeil, Minister of Natural Resources and Fauna, Quebec, and on behalf of Hon. Jean Charest, Premier of Quebec, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, thanking Alberta Sustainable Resource Development for providing fire fighting support in Quebec during the summer of 2005

Sessional Paper 635/2006

Letter dated February 9, 2006, from Caroline Brookfield, DVM., Chair, Alternate Livestock and Wildlife, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, commending the Ministry for its leadership in standardizing and improving practices in the Alberta zoo industry

Sessional Paper 636/2006

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 637/2006

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

Report dated May 18, 2006, entitled "Assessment of Provincial/Territorial Government Support for School Food Programs" prepared by Breakfast for Learning, Canadian Living Foundation

Sessional Paper 638/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,117 Albertans urging the Government to abandon its plans to implement the "Third Way" health care reforms which will undermine public medicare, defeat legislation allowing expansion of private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta and permitting doctors to work in both the private and public systems which will drain key resources from the public system, oppose any action by the Government to contravene the Canada Health Act, and vote against plans that would force Albertans to pay for private health insurance for services that should be covered by medicare

Sessional Paper 639/2006

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

E-mail message dated April 21, 2006, from Michael Marlowe, Seniors United Now, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, attaching an e-mail dated April 5, 2006, from Mr. Marlowe to Hon. Mr. Klein, expressing concern regarding the Government's failed commitments to seniors

Sessional Paper 640/2006

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

Letter dated May 8, 2006, from Donna and Randy Kormos of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the process to have their daughter accepted into S. Bruce Smith School and requesting Mr. Elsalhy's assistance with this matter

Sessional Paper 641/2006

Letter dated March 22, 2006, from Karen Ferrari and Gabriella Maddalena-Makar, Co-Presidents, Windsor Park School Fundraising Society, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding cutbacks to the school's budget and attaching a mock invoice for items and services required by the school

Sessional Paper 642/2006

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

E-mail message dated May 17, 2006, from Terry Neraasen to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to Bill 20, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 643/2006

3 photographs depicting Government Members presenting cheques for community programs

Sessional Paper 644/2006

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Letter dated April 6, 2006, unsigned, from John and Lori Harnack of Airdrie to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, and Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, expressing concern regarding water contamination from nearby feedlots, with attached responses from Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier

Sessional Paper 645/2006

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

Letter dated May 18, 2006, from Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Donald Hamilton, Alberta Ethics Commissioner, requesting an investigation into a possible breach of the Conflicts of Interest Act by Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, and his involvement with the Applewood Park Community Association

Sessional Paper 646/2006

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave notice that the projected Government Business for the week of May 23 to May 25, 2006, will be Second Reading consideration of Bill 39 and Bill 41.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that the spring sitting of this Session lasted for 42 days, including 28 evening sittings. That is the identical number to last year, 2005; 42 days, including 28 evening sittings. The number of minutes you sat to nearly 5:30 p.m. yesterday is 14,198 minutes. This compares to 13,394 minutes in the 2005 spring sitting. In terms of the number of hours that you sat this year compared to last year: this year you sat 236 hours, 38 minutes. Last year you sat less time, 223 hours and 14 minutes.

The number of words spoken by Members to adjournment yesterday afternoon was 1,827,493. That compares to last spring which had 1,800,176 words. We've had some longer speeches this spring, it seems, but we may also have had the shortest speech ever in the history of Alberta yesterday afternoon from the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford.

In terms of Oral Question Period, for those days on which we had more than 14 sets of questions, that is, when the Speaker had the privilege of recognizing 14 or more Members, this spring we had six occasions when there were 15 sets of questions asked and two occasions when there were 16 sets of questions asked. Last spring Members spent less time asking their questions and less time answering their questions than they did this spring. Last year we had 14 occasions when there were 15 sets of questions, 10 occasions with 16 sets of questions, eight occasions with 17 sets of questions, and on one occasion we were able to get in 18 different Members to participate in Question Period.

Government Bills that received Royal Assent or Third Reading this year are 41, compared to 40 in 2005. Government Bills left on the Order Paper this spring are two, compared to four in 2005. One Private Members' Public Bills received Royal Assent in 2006, compared to two in 2005. Since 1993 when we started the policy associated with Private Members' Public Bills, there have been 40 such Bills that have received Royal Assent.

This spring we had more tablings than we had last year. We had 633 in the spring Session of 2006, compared to 516 in 2005. The total number of Members' Statements this Session not including the ones later this afternoon is 231, and if we have six more today, that will be 237. Last year we had 168, but we changed the process and eliminated Recognitions last year and moved to the two-minute Members' Statements.

To conclude, earlier this year we published a book entitled "100 Years at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta: A Centennial Celebration." I've indicated to Hon. Members that we've been working for nearly four years on a four-volume set of books that weighs a tonne. There are nearly 2,200 pages associated with those four books. They will be published and we'll make them available to the public in the fall of this year. They will be called the "Legislative Assembly of Alberta Centennial Series." Title one is "On Behalf of the Crown," title two is "The Mantle of Leadership," title three is "A Higher Duty," and title four is "A Century of Democracy." This has been four years in the making.

