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### Thursday, February 4, 2010

This being the first Day of the Third Session of the Twenty-Seventh 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 20th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand ten;

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 Second Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Alberta:

Ray Bodnarek Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 3, 2010, 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-seventh Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on

Thursday, the 4th day of February, 2010, 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 20th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the Fifty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

ALISON REDFORD 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 Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

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

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

### **Speech From the Throne**

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Third Session of the 27th Alberta Legislature. It is my honour to deliver the Speech from the Throne, as it has been my honour to serve Albertans as Lieutenant Governor over these past five years.

I hope the House will indulge me for a moment as I reflect on what a privilege it has been for my wife Mary and me to see so much of our province and meet so many of its amazing people during my time as Her Majesty's representative in Alberta. This job has been the highlight of a rewarding career that took many unexpected turns. No one could be as surprised as I am that my road brought me to where it did. I'm grateful for every day and every experience I've had as Alberta's Lieutenant Governor.

Much has changed in our province since I was appointed to this role. The unprecedented growth we knew has given way to the deepest recession the world has seen in half a century. Our world may have changed, but our people have not. They remain hard-working and innovative, entrepreneurial and compassionate, and, most of all, confident about our province and its future. That confidence is well placed. Our province has substantial cash reserves and low taxes, providing a solid foundation from which we can make a strong recovery. Albertans have worked hard to earn this fiscal advantage, and the actions we take now will ensure that our province emerges from these difficult times even stronger than before.

### Alberta's Fiscal Advantage

Alberta's resource-based economy brings with it one of the most volatile revenue streams in North America, providing surpluses in good times but prone to sudden economic reversals. Your government took aggressive steps to create a cushion for the inevitable downturn, improving the fiscal position of the province by almost \$50 billion while maintaining low taxes. A \$23 billion debt was paid off in full, and nearly \$25 billion has been saved and invested on behalf of the people of Alberta.

Most of the money we saved went into the Sustainability Fund, \$17 billion in cash reserves, which could be called upon quickly if the province experienced a sudden drop in income. These dollars are now at work protecting municipalities, social programs, educational institutions, and the health care system from the kind of cuts seen in other places. The Sustainability Fund enables Alberta to keep investing in the public infrastructure we know we will need for tomorrow at a time when we can take advantage of lower costs. We will continue to strengthen the province's transportation, health care, and education infrastructure in all regions of the province.

The government's wise financial and capital planning is now supporting tens of thousands of jobs across the province. While other jurisdictions are cutting back and growing their infrastructure deficits, Alberta is improving its competitiveness and looking forward with confidence.

Alberta Capital Bonds will be introduced later this month, available only in Alberta and only to Albertans. Albertans are proud of our province and want to invest in its future. Backed by our province's triple-A credit rating, the bonds will be one of the safest investments possible in today's economic climate and offer Albertans a way to invest directly in our province. Proceeds raised through this sale of bonds will go toward building accommodations for Alberta seniors, including continuing care and supportive living facilities.

Alberta's fiscal strength has allowed the government to keep taxes low and maintain support for health and education. As we work to be back in the black in three years, Albertans will continue to enjoy the highest incomes, the lowest taxes, and the most advanced public infrastructure in Canada.

The Sustainability Fund is a great backstop in difficult times, just as this government planned, but we can't rely on it alone to carry us through. Government must live within its means. We must and will carefully manage spending, with a focus on key priorities such as health, education, and supports for vulnerable Albertans.

With a shared effort over the next two years, this year's budget will bridge the recession and position Alberta to take full advantage of the recovery.

### **Improving Health Care**

Alberta ranks near the top in Canada on health spending per capita, yet the results are not what Albertans expect. Your government believes Albertans deserve better results for their health care dollars.

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Health has recently proposed improvements to the publicly funded health system to make it more patient focused. Your government will act on these recommendations, including creating a new Alberta Health Act this fall and setting principles for the development of legislation, policy, and program delivery changes across the system. This work will be guided by Albertans themselves, who will be engaged in the evolution of the health system from its first steps.

Part of this evolution will be predictable funding. Budget 2010 will provide stable, five-year funding to Alberta Health Services. This will give our health care partners the security of knowing that growing cost pressures will be addressed. At the same time we will share the challenge of focusing ever more vigorously on better performance in key areas such as wait times and access so Albertans will proudly be able to say that their health care system is the best in the country.

The health system must be accountable to Albertans. Your government will go beyond statistical measures of the health system's performance and seek input from Albertans themselves on whether the system is performing to their expectations. We will report back to Albertans on action taken and progress made.

### **Building Safe, Caring Communities**

Albertans believe that safe, strong, and caring communities are important to our quality of life. Government actions will continue to support these values.

The Alberta gang reduction strategy will provide a comprehensive, long-term approach to suppress gang crime in Alberta. Civil forfeiture legislation is already in place and witness protection legislation will be tabled this Session. We will bolster the front lines of Alberta police forces with 100 new officers, the fulfillment of a three-year, 300-officer commitment.

Government's goal of creating 14,000 new child care spaces will be met and surpassed this year, allowing us to focus on maintaining existing spaces and supporting the creation of new spaces in the areas of most need.

Your government will continue working with its partners to deliver on the pledge to develop 11,000 affordable housing units by 2012 and on the 10-year plan to end homelessness.