In addition to that, three additional books are being worked on and we will have them done, hopefully, by the end of this calendar year. Because of a number of petitions by Members with respect to this, one will deal with the historical vignette series. Two volumes will be associated. Then I intend on taking all Members' Statements made last year and this year and having them published in a book, and it is called the "Historical Vignette Series, Statements of Members, 2005-2006."

Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement noting that Pages Janiesh Bali, Elaine Hoekstra, Daylan Hoffman, Desirée MacNeil, Chelsea Mitchell, Mikkell Paulson, Jenelle Pederson, and Stacy Schell, would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature, and read a letter he received from these eight Pages.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and presented the Pages with a gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 14 agreed to by the Assembly on March 20, 2006, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

SUMMER SITTING

AUGUST 24, 2006 TO AUGUST 31, 2006

Thursday, August 24, 2006

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. Roy Alexander Farran, Member for Calgary-North Hill, 1971 to 1979, who passed away on June 2, 2006; and Mr. Randolph Hugh McKinnon, Member for Strathcona-West, 1959 to 1967, who passed away on June 10, 2006.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that a number of Alberta MLAs have had a town, village, or post office named after them.

Boyle is named after John Robert Boyle, a Liberal, who served in the Alberta Legislature from 1905 to 1924 representing the constituency of Sturgeon. Mr. Boyle was a leader in the revolt that ended Alexander Rutherford's service as Premier.

Holden became a village in 1905 and is named after James Bismark Holden, a Liberal, who represented Vermilion in Alberta's first two Legislatures from 1905 to 1913. Mr. Holden also served as the Mayor of Vegreville for various terms between 1914 and 1945.

Jean Côté was named after Jean Leon Côté, a Liberal, who represented the constituencies of Athabasca then Grouard between 1909 and 1921. He was appointed to the Senate in 1923 and died in 1924.

Douglas Corney Breton served in Alberta's Sixth Legislature from 1926 to 1930 as the United Farmers of Alberta MLA for Leduc, and saw Breton named in his honour in 1927. He served in India and Afghanistan during World War I.

George Hoadley served as a Conservative MLA from 1909 to 1921 representing Okotoks, from 1921 to 1930 as the United Farmers of Alberta MLA for Okotoks, and from 1930 to 1935 as the United Farmers of Alberta MLA for Okotoks-High River. The post office in Haverigg was renamed Hoadley in 1924.

Vernor Winfield Smith served as a United Farmers of Alberta MLA from 1921 to 1935 representing the constituency of Camrose. Mr. Smith was Alberta's Minister of Railways and Telephones when the Lacombe and Northwestern Railway named the siding of Winfield after him.

Henry Elbert DeBolt represented the constituency of Spirit River as a Social Credit MLA from 1940 to 1952. He became the first postmaster in an area known as American Creek in 1923, and in that year the post office became known as DeBolt.

The first Member of Ukrainian heritage elected to this Assembly was Andrew Shandro, who represented the constituency of Whitford from 1913 to 1926 as a Liberal. The locality of Shandro is named after him.

The hamlet of Gunn bears the name of Peter Gunn, the Liberal MLA for Lac St. Anne from 1909 to 1917. Mr. Gunn was the Sheriff for the Athabasca and Peace River districts.

In the fall of 1947 residents gathered in the Notikewan River Valley to discuss a new name for their area. They endorsed the name of Manning for their post office after Ernest Charles Manning, Alberta's Premier. In 1951 Manning became a village and in 1957 it became a town.

Alberta's recreation areas, streets, and roads also bear the names of former and current Alberta MLAs, as do a number of Alberta constituencies.

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Rick and Rose Lundy of Calgary and the difficult challenges they faced after Mrs. Lundy suffered a miscarriage at the Peter Lougheed Hospital.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the success of the Alberta Summer Games held in Red Deer from July 27 to 30, 2006.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Westbourne Place seniors' apartment complex in Calgary.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the loyalty, dedication, and heroism of the men and women of Canada's armed forces who are serving in Afghanistan.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the annual Taber Cornfest to be held on August 25 and 26, 2006, and the importance of the agriculture industry.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the opening of the Montana First Nation RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) satellite station on the Hobbema First Nations Reserve.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 271 St. Albert residents urging the Government to adopt the position unanimously supported by St. Albert City Council to make every effort to move the northwest leg of the Anthony Henday Drive ring road south of the current proposal, enhance noise attenuation and safety measures for neighbouring residents, and minimize the environmental impact of the road.

Notices of Motions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 imminent risk to the health and safety of Albertans due to the failure of the Government to provide the resources required for Alberta's Health Regions to operate essential health services.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly does not have confidence in the Government because it has failed to adequately plan for the infrastructure, housing, education, health, and environmental issues of the province in a period of rapid growth.

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

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Summer Sitting of the Second 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, August 28, 2006:

Written Questions: WQ28, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35.

Motions for Returns: MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Herard, Minister of Advanced Education:

Campus Alberta Quality Council, Second Annual Report, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 647/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 13, 2006, from Arlene Stephen to the Edmonton-Meadowlark constituency, expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable housing in Edmonton and suggesting the Government reinstate rent control

Sessional Paper 648/2006

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

Report on the events of July 24, 2006, dated August 9, 2006, prepared by the
Market Surveillance Administrator

Sessional Paper 649/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 5, 2006, from Bev Burgess of Edmonton to
Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern
regarding the manner in which her daughter was treated last year while suffering
a miscarriage at the Grey Nuns Hospital

Sessional Paper 650/2006

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

Letter dated August 24, 2006, unsigned, from Daniel Langdon to Hon. Mrs. Fritz,
Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding the
lack of funding for workers dealing with persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 651/2006

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

Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 652/2006

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, 2005-06 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 653/2006

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, 2006

Sessional Paper 654/2006

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2006
Annual Report

Sessional Paper 655/2006

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund, Financial
Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 656/2006

Alberta Heritage Science and Engineering Research Endowment Fund, Financial
Statements dated March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 657/2006

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, Financial Statements dated March 31, 2006
Sessional Paper 658/2006

ATB Financial, Annual Report 2006
Sessional Paper 659/2006

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 660/2006

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, 2006 Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 661/2006

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), 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, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of August 28 to August 31, 2006:

Monday, August 28	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply Estimates (Day 2 of 2) Revert to Introduction of Bills Bill 44 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, August 29	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 44 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 44 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, August 30	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 44 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 44 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, August 31	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 44 And as per the Order Paper

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 imminent risk to the health and safety of Albertans due to the failure of the Government to provide the resources required for Alberta's Health Regions to operate essential health services.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly does not have confidence in the Government because it has failed to adequately plan for the infrastructure, housing, education, health, and environmental issues of the province in a period of rapid growth.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 (the Members standing).

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

Budget 06, 2006-2007 Quarterly Budget Report, First Quarter Fiscal Report
Sessional Paper 662/2006

2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 663/2006

Budget 06, 2006-2007 Quarterly Budget Report, First Quarter Activity Report
Sessional Paper 664/2006

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, 06-07 First Quarter Update for the three months ended June 30, 2006
Sessional Paper 665/2006

Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 61(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue 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. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until Monday, August 28, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, August 28, 2006

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 Canadian police officers and military personnel who have lost their lives while serving their country.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that the first Sergeants-at-Arms were the bodyguards of King Richard I, and these soldiers were each armed with a spiked club called a Mace. Over time the Mace was no longer used as a weapon but, rather, became a symbol of the authoritative power of the Crown as exercised by Parliament. Over time and by tradition, the Assembly cannot sit without its presence.

The formal procession to bring in the Mace and announce the entrance of the Speaker was introduced in the 1970s by Alberta's eighth Speaker, the Honourable Gerard Amerongen. The Mace is placed on the Assembly Table with the head toward the Government side of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms, who is the official custodian of the Alberta Mace.

Alberta's first Mace was constructed for the First Session in 1906 out of plumbing parts, old shaving mug handles, butts of an old bedstead, scraps of wood, and covered by a coat of gold paint. For today and today only, it is displayed on the Assembly Table in the centre of this Chamber. Normally it rests in the display case on the third floor of the Legislature Building. This makeshift Mace was used for 50 years before being replaced on February 9, 1956, when the Civil Service Association of Alberta presented the Legislative Assembly of Alberta with a new Mace.

The design for the new Mace, our present Mace, was done by Lawrence Bonheur Blain, an Edmonton watchmaker, patternmaker, and employee of Irving Kline Limited. The final design was done by the firm of Joseph Fray of Birmingham, England, and is the Mace that allows this Assembly to sit today.

On top of the Mace is a figure of a beaver mounted on the traditional crown representing the connection to Canada and the Crown. Both the Royal coat of arms and the Canadian coat of arms are displayed on the ball of the Mace. Sheaves of wheat, representing Alberta's prairies, and wild roses, the floral emblem of Alberta, are engraved alternately on the crown. The headband of the crown is adorned with a ring of seven gems and semiprecious stones. They have been chosen in part because their initial letters spell out Alberta: amethyst, lazurite, bloodstone, emerald, ruby, topaz, and agate. Two bison heads are positioned just below the bowl. The shaft of the Mace is decorated with wild roses and is capped with a sheaf of wheat. The current Mace is three feet long, contains 5,669 grams of silver, and is overlaid with gold to weigh a total of approximately 11 kilograms. The total cost of the Mace in 1956 was \$3,000.

As part of our 100 years of the Alberta Legislative Assembly commemorations, we have designed a special 100 year Mace pin, the first of which was presented to the Honourable Premier on the last day of the Spring Sitting. Today I am pleased to provide all Members and Table Officers with a 100 year Mace pin. One will also be provided to all former Members, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and members of the Alberta Legislature press gallery. I hope that all will wear the pin with pride.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the protection of democratic rights as they relate to the legalization of same-sex marriage in Canada.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a signing ceremony held on July 24, 2006, continuing an agreement between the Department of National Defence and the Government of Great Britain to provide training to British armed forces at Canadian Forces Base Suffield.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Northlands Park on successfully hosting the 77th Canadian Derby on August 26, 2006.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative leadership campaign.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the City Centre Education Project.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Harvie family, who made land available for the establishment of the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 218 St. Albert residents urging the Government to adopt the position unanimously supported by St. Albert City Council to make every effort to move the northwest leg of the Anthony Henday Drive ring road south of the current proposal, enhance noise attenuation and safety measures for neighbouring residents, and minimize the environmental impact of the road.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition signed by 196 Albertans urging the Government to take measures to control unacceptable increases in rent.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition signed by 83 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased.