Social programs for Albertans will become better integrated and more focused on the people they were created to serve. These improvements will make it easier for Albertans in need to access information and assistance as well as transition between programs as they move from childhood to adulthood to their senior years.

This government is concerned that only one-third of Albertans belong to workplace pension plans. We will continue to push the national agenda for reforms that help people plan for a financially sound retirement. A pan-Canadian solution is preferable, but if an agreement cannot be reached, we are prepared to join with British Columbia and Saskatchewan to develop options for a regional plan to improve retirement income prospects for future retirees.

### **Increasingly Competitive in a Global Economy**

The global economy is undergoing profound changes, with significant impacts on the lives of Albertans. Our people are naturally entrepreneurial, and government has supported their drive to succeed with training, information, services, and counselling, but we can do better.

Albertans know that a good education is an essential foundation to prepare for the future and that our thinking in this area must constantly evolve. In the coming months we will launch a new vision for education, making the improvements needed to ensure that learning in Alberta is flexible and ready to meet the needs of the next generation.

Your government will strengthen the province's research and innovation system under the Alberta Innovates umbrella. The new system will be more responsive to the needs of researchers and entrepreneurs and help Alberta maintain a leadership role in the global economy. Our great Alberta spirit of competition will do the rest.

Our province must be a magnet for the talented individuals and businesses its economy needs. Your government will ensure that the workforce has the right skills to keep Alberta strong.

As Alberta's profile increases in the global economy, our trading partners will expect greater contact and the ability to travel directly to Alberta. We will continue to work with the Federal Government to expand direct air access between Alberta and its key markets. This is what business, trade, and tourism need to be competitive.

Much of Alberta's economic growth will occur in the north and we will invest in new transportation infrastructure to support this growth.

We are working toward a western economic partnership with British Columbia and Saskatchewan to create Canada's largest boundary-free trade and investment market. The three provinces will also work together on a joint trade mission to China and Japan to market western Canada to the growing Asian market.

Government regulation must accomplish our collective goals while at the same time promoting business entrepreneurship, individual liberty, and creativity. Your government will aggressively pursue improvements to ensure we have effective regulations that are both clear and practical. For example, with respect to conventional oil and gas development, government's approach will put more focus on assuring compliance with environmental outcomes rather than creating hurdles at the approval stage for companies accessing the land.

We will complete the review of the First Nations consultation policy and guidelines on land management and resource development this year which will give us another tool to improve competitiveness.

Alberta's agriculture and agrifood industries are key and sustainable economic drivers of our province. We are a responsible producer of safe, high-quality food products that are in demand all over the world, but we need to break into new markets and beat the competition from other countries that export agricultural products, including the United States and Australia. To this end, we will continue efforts to increase our competitive edge, foster value-added opportunities, and increase access to important international markets.

Alberta is now a major global energy player with enormous untapped potential. This sector is vitally important to all Alberta communities, with 50 percent of our province's gross domestic product tied to energy in some way. Energy development is a partnership between Albertans, who own the resources, and industry, which develops them on Albertans' behalf. It's a partnership that has yielded tremendous benefits in economic activity that touches every corner of our province.

The best days in Alberta's energy story are yet to come. Your government is committed to ensuring that this industry remains vibrant and continues to attract investment and create new technologies. We have the resources the world needs, including renewable forms of energy and the know-how to develop them responsibly.

The review of Alberta's competitiveness will point the way and ensure that Alberta is an attractive place to do business. Your government will partner with industry to design the right model to encourage the investment in technology Albertans are known for. All of these initiatives are part of the government's plan to enhance competitiveness. As we lead the way out of the recession, we know there will be tough competition for investment and jobs. Those economies that offer speed, controlled costs, superior innovation, and extraordinary talent will flourish.

We must succeed in maintaining and growing our markets and attracting and developing people and innovation. This is the route to the strong communities, healthy environment, quality of life, and prosperity we want to pass on to future generations.

Bill 1 of this legislative Session, the Alberta Competitiveness Act, will signal our government's resolve to make Alberta the most competitive jurisdiction in North America. To do this, we must minimize the cost of doing business here, including the cost of regulation, while at the same time providing the world-class services that are the hallmark of competitive jurisdictions.

Alberta's next generation economy will see emphasis on attracting new industries in new sectors, serving the world's expanding need for safe food and sustainably produced minerals, forest products, and energy.

We will continue to work on a world-class, integrated petrochemical hub, drawing on the raw materials from the oil sands and adding value before they reach our markets, not afterward. The Bitumen Royalty-in-Kind policy will accelerate this effort to promote new upgrading opportunities in Alberta.

### A Clean Energy Future

Albertans value our province's environment. To protect our eastern slopes and boreal forest, we will continue to fight the mountain pine beetle.

Alberta's oil sands are the focus of a great deal of world attention. Your government recognizes that customers of our energy are looking for a better understanding of our environmental values and improvements in our environmental management. This is what Albertans want, too. We take great pride in our environment, and we are committed to ensuring that the right policies are in place to address the challenges of being a global energy provider.

Alberta's energy industry has met and exceeded every challenge to limit the impact of oil sands extraction and return the land to a natural state. Our history of technological breakthroughs and engineering excellence will go even further in the future toward shrinking our environmental footprint.