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 mounting risk to pending and future investments in Alberta's oil sands, the potential loss of public royalty revenues, and the diminishing ability of local authorities to cope due to the failure of the Government to plan and provide funding for the necessary public infrastructure and community services in the regional municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, 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 that the failure of the Government to develop an affordable housing strategy has exacerbated housing shortages, causing rapidly increasing rental rates, homelessness, and unsafe tenancies across Alberta, and that the Assembly should urge the Government to immediately create a ministry of housing to address this crisis.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Standard and Poor commentary dated August 22, 2006, entitled "Province of Alberta 'AAA' Ratings Affirmed On Extremely Low Debt; Outlook Stable"
Sessional Paper 666/2006

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

Letter dated August 21, 2006, from Sherry Eastwood to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding Alberta Blue Cross ambulance coverage policies

Sessional Paper 667/2006

E-mail message dated August 17, 2006, from Chris Evans, MD., to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing concern regarding the criteria necessary to receive social services benefits

Sessional Paper 668/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

3 recent e-mail messages, the first from David Cournoyer of Edmonton to Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, the second from Jason Rumer of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and the third from Gary Simpson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, all expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 669/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 15, 2006, from Kent Cameron to Niki Wosnack, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Strategies and Support Division, Alberta Children's Services, with attached text of an e-mail message, undated, from Ms Wosnack to Mr. Cameron, requesting information regarding funding for the City Centre Education Project

Sessional Paper 670/2006

E-mail message dated August 25, 2006, from Matthew Tang to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 671/2006

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

Calgary Herald article posted on the ProQuest website dated May 12, 2006, entitled "Health minister buries remains of Third Way" written by Michelle Lang
Sessional Paper 672/2006

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

18 recent letters from Albertans to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development, expressing concern regarding salary levels for staff who work with persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 673/2006

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

Petition signed by 48 Albertans urging the Government to establish an affordable housing development system suitable for seniors and war veterans

Sessional Paper 674/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 26, 2006, from Julie Chow of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing support for Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 675/2006

13 e-mail messages and 2 letters from Albertans to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Mr. Hancock, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, and Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, expressing opposition to Bill 208, Protection of Fundamental Freedoms (Marriage) Statutes Amendment Act, 2006

Sessional Paper 676/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

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:

AFSC (Agriculture Financial Services Corporation), Annual Report 2005-2006
Sessional Paper 677/2006

Speaker's Statement - Standing Order 2, Committee of Supply Procedure

Honourable Members, the Chair is faced with an issue concerning the procedure for conclusion of Committee of Supply consideration on a Monday evening that has not previously been the subject of a ruling by the Chair. Under Standing Order 2, the Speaker is to decide upon the procedure in all unprovided-for contingencies. The Chair is making a statement at this time under this Standing Order so as to remove any uncertainty about the proceedings in Committee of Supply this evening. Essentially, the Chair must find a way so there is not a conflict between two Standing Order provisions that come into play because we are considering estimates in Committee of Supply on a Monday night.

Under Standing Order 61(1), for consideration of estimates to constitute a sitting day, Committee of Supply must consider the estimates for a minimum of two hours any afternoon or evening. Under Government Motion 25 approved by the Assembly last Thursday, the number of days that Committee of Supply is being called to consider supplementary supply is two days. Standing Order 62(2) requires that on the last day of estimates' consideration by Committee, the Chair is to interrupt 15 minutes before the normal adjournment hour and put a single question proposing the approval of all matters not yet voted on. The normal adjournment hour tonight according to Standing Order 62(1) is 11:00 p.m., so the Chair should interrupt at 10:45 p.m. The problem is that this would mean there would not have been two hours spent on the estimates so it would not qualify as a sitting day.

This issue has not arisen before. In an attempt to interpret the Standing Orders so that there is no contradiction, the Chair interprets them so that at the conclusion of two hours, or if there are no Members who wish to speak before that time, the Chair will put a single question on the Supplementary Supply Estimates as required under Standing Order 62(2). This interpretation assumes that Committee of Supply starts its consideration after 8:45 p.m. this evening.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the mounting risk to pending and future investments in Alberta's oil sands, the potential loss of public royalty revenues, and the diminishing ability of local authorities to cope due to the failure of the Government to plan and provide funding for the necessary public infrastructure and community services in the regional municipality of Wood Buffalo.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, 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 that the failure of the Government to develop an affordable housing strategy has exacerbated housing shortages, causing rapidly increasing rental rates, homelessness, and unsafe tenancies across Alberta, and that the Assembly should urge the Government to immediately create a ministry of housing to address this crisis.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ31. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What measurable impacts do the activities of the System Improvement and Reporting Branch of Alberta Education have on enhancing teaching and educational outcomes for students?

Unanimous Consent

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government 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 10 minutes to two minutes.

WQ32. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

For fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2004-2005, what are the total expenses broken down by project or function in the areas of system improvement and reporting within the System Improvement and Reporting Branch of Alberta Education?

WQ33. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

For the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, what was the total cost of administering the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, broken down by costs associated with provision of customer services, registration and benefit processing?

WQ34. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason:

For the fiscal years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, what was the total cost of administering the Health Insurance Premiums Act, and of that total what percentage was attributable to administering premium subsidies, and what percentage to collecting overdue accounts, including payments to collection agencies?

WQ35. Moved by Mr. Martin:

What is the total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development on the "Choice Matters" and related campaigns promoting marketing choice for each of the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06, what is the estimated amount to be spent in 2006-07, and for each of these years what portion was spent or will be spent on paid advertising?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ28. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the impact of illegal drugs and alcoholism on workplace performance, productivity, and absenteeism are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Economic Development?

WQ30. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the impact of divorce on workplace performance, productivity, and absenteeism are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Economic Development?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None remaining on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR27. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents related to the \$150,800 grant provided to Maskalyk Miles as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

MR28. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents related to the \$188,000 grant provided to Jean Henry Paul as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

MR29. Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents related to the \$103,000 grant provided to Lefebvre Edmond as described in the 2004-2005 General Revenue Fund Details of Grants, Supplies, Services, Tangible Capital Assets and Other Payments.

Debate on the following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR30. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, reports, submissions, and correspondence regarding the design, cost, location competition, and curriculum for the proposed Alberta Police and Peace Officer College.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Taylor speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR30 (debate adjourned), MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Groeneveld:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with provincial governments and the Federal Government to standardize health and slaughter protocols for cattle across the country, thereby increasing interprovincial beef trade.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(1) and Government Motion 25 agreed to by the Assembly on August 24, 2006, at 10:52 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the 2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Griffiths reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2006-07 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$715,000
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Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$49,200,000
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Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$270,800,000
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Community Development

Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$15,537,000
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Economic Development

Expense	\$2,235,000
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Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$293,300,000
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Environment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$11,400,000
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Health and Wellness

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$262,000,000
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Human Resources and Employment

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,300,000
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Infrastructure and Transportation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$171,644,000
Capital Investment	\$139,420,000

Innovation and Science

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$20,000,000
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Justice and Attorney General

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$3,600,000
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Municipal Affairs

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$20,356,000
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Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$4,000,000
Capital Investment	\$9,600,000

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$251,503,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, 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 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Government Motions

26. Oral notice having been given Thursday, August 24, 2006, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Summer Sitting of the Second 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on June 1, 2006, proclamation was given to the Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act. The Act became another first for the Alberta Legislative Assembly. The Act deems that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta is the honorary President of the Association, and mandates that his first responsibility is to appoint seven former MLAs who shall constitute the first Board of Directors. Today I have done such.

After a three-month consultation with former MLAs and several separate requests for former Members to advise me of their interest, I am pleased to advise that the following former Members will serve as the first Board. Frederick Deryl Bradley represented the constituency of Pincher Creek-Crowsnest and served in the Assembly from 1975 to 1993 as a Progressive Conservative Member. Walter Alexander Buck served as the MLA for Clover Bar from 1967 to 1989 as a Social Credit Member. Ed Gibbons served from 1997 to 2001 as the Liberal Member for Edmonton-Manning. Karen Leibovici served from 1993 to 2001 as the Liberal Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark. Ian McClelland represented Edmonton-Rutherford as a Progressive Conservative Member from 2001 to 2004. Don Tannas served from 1989 to 2004 as the Progressive Conservative Member for Highwood. Julius Yankowsky served from 1993 to 2004 and represented Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont first as a Liberal, then a Progressive Conservative, and Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview as a Progressive Conservative.

This board will be invited to its first meeting shortly and will be asked to determine its first list of officers and the date of the association's first annual meeting. The Alberta Association of Former MLAs must not, by law, pursue its objects for any partisan political purpose and was established as a non-profit body corporate.

Members' Statements

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Baseball Canada Cup held in Medicine Hat from August 17-20, 2006.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Government's efforts to limit the spread of the mountain pine beetle in Alberta.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Alberta labour market.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement recognizing Vermilion's centennial and its history.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Frank Janett of Calgary who passed away on June 18, 2006.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the need for a managed, integrated plan for development in the Peace Country.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 1,427 Albertans urging the Government to adopt the position unanimously supported by St. Albert City Council to make every effort to move the northwest leg of the Anthony Henday Drive ring road south of the current proposal, enhance noise attenuation and safety measures for neighbouring residents, and minimize the environmental impact of the road.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition signed by 135 Edmonton residents urging the Government to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that traffic noise from the Edmonton ring road near Wedgewood Ravine is evaluated immediately and again in six months, and that if the noise levels measured are found to exceed acceptable provincial or municipal thresholds, that noise attenuation and reduction measures be implemented as soon as possible.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition signed by 103 Edmonton residents urging the Government to immediately abandon plans to increase the role of private insurance in the health care system and instead commit to strengthening the single-payer, public system.