Around the world the drive toward cleaner energy is a fact of our times and a welcome one. The Alberta Government and Alberta business leaders have chosen to lead by example in developing the cleaner fuels and clean energy know-how our customers are seeking.

As a result of the international agreement in Copenhagen, we will work with the Federal Government to reach a thoughtful, continental approach to controlling greenhouse gas emissions, one that spurs Alberta-based investment in new technologies and the next generation economy.

While we must develop new opportunities to participate in markets like China and India, our economy will be seriously harmed if access to the U.S. energy market is impaired. Alberta fought hard for free trade, which has proven a boon for our people. We cannot lose those hard-fought advantages and must secure access to the emerging clean energy market south of the border.

To be competitive in the new global marketplace, we must take a hard look at our own backyard. Albertans value a clean and sustainable environment, but that is not always the perception beyond our borders. Your government will continue to promote Alberta and the amazing technological advances our industries have made in environmental management, such as their work on carbon capture and storage, and we will act to improve environmental performance in the oil sands. We will continue to invest in research and technology solutions to the significant environmental challenges posed by oil sands development, including the eventual elimination of tailings ponds.

Energy conservation and renewable sources of energy will become popular economic choices for consumers in the 21st century. Our province has what it takes to succeed in this economic environment, the freedom to create and the spirit to achieve.

These qualities were illustrated recently when 110 Albertans participated in the Solar Decathlon, an international competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy, in which 20 selected teams of university and college students from around the globe competed to design, build, and operate the most attractive, practical, and energy efficient solar-powered home. Team Alberta's home reflected not only the natural landscape of our province but also our values: innovation, excellence in education, and the willingness to meet the energy challenges our world faces head-on. Team Alberta placed sixth against the best in the world, an outstanding achievement for its first time in this competition. Project manager Mark Blackwell and representatives of his team are with us today.

### Alberta's Place in Canada

Albertans have always been committed Canadians. Our province's economic success has provided benefits across the country, and our economic renewal will be an essential part of the nation's economic recovery.

Albertans are proud contributors to the well-being of our country, and we have a right to be treated fairly under universal federal programs like health care or unemployment insurance. If a person is sick or out of work, the challenge to that family is no less difficult in Alberta than in any other province. Whenever Alberta receives less than other provinces for basic transfers, your government will work with the Federal Government to provide options to address that fiscal imbalance and close the gap. Equality is a matter of principle and basic fairness, the very hallmark of our nation.

A strong economic recovery requires an Alberta that is constantly striving to be better, stronger, and smarter. We will use expert advice from the Premier's Council for Economic Strategy to set a path to a secure and prosperous future for Albertans.

We will proudly share Alberta's story at the Olympics and elsewhere on the global stage to make the world more aware of our unique talents, products, and capabilities.

We will be a leader in clean energy production.

We will help the forestry and agricultural sectors adapt to new market realities and seize new opportunities.

We will continue to build world-class universities of the 21st century.

We will foster a competitive and innovative economy.

And we will build public services and transportation systems that unite our communities in commerce and culture.

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.

### **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 1/2010

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

Ordered, that the Honourable Mr. Stelmach have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Alberta Competitiveness Act." Hon. Mr. Stelmach accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

### **Government Motions**

1. Moved by Hon. Mr. Stelmach:

Be it resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration the week of February 8, 2010.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Intersessional Deposits**

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

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

Report on the September 14, 2009 Calgary-Glenmore By-Election, prepared by the Chief Electoral Office, deposited on December 17, 2009

Sessional Paper 717/2009

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

2008 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, deposited on January 4, 2010 Sessional Paper 718/2009

Hon. Ms Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, pursuant to the Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act, cP-20.5, s7(2):

Alberta's Promise, Annual Report 2009, deposited on January 4, 2010 Sessional Paper 719/2009

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(2):

Alberta Health Services, Annual Report, April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009, deposited on January 11, 2010

Sessional Paper 720/2009

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 of Alberta, Annual Report 2008-2009, deposited on January 21, 2010

Sessional Paper 721/2009

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:47 p.m. until Monday, February 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Monday, February 8, 2010

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. Ronald Armor Moore, Member for Lacombe, 1982 to 1993, who passed away on January 9, 2010; Mr. Harry Elliott Alger, Member for Highwood, 1982 to 1989, who passed away on January 27, 2010; and Mr. William John Yurko, Member for Strathcona-East and Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1969 to 1978, who passed away on January 28, 2010.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the opening of the Leduc Recreation Centre in November 2009.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Minister's Advisory Committee on Health.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Optimist Club.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding several Raymond school accomplishments.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 10th anniversary of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the 2010 Alberta Provincial Wheelchair Curling Championships.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Report entitled "Victims Services Branch Status Report 2008-2009" prepared by Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security

Sessional Paper 2/2010

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

Report, undated, entitled "A Foundation for Alberta's Health System" prepared by the Minister's Advisory Committee on Health

Sessional Paper 3/2010

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

Letter dated November 12, 2009, from Chris Sheard, Interim Chair, Capital Region Board, to Willie Grieve, Chair, Alberta Utilities Commission, advising of the board's position relating to the Heartland Transmission Project proposed by EPCOR and AltaLink

Sessional Paper 4/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(3):

Final 2010 Main Estimates Schedule dated February 8, 2010

Sessional Paper 5/2010

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

Brochure entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, Third Session, Spring 2010"

Sessional Paper 6/2010

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta, Annual Accountability Report 2008

Sessional Paper 7/2010

### **Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period Rotation**

Honourable Members, prior to question period today I indicated that the rotation we would use today would be that outlined in my memo to all Members dated February 1, 2010. I indicated that at the conclusion of the Routine I would make a statement with respect to the position taken by the Chair on the rotation and operation of question period for the Third Session of the 27th Legislature, and I'm pleased to do that now.