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 that the Assembly urge the Government to introduce election financing legislation requiring full disclosure of all campaign contributions and the sources for all leadership contests of registered political parties and that they do so prior to the selection of the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Association.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated August 2, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions regarding natural gas royalties asked by Mr. MacDonald in a letter dated July 12, 2006

Sessional Paper 678/2006

Current Supply Demand Report dated August 28, 2006, prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 679/2006

Actual/Forecast Report dated August 28, 2006, prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 680/2006

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 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 681/2006

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Alberta Research Council Inc., 2005-06 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 682/2006

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

Letter dated August 15, 2006, unsigned, from David Cournoyer, Chair, Council of Alberta University Students, to Hon. Mr. Herard, Minister of Advanced Education, expressing opposition to Alberta's tuition policy being enshrined in regulation rather than legislation

Sessional Paper 683/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act; cL-9, s45, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 2004-05 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 684/2006

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, 2005 - March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 685/2006

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 2005

Sessional Paper 686/2006

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

Sessional Paper 687/2006

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 688/2006

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, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 689/2006

Authorized Accredited Agencies, Activity Summary 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 690/2006

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 Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2005

Sessional Paper 691/2006

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 692/2006

College of Alberta Denturists, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 693/2006

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 694/2006

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, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 695/2006

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2005

Sessional Paper 696/2006

Pursuant to the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, cP-12, s7(4), Alberta College of Pharmacists, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 697/2006

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

Palliser Health Region, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 698/2006

Chinook Health Region, Annual Report 2005/06

Sessional Paper 699/2006

East Central Health, Annual Report 2005-2006

Sessional Paper 700/2006

David Thompson Health Region, Annual Report April 2005 - March 2006

Sessional Paper 701/2006

Calgary Health Region, 2005/2006 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 702/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Mason on March 20, 2006:

What is the total number of physicians who have opted out of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for each of the 2001 to 2005 fiscal years and from April 1, 2005, to February 22, 2006?

Sessional Paper 703/2006

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 20, 2006:

What was the percentage increase in the number of physicians working in Alberta municipalities with populations equal to or less than 15,000 residents for the fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, and April 1, 2005, to February 23, 2006?

Sessional Paper 704/2006

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 20, 2006:

How many of the patients who had qualified to be put on the list for surgery in the Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project were unable to have their surgery completed at the Health Resource Centre in Calgary due to other health issues that these patients had, that could not be treated by this particular private clinic during the fiscal year 2004-2005?

Sessional Paper 705/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR16, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 20, 2006:

Detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Health and Wellness, her staff and/or designate on trips during the 2004-2005 fiscal year including, but not limited to, travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, as well as incidental and miscellaneous expenses.

Sessional Paper 706/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Herard, Minister of Advanced Education:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 20, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?

Sessional Paper 707/2006

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 20, 2006:

For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and type of program?

Sessional Paper 708/2006

Return to Order of the Assembly MR14, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 20, 2006:

Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, budgetary analyses, submissions, proposals, memos, and other correspondence related to the decision to increase the minimum debt level required for eligibility for the Alberta Student Loan Relief Program from \$5,000 to \$7,140 per annum.

Sessional Paper 709/2006

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Mr. Eggen on March 20, 2006:

Copies of all studies, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Energy and/or the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003, to February 22, 2006 that analyze the injection of CO₂ for the extraction of oil.

Sessional Paper 710/2006

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, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely that the Assembly urge the Government to introduce election financing legislation requiring full disclosure of all campaign contributions and the sources for all leadership contests of registered political parties and that they do so prior to the selection of the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Association.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Stevens speaking.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2006 — 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 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:38 p.m. until Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker quoted the words of Calgary writer George Koch, from 35 years ago, on August 30, 1971, as found in the book "The Sixties Revolution and the Fall of Social Credit," pages 298 and 299. My sole change to the text is the inclusion of the full names of the individuals mentioned.

“Yet even on August 30, election day, most Socreds remained hopeful. The Calgary *Albertan* had endorsed the incumbents, calling their overall record “the convincing argument for their party’s re-election on Monday.” Even the blatantly pro-Lougheed *Edmonton Journal* still thought the Socreds would win. Peter Lougheed himself compared the election to a Grey Cup kickoff; once the ball was in play, anything could happen - but had booked a vacation to start immediately after the election. For most of the day, Lougheed and his top aides were convinced they had lost. “I don’t think we made it,” he said glumly around 4:00 p.m. But as final returns trickled in, they began showing the PCs picking off even strong Socred candidates like Don Hamilton, who was running in a very conservative Edmonton riding. David Wood had keyed on Stettler as a bellwether, a constituency with a mix of ranching, farming and petroleum, where the population lived on farms or in small towns and were reasonably prosperous but not rich. It too went Conservative.

One after another the Social Credit bastions fell and at 9:13 p.m. CBC television predicted a Tory majority. The party was elected or leading in 49 ridings, to the Socreds’ 25. It was a vastly better result than any PC had dared hope for; the boldest prediction by the wildest optimists had been for a bare majority of 39 seats. By now, Lougheed’s spirits had revived, and he changed into a clean shirt and tie. A “nearly hysterical” crowd began to gather outside PC campaign headquarters at Calgary’s Westgate Hotel, wrote Alan Hustak, and a carnival atmosphere prevailed as Lougheed arrived to deliver an acceptance speech. Thanking both his supporters, and Social Credit for its “remarkable contribution,” he ended up with “This is the best darn province in the world.”

The Socred gathering at the Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton was a funeral scene, as first Edmonton fell to the PCs, then much of Calgary. The party was shut out of the North. Central Alberta split. Only the rural south held, and not overwhelmingly. Eight cabinet ministers were defeated, and only eight of the 38 newcomers elected. “White-faced men bravely tried to look optimistic and women sat crying as they surveyed the wreckage on a large chalkboard,” noted John Barr.

Harry Strom, who stayed in his Cypress riding long enough to be sure he had won his own seat, arrived at the Jubilee about 10:00 p.m. He mounted the stage, conceded defeat, congratulated Lougheed on his victory, thanked his party for their work, accepted responsibility for the outcome, and hinted he would soon resign. President Orvis Kennedy presented Strom with a statue of a horse. A planned victory party in Edmonton’s west end turned into a brief, sparsely attended wake which soon ended with the host roaming his house putting away unopened bottles.”

There are two footnotes. The results: Conservative, 49 seats, 46.40% of the votes; Social Credit, 25 seats, 41.10% of the votes; NDP, 1 seat, 11.42% of the votes; and Liberal, 0 seats, 1.01% of the votes.

Alberta nearly lost Peter Lougheed the night he became Premier. After celebrating his stunning upset in Calgary, Lougheed boarded a corporate jet and flew with his wife, Jeanne, and a few aides to Edmonton to greet supporters there. The plane was met on the tarmac by a boisterous crowd of 300 that had to be parted by a flying wedge of Lougheed aides. On the return flight the weather turned foul. The pilot had to try twice to land, the second time successfully, then noticed he had passed the control tower on the wrong side and nearly ploughed into the ground.

Members' Statements

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Beddington Heights Community Association in Calgary.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing Wetaskiwin's centennial celebrations and the rededication of Wetaskiwin's peace cairn.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Alberta's social welfare policies.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the 20th annual Special Olympics softball tournament held on August 26-27, 2006, in St. Paul.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding GlobalFest 2006, a festival and fireworks competition held from August 18-26, 2006, in Calgary.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the process used to determine resource royalties.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition signed by 335 Albertans urging the Government to include complex decongestive therapy in the list of accepted therapeutic procedures covered by Alberta Health Care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 214 Public Service Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act — Mr. Shariff

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Minister of Government Services:

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2005

Sessional Paper 711/2006

Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund, 05/06 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 712/2006

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Report dated August 2006 entitled "Alberta's Integrated Energy Vision" prepared by Alberta Energy

Sessional Paper 713/2006

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

Letter dated July 12, 2006, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, requesting information regarding the Natural Gas Royalty Regulation, 2002

Sessional Paper 714/2006

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated August 14, 2006, from Miloslav B. Bozdech, MD., President, Peace Country Health Regional Medical Organization, to Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, and Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, expressing concern regarding a lack of physicians in northwestern Alberta and urging the Legislative Assembly to remedy this situation

Sessional Paper 715/2006

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

Canadian Institute for Health Information website chart entitled "Table 2: Average Length of Inpatient Hospital Stay (in Days) for Canada (Provinces and Territories), 1995-1996, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005"

Sessional Paper 716/2006

Open letter dated August 28, 2006, from the Alberta Association for Community Living to all Members of the Legislative Assembly requesting an increase in funding for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 717/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 15, 2006, from Maureen Slater of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding increasing rental rates

Sessional Paper 718/2006

E-mail message dated August 17, 2006, from Stephanie Ibach of Edmonton to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, James Rajotte, Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Leduc, Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting federal and provincial tax laws be amended to allow post-secondary students to transfer all tuition credits to their parents or other eligible persons

Sessional Paper 719/2006

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment:

Pamphlet entitled "Approved Water Management Plan for the South Saskatchewan River Basin - Highlights" prepared by Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 720/2006

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2006 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:45 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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 44 (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition)—Defeated
Sessional Paper 721/2006

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Thursday, August 31, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 31, 2006

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that 12 different men have had the great honour of serving as the Premier of the Province of Alberta. Alberta's Premier, the Honourable Ralph Klein, has had the unique privilege of serving as Premier since 1992.

On May 18, 2006, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta paid special tribute to this remarkable man who formed four governments and presided over the most dynamic growth period in the history of Alberta. He has received countless provincial, national, and international awards, is recognized throughout Canada and in many parts of the world, and is the dean of Canadian governance and political leaders.

For 26 years the Premier has been a servant of the public: as Mayor of the City of Calgary from 1980 to 1989, as an MLA since 1989, as a Minister from 1989 to 1992, and as the leader of Alberta since December 14, 1992. Twenty-six years of unselfish public service is worthy of praise.