The Chair provided Members with notice of the rotation in a letter dated February 1, 2010, which is in the form sent at the start of every Session every year by this Speaker. The one variation that I made is that a week ago on February 1, I included in my letter, an operation letter that I send every year, a statement with respect to the rotation of question period. Normally statements on question period are made on the first day of the Session, but as a courtesy to all Members, one week ago I included that in my letter, and the Chair will now state for the record how the rotation has changed, why the changes were necessary, the rationale for these changes, and offer some comments about the development of question period.

The need to revisit the rotation of questions during Oral Question Period arose because of changes in the composition of the various groupings since the Assembly last met. Very early this year two members of the government caucus joined the Wildrose Alliance caucus. As a result of this change in caucus composition, the standings in the Assembly at this time are as follows: Progressive Conservatives, 68; Liberals, nine; Wildrose Alliance, three; New Democrats, two; and one independent Member, who is an independent by himself although the members of the New Democrat caucus are also independents.

The government caucus has been reduced in size by two members and the Wildrose Alliance caucus increased by two members, making them the third-largest caucus in the Assembly. Accordingly, they are the third party in the Assembly. The Official Opposition has not changed in size, nor have the New Democrats, but they have lost their position as the third party, albeit by one Member.

In the interest of providing certainty to Members, the Chair distributed the rotation schedule in the February 1, 2010, letter. Until that letter went out, the Chair had no knowledge of any House Leaders' agreements or even meetings. It appears that the House Leaders have been discussing the rotation in question period and other matters related to the apportionment of business associated with relative caucus size. The Chair wants to encourage House Leaders and all of the independents to keep working towards an agreement that could work to the satisfaction, presumably, of all 83 Members of the Assembly. The Chair will always be guided by the advice provided by all Members in a consensus/unanimous approach. At this time, however, there is no agreement from among the various parties and the Chair does not want to assume that what might be acceptable to one party or group or independents would be agreeable to others as well. The Chair is more than willing to revisit this issue of the rotation and related matters but is extremely reluctant to do so in the absence of an agreement.

For those who might be wondering why the answer is not found by looking in the Standing Orders, there is nothing in the Standing Orders about the rotation of questions. By convention, history, and practice the rotation of questions is not found in the Standing Orders, nor should it be. This absence is due in part to a recognition that it is the Speaker's responsibility to recognize Members to participate in debate and in question period. The Chair is fully aware that it is the Members themselves who make the rules through the Standing Orders, and this Chair has given effect to House Leaders' Agreements, but it is ultimately up to the Chair to recognize Members during question period.

Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia, the fourth edition, just one of hundreds of different scholarly treatises published around the world, by one of the longest serving Clerks to follow the British parliamentary form of government in the world, Mr. George MacMinn, addresses this very point at page 140 when he states:

"The order in which Members are recognized in Oral Question Period is at the Speaker's discretion . . . and this discretion remains intact at all times. From Parliament to Parliament (and indeed, from Session to Session) informal agreements are proposed relative to the recognition of Members and the number of supplementaries, but such agreements have never been considered as binding the Chair to a rigid course of action on a particular day. In order for the Chair's historical authority to remain intact, his or her discretion must remain unfettered."

The Chair in recent days has been invited to apply the same rotation that existed following the provincial election in 1986. If one reviews Speaker Carter's ruling of June 13, 1986, found at page 7 of Alberta Hansard for that day, one will see that there are many differences between the operation of question period then and now. That ruling provided for the then Official Opposition New Democrats to have the first two main questions and up to three supplementary questions and that the then third party Liberals, which had achieved recognized opposition party status, to be entitled to the third main question and three supplementaries while the two-member Representative Party Leader or delegate was entitled to the fourth question.

After those questions the Chair recognized Members from "all parties in the Legislative Assembly in a fair and representative manner." Each Member asking a main question could ask three supplementaries, and one supplementary could be asked by one Member in each of the other parties. One Member would ask a question, three supplementaries, then every other grouping in the Assembly, which in this case would have been four more, could ask supplementaries to the same question. I was there. We had about five Members recognized during the 50-minute question period. The Chair was implored to apply the 1986 precedent by the NDs in 2005, and the Chair rejected it for reasons Members can see at pages 90 and 91 of Alberta Hansard for March 8, 2005. Of course, in 1986 the third party had achieved recognized opposition party status, which is not the case with either the third or fourth party today.

In 1989 the first two questions went to the Official Opposition New Democrats, the third main question to the third party Liberals, which had eight seats, and the fourth to a member of the government caucus. Speaker Carter indicated in his June 2, 1989, ruling, found at page 9 of Alberta Hansard for that day, that "the remainder of question period will be conducted on a random basis." That meant that after the first number of questions were identified, Members simply threw up their hands when they came into the Assembly, and the Speaker would sit here and look at 25 hands and make a list of the first 12 or 14. You can bet your bottom dollar that if 12 rose at the same time, he had to make a decision, and those 11 Members who weren't called were mad at the Speaker for being blind or not seeing them or a whole series of other things.

We made some changes. Some Members may recall that it was not until the House Leaders' agreement of September 1993 that the practice of submitting lists was established. This measure gave greater certainty to Members, and since then there has been no turning back to allowing the Speaker to randomly select Members wishing to ask questions. Since that time, essentially, and the way it has operated since I have been the Speaker is that I receive from the various groupings in the House a listing of the Members that they have decided should ask questions that day and I apply that list. I have never changed the names unless there has been an error in communication, nothing ever deliberately to change the names.

In 1993 there were only two parties represented in the Assembly, so after the third main question, which was asked by the Official Opposition, the rotation was quite simple. It was not until 1997, with the return of the New Democrats, that a more complete rotation had to be developed to provide Members with the certainty they desired as represented by the 1993 agreement. The Chair – I was Government House Leader at the time – was one of the signatories to that agreement, and I want to indicate that there was a strong desire at that time to avoid what some believed to be the arbitrary nature of selecting Members to ask questions by submitting lists. In other words, it was not to be the caucus whip or anybody else who would say: you are a good boy or girl today, so you can be on our list. Hopefully, it would be a caucus workout to allow everybody, and there was a great number of people within the various caucuses, to basically have an opportunity to have a chance to a question.

This simply serves as background and a way of saying that examples even from this Assembly prior to 1997 are not particularly helpful as the practices were different from what exists today. The Chair wants to assure Members that he conducted extensive research on this subject and is more than happy to discuss the history with Members at a different time. But I can assure you that for 10 days in the month of January I scoured my memory and book after book after book coming up with the conclusion that I reached on Monday of last week.

Based on the historical analysis and a sincere determination of what would be fair for all parties based on their size relative to the other groupings in the Assembly, the Chair communicated the following rotation to Members. The Leader of the Official Opposition or his delegate is entitled to the first three main questions, including two supplementaries, each day. As a note to that point, the Official Opposition has had the first three main questions since September 1993 despite the size of its caucus or that of the third party and the presence or absence of other groupings of Members.

With respect to the rotation on days one and three, the Wildrose Alliance Deputy Leader or his delegate will be entitled to the fourth main question and supplementaries. A member of the government caucus will be entitled to the fifth main question, the Official Opposition the sixth, and it would then alternate between Official Opposition and government Members until the 11th question, which would be asked by the fourth party New Democrats. Members of the government caucus will be entitled to the 12th, 14th, and 16th questions while Members of the Official Opposition will be entitled to the 13 and 15th questions. The third party Wildrose Alliance would be entitled to the 17th question and the New Democrats the 18th. In recognition of their size, members of the government caucus can ask any questions past the 18th. That's what happened today, exactly the way it was outlined.

On day two, which is tomorrow, the positions of the Wildrose Alliance and the New Democrats will be reversed. The Leader of the New Democrats or his delegate will be entitled to the fourth main question and on days one and three a member of the government caucus will be entitled to the fifth, seventh, and ninth questions, while the Official Opposition can ask the sixth, eighth, and 10th main questions. The Wildrose Alliance will be entitled to the 11th and 18th questions. The New Democrats can ask the 17th question. Members of the government caucus will be entitled to the 12th, 14th, and 16th questions, and the Official Opposition would, like on days one and three, be entitled to the 13th and 15th questions. Members of the government caucus will be entitled to ask any questions past the 18th. So that covers days one, two, and three.

Day four will be a bit different as the independent Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo would factor into the mix. On day four, like on day two, the New Democrats will be entitled to ask the fourth question. The independent Member – although members of the Wildrose Alliance and members of the New Democrats are also independents – will be recognized for the fifth main question and supplementaries. The Official Opposition, like on every other day, would be entitled to the sixth, eighth, and 10th questions. Government Members would be entitled to fewer questions on day four as they would not have their first opportunity to ask a question until the seventh main question, and the next opportunity would be the ninth question. The Wildrose Alliance would be entitled to the 11th and 18th questions, and the New Democrats would be entitled to the 17th. Government Members would be entitled to ask the 12th, 14th, and 16th questions and the Official Opposition the 13th and 15th questions. Once again, members of the government caucus would be entitled to questions after the 18th.

Assuming that the Assembly reaches the level of 18 main questions – and this is not a wild assumption; we have accomplished it on many, many occasions, and I'll provide graphs and information to you a little later showing where this has become very frequent – the Official Opposition would have 32 questions a week, the same as it had in the last Session. No change. The New Democrats would have eight questions, which is also the same as last Session. The Wildrose Alliance would also have eight questions a week, which is a dramatic increase from the last Session. The number of questions asked by members of the government caucus would drop, from 29 in the last Session to 23 in this Session. So the only party that actually has a reduction in questions is the government. The Official Opposition and the independent from Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo would remain with the same. The New Democrats remain the same as well. The Wildrose Alliance has that increase.