The Chair listened attentively to the tributes given to the Honourable Premier on May 18 by the Honourable Deputy Premier, the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition, and the Leader of the Third Party. The words spoken were eloquent, sincere, and noteworthy. All Members of the Assembly were moved. The day was worthy of commemoration and to remember it, we have created a special Hansard titled "Special Edition: Tribute to the Honourable Ralph Klein." The Pages will now provide a copy, first to the Premier then to all Members. I hope that all Members will retain this special Hansard as a keepsake for many years to come. The Hansard is a fitting tribute for a most deserving leader.

Mr. Premier, you will leave this Assembly shortly, and when you do, you will leave a legacy of accomplishment. As the cowboys of old traversed the west with their horses, the leaders of today function daily with their loyal chair. The chair that you are currently occupying, the chair of the Premier of Alberta, will go with you, with the appreciation of the men and women of your caucus, who have personally and generously purchased it at full cost from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. As you sit in it in the future may you only remember the best of times.

Thank you for your service to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and to the people of Alberta. May you and Dr. Klein experience only smooth times ahead and may good health be with you both always. Thank you and God bless.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement recognizing the 35th anniversary of the election of the first Progressive Conservative Government in Alberta.

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding a conference to be held at the Shaw Conference Centre from October 20 to 22, 2006, entitled "Building World Peace: The Role of Religions and Human Rights" sponsored by the John Humphreys Centre for Peace and Human Rights.

Mr. Stelmach, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Building Trades Council.

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the opposition of St. Albert residents to the proposed location of the northwest portion of Anthony Henday Drive.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding recent Memoranda of Understanding between the University of Alberta and Portage College in Lac La Biche and the Blue Quills First Nations College in St. Paul.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the disclosure of leadership campaign contributions.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition signed by 5 St. Albert residents urging the Government to adopt the position unanimously supported by St. Albert City Council to make every effort to move the northwest leg of the Anthony Henday Drive ring road south of the current proposal, enhance noise attenuation and safety measures for neighbouring residents, and minimize the environmental impact of the road.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, September 11, 2006:

Written Questions: None appearing on the Order Paper.

Motions for Returns: MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 219 Electric Utilities (Net Metering) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Eggen

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated August 22, 2006, from Bernard T. Reilly, P.Eng., of St. Albert to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, expressing opposition to the design and location of the north Edmonton ring road at St. Albert Trail and the effect it will have on residents of the Akinsdale and Grandin communities

Sessional Paper 722/2006

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

Copy of 2 postcards to the Chair and members of the Standing Policy Committee on Education and Employment as part of a campaign by Vibrant Communities in Calgary in support of affordable transportation for all Albertans

Sessional Paper 723/2006

Copy of 18 postcards to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, as part of a campaign to request that action be taken to ensure that seniors are able to live their lives with dignity

Sessional Paper 724/2006

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

Responses to questions raised by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, on May 2, 2006, Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 2006-07 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 725/2006

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated August 21, 2006, from Steve Hooker to the Provincial Government requesting the Government increase funding for public health care

Sessional Paper 726/2006

Petition signed by 94 Albertans urging the Government to consider increasing funding in order that all Alberta Works income support benefit levels may be increased

Sessional Paper 727/2006

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

E-mail message dated August 25, 2006, from Celeste Ibach of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding agency staff shortages and low wages for individuals working with people with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 728/2006

E-mail message dated August 22, 2006, from Baldwin Reichwein of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the lack of affordable housing for people with disabilities

Sessional Paper 729/2006

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

News release dated August 30, 2006, entitled "EUB wins award for innovative management" prepared by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Sessional Paper 730/2006

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

2 reports entitled "Moving Forward With Work Safe Alberta, Three-Year Strategic Plan: 2006-2008, Joint Industry, Labour and Government Strategy on Workplace Health and Safety," one dated July 28, 2006, prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment and one dated March 6, 2006, prepared by the Provincial Strategic Working Group on Workplace Safety, with attached letter dated August 23, 2006, from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with the addressee's name struck out, stating that the majority of the recommendations put forward in the reports have been accepted and will be implemented

Sessional Paper 731/2006

Alberta Federation of Labour website article, undated, entitled "Farm Worker Exemptions in Alberta Legislation"

Sessional Paper 732/2006

Letter dated August 24, 2006, unsigned, from Gordon Christie, Executive Secretary/Organizer, Calgary and District Labour Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding labour laws relating to farm workers, with attached report dated September 29, 2005, entitled "Submission to the Review of the Alberta Employment Standards Code and Regulation"

Sessional Paper 733/2006

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, 2005 Annual Report and 2005 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 734/2006

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6), Workers' Compensation Board, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 735/2006

Workers' Compensation Board, 2005 Accountability Framework Report

Sessional Paper 736/2006

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, Annual Report 2006, with attached Audited Financial Statements and Other Financial Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Sessional 737Paper

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), 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, Government House Leader, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later today, there was no projected Government business to report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 5:15 p.m., the Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2006 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to by the Assembly on August 28, 2006, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

PROROGATION

MARCH 6, 2007

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

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

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with
the advice and consent of Our Executive Council
of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Second
Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of
Alberta:

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
March 6, 2007, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the Third Session of the Twenty-sixth
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 2007, 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 14th
day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven and in the Fifty-sixth
year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

RON STEVENS
Provincial Secretary.