The Chair does not believe it is unreasonable to expect that there will be 18 main questions a day. Members will recall that on April 16, 2008, the Chair indicated to the Assembly that there would be a 35-second time limit on questions and answers. For the First Session there were 18 questions or more in many question periods and in one day there were 21 main questions. The average was 17.5 main questions. That was in the year 2008. Roughly speaking, there were 18 or more questions on two-thirds of the sitting days. The Chair will be circulating a series of graphs to Members to demonstrate the number of questions asked in the First and Second Sessions of this Legislature.

The Chair admits that there was a slippage in this past Session, that is 2009, where the average dropped to an average of 16.5 main questions a day. The 18-question mark, however, was reached roughly one-fifth of the time. In order to achieve at least 18 questions a day, which the Chair assumes is the will of the Assembly, there will be a more vigilant watch of the clock to ensure that questions and answers do not run past 35 seconds.

The Chair wants to assure Members of the commitment to fairness in the proceedings of the Assembly. The role of Speaker is to balance the competing and strongly held beliefs of Members. In preparing the rotation, the Chair was mindful that neither the third nor the fourth party have the requisite number of Members to constitute a recognized opposition party within the meaning of the Legislative Assembly Act. There is no direct correlation between the number of questions and that number, but there is little doubt that it enhances the position of the party reaching that milestone.

Some have and may further draw reference to the Canadian House of Commons. The Chair wants to advise Members that those caucuses that failed to reach the required number of seats have little role to play in question period. Members interested in this point may wish to review page 499 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, where it states:

"Members of a political party not officially recognized in the House and independent Members are permitted to ask questions, although not as frequently as those Members belonging to recognized parties. During the Thirty-Fifth Parliament (1994-1997), when their numbers climbed as high as 17 over the life of the Parliament, the Speaker attempted to recognize at least one of them every other Question Period, if not every day, generally towards the end of the proceedings."

The number of Members required to be a recognized political party in the House of Commons is 12. However, as this Chair indicated in the March 8, 2005, ruling:

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

Some of these things have changed since I made that 2005 ruling. As a result, the Chair has had extensive research conducted on the practices in other Canadian jurisdictions. Times have changed with respect to question periods, and they now vary across the country of Canada, from 25 minutes in the question period in Saskatchewan to 90 minutes in Nova Scotia one day a week on Wednesday. The other days of the week in Nova Scotia it's 60 minutes. In most Assemblies, parties not having official status would not have as many questions as the third or fourth parties here. However, the Chair is mindful and respectful of the history and traditions of Alberta which have seen several small caucuses over the years. As indicated above, the Chair has attempted to strike a balance between the interests of the minority and those of the majority, and as always the Chair would welcome the collective views of the House Leaders on this issue.

Before closing, the Chair wants to make it clear that it is a tradition in Alberta for all private Members to be granted the ability to ask questions, and that includes members of the government caucus. The practice of this Assembly has been for private Members on the government side to be recognized during Oral Question Period but certainly not in proportion to their numbers. The Chair does not believe that he can or should depart from that tradition or the principle that all Members elected to this Assembly and not serving on the Executive Council have the right to hold the government of the day to account by asking questions, and the Chair is not willing to depart from this basic tenet of representative democracy in Alberta.

Honourable Members, since I put out this statement last week, I've received a number of pieces of correspondence from Members. I'm not sure I have to table them in the House or even refer much to them, but I did say on Wednesday last, in a written statement to the member of the New Democrats and the member of the Wildrose, that I would be amenable to an agreement being reached by all the parties and providing it to me by Monday morning of this week. That was the request. I waited and waited and waited. I have not received such an agreement. The position that I hold is the one I've outlined. If the Members want to continue working together to find an alternate to this, I'm open to that. I'm amenable to that. But it has to be in a kind of unanimous situation.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

### Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 9, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Lakeland 2010 Alberta Winter Games held in Bonnyville and Cold Lake from February 4-7, 2010.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing February 9, 2010, as Safer Internet Day.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Darrell Cook of Calgary who recently passed away, and the government's approach to providing funding for persons with developmental disabilities.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the centennial of the Samaritan Club of Calgary.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding government spending.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated February 1, 2010, from Dustin Nicol to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to the University of Alberta's decision to levy a new non-instructional mandatory fee of \$570

Sessional Paper 8/2010

Document, undated, entitled "More than Nickels and Dimes - Albertans pay highest out-of-pocket costs for services" prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 9/2010

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

Memorandum dated February 8, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting his resignation from the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment and the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing

Sessional Paper 10/2010

Memorandum dated January 27, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting his resignation from the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, the Standing Committee on Community Services, and the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee

Sessional Paper 11/2010

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, submitting his resignation from the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

Sessional Paper 12/2010

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2009, Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 13/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Advanced Education and Technology, Public Post-Secondary Institutions Audited Financial Statements, Universities and The Banff Centre for the year ended March 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 14/2010

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:48 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

### **Budget Address**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

### **Government Motions**

Prior to moving Government Motion 4, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2010-11 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 15/2010

2010-11 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund Sessional Paper 16/2010

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s13, Budget 2010, Ministry Business Plan

Sessional Paper 17/2010

### **4.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2010-11 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply and that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2010-11 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith be referred to Committee of Supply following consideration by the Policy Field Committees.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s7, s9:

Budget 2010, Government of Alberta Strategic Business Plan

Sessional Paper 18/2010

Prior to moving Government Motion 5, Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4, s7.1(1), Budget 2010. Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 19/2010

Pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s7(3) and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, 4, 13, Budget 2010, Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Business Plan, 2010-13

Sessional Paper 20/2010

### **5.** Moved by Hon. Dr. Morton:

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

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 3:42 p.m. until Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 10, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the efforts of firefighters from Canada and Mexico who fought the many wildfires in Alberta and British Columbia in 2009.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing several organizations who raised funds to aid Haiti following the earthquake on January 12, 2010.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the City of Edmonton Good Neighbour Awards.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the town of Taber's fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Run and the Terry Fox Run commemorative quilt assembled by the Taber Cotton Pickers Quilt Club and Kaye's Kwilting.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Darrell Cook of Calgary who recently passed away.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding government spending.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, presented a petition from 84 Albertans urging the Government to maintain the current policy for distribution of charitable gaming proceeds.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Ms Woo-Paw
- Bill 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Weadick

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

- Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Ms Woo-Paw
- Bill 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Weadick

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated January 9, 2010, from Erin Kinloch-Galesloot to several Members of the Legislative Assembly outlining the support she requires to assist her with her disability and allow her to live independently

Sessional Paper 21/2010

E-mail message dated December 18, 2009, from Geoffrey Ryan to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the proposed cuts to programs for people with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 22/2010

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Errata for pages 15 and 342 of the 2010-11 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund tabled on February 9, 2010

Sessional Paper 23/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy:

Report dated December 23, 2009, entitled "Assessment and Analysis of the State-of-the-Art Electric Transmission Systems with Specific Focus on High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC), Underground or Other New or Developing Technologies" prepared by Stantec

Sessional Paper 24/2010

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Government Motions**

**2.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**3.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- **6.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:
  - A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 52.01:

27th Legislature

52.011 For the balance of the 27th Legislature, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services and each of the Policy Field Committees shall consist of 12 Members.

- B Be it further resolved that
  - 1. The amendments in this motion come into force on passage;
  - 2. The amendments in this motion shall have effect until the conclusion of the 27th Legislature.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

A. the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be approved:

that Ms Tarchuk replace Mr. Campbell

that Ms Tarchuk replace Mrs. Forsyth as Chair

that Mr. Groeneveld replace Hon. Mr. Denis

that Mr. Quest replace Mr. Kang

B. the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be approved:

that Mr. Quest replace Mr. Horne

that Mr. Lindsay replace Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

that Mr. Hinman be appointed to fill a vacancy

C. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved:

that Mr. Hinman replace Mr. Anderson

that Mr. Kang replace Mr. MacDonald

that Mr. Xiao replace Mrs. Forsyth

that Mr. Drysdale replace Mr. Quest

D. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved:

that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Johnson

that Mr. Hinman replace Hon. Mr. Liepert

that Mr. Jacobs replace Hon. Mr. Oberle

that Mr. Lindsay replace Hon. Ms Redford

that Mr. Quest replace Mr. Rogers

that Ms Tarchuk replace Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

E. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:

that Mr. Rodney replace Mr. Quest

that Mr. Rodney replace Mr. Quest as Deputy Chair

that Mr. Anderson replace Hon. Mr. Denis

that Mr. Weadick replace Mr. Jacobs

that Ms Calahasen replace Mr. Drysdale

F. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved:

that Mr. Campbell replace Mr. Fawcett

that Mr. Campbell replace Mr. Oberle as Deputy Chair

that Mr. Anderson be appointed to fill a vacancy

G. the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved:

that Mr. Bhullar replace Mr. Bhardwaj

that Mr. Anderson replace Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

H. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved:

that Mr. Bhardwaj replace Mr. Campbell

that Mr. Bhardwaj replace Mr. Campbell as Chair

that Mr. Fawcett replace Mr. Bhullar

that Mr. Lund replace Mr. McFarland

that Ms Woo-Paw replace Mr. Xiao

that Mr. Boutilier be appointed to fill a vacancy

I. the Standing Committee on Health be approved:

that Mr. McFarland replace Mr. Horne as Chair

that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Dallas

that Mr. Lindsay replace Mr. Fawcett

that Mrs. Forsyth be appointed to fill a vacancy

J. the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services be approved:

that Mr. Drysdale replace Mr. VanderBurg

that Mr. Drysdale replace Mr. VanderBurg as Chair

that Mr. Rogers replace Mr. Anderson

that Mr. Xiao replace Ms Woo-Paw

that Mr. Boutilier be appointed to fill a vacancy

that Mrs. Forsyth be appointed to fill a vacancy

K. the Standing Committee on Resources and Environment be approved:

that Mr. Dallas replace Hon. Mr. Denis

that Mr. Mitzel replace Mr. Drysdale

that Mr. VanderBurg replace Hon. Mr. Oberle

that Mr. Anderson be appointed to fill a vacancy

L. the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee be approved:

that Mr. Quest replace Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**5.** Moved by Hon. Dr. Morton:

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Thursday, February 11, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Network Activity Centre.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for a traffic tunnel at the Calgary International Airport.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Alberta's presence at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from February 12-28, 2010.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing February 2010 as Black History Month.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing February 14, 2010, as Lunar New Year's Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding funding cuts in the government's proposed budget.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report, undated, entitled "Share the Water - Building a Secure Water Future for Alberta" prepared by Water Matters and EcoJustice

Sessional Paper 25/2010

E-mail message dated November 23, 2009, from Jack Barrows of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, inquiring about the Alberta Liberals' policies on energy, pollution, water management, and the tar sands

Sessional Paper 26/2010

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

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Seniors Care in Crisis" prepared by Public Interest Alberta

Sessional Paper 27/2010

### **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of February 16 to February 18, 2010:

Tuesday, February 16 Message

**Government Motions** 

Motion 8, 9

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Second Reading** 

Bill 1, 2, 3

Address in Reply to the Speech from the

Throne (Day 4 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, February 17 Address in Reply to the Speech from the

Throne (Day 5 of 10)

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Committee of Supply** 

Supplementary Supply Estimates

(Day 1 of 1)

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, February 18

Address in Reply to the Speech from the

Throne (Day 6 of 10)

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Second Reading** 

Bill 1, 3

Committee of the Whole

Bill 2

And as per the Order Paper

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:21 p.m. until Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 16, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Recognizing Outstanding Organizations and People in Housing Awards held in Edmonton on February 2, 2010, and congratulating the 2010 recipients.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing January 26, 2010, as Republic of India Day.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the government's plans for closing and building schools.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre and \$2 million in government funding to support the climate change strategy.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Jean Charest, Québec Premier, concerning the oil sands.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Alberta branch of the Canadian Red Cross.

### **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, was not in order to be presented.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

E-mail message dated February 15, 2010, from Joel Crichton of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding educating children about the oil sands and carbon capture

Sessional Paper 28/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 12, 2010, from Dean Goodine to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the film industry in Alberta

Sessional Paper 29/2010

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

Program from An Evening to Celebrate Catholic Education: 125 Years of Calgary Catholic

Sessional Paper 30/2010

Newsletter dated Fall 2009 entitled "The Independent" prepared by Independent Living Resource Centre of Calgary

Sessional Paper 31/2010

Momentum, 2008 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 32/2010

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Message From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

2009-10 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 33/2010

### **Government Motions**

**8.** Moved by Hon Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2009-10 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.

**9.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2009-10 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Mrs. McQueen on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

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

Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms Woo-Paw

Ms Woo-Paw moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

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

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

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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

### Government Bills and Orders

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:43 p.m. until Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 17, 2010

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Frederick Haliday Peacock, Member for Calgary-Currie, 1971 to 1979, who passed away on February 15, 2010.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing February 15, 2010, as Family Day.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose, operated by the New Royalist Social Society of Northern Alberta.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Making Space for Children: Child Care Space Creation Innovation Fund.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding protesters at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the opening of three new and newly renovated schools in Grande Prairie.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing C.J. Schurter School in Slave Lake for reading 1,500,000 stories in 15 years.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 20 Albertans urging the Government to provide increased funding to Midway School to ensure that various programs continue to be available to its students, teachers, trustees, and parents.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board:

Erratum for page 12 of the 2009-10 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund tabled on February 16, 2010

Sessional Paper 34/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

2 letters, the first dated January 25, 2010, from 8 medical doctors and 2 Albertans, and the second, undated, from S.A. Morris, MD, Pathologist, Alberta Health Services, on behalf of 7 other pathologists, both to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding Alberta Health Services' decision to centralize gynecological cytology

Sessional Paper 35/2010

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

# Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2009-10 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, 2010, for the departments and purposes indicated:

## **Advanced Education and Technology**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$178,666,000 \$30,000,000
<b>Culture and Community Spirit</b>	
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,888,000
<b>Employment and Immigration</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$176,751,000
Health and Wellness	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$243,191,000
Housing and Urban Affairs	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$73,632,000
Municipal Affairs	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$15,341,000
Sustainable Resource Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$150,508,000

#### Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$8,590,000
Capital Investment	\$4,731,000

#### **Transportation**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$73,827,000

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, February 18, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a partnership between the Federal Government, the City of Lethbridge, and Iunctus Geomatics to create a technology commercialization centre in Lethbridge.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Ron Boutin, Warden of the Edmonton Institution.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding grandparents' rights to have access to their grandchildren.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Edmonton and Calgary region Immigrant Employment Councils.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding rollbacks to royalty rates in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the Canadian Armed Forces assisting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Olson

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

Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Olson

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 12, 2010, from Amanda Hollman of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to post-secondary education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 36/2010

E-mail message dated February 15, 2010, from Donald R. MacRae of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the closure of Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 37/2010

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

Consultation paper dated October 2008 entitled "Securities Regulatory Proposals Stemming from the 2007-08 Credit Market Turmoil and its Effect on the ABCP Market in Canada" prepared by the Canadian Securities Administrators

Sessional Paper 38/2010

E-mail message dated December 9, 2009, from Karen Durda of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to school funding cuts

Sessional Paper 39/2010

# **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of February 22 to February 25, 2010:

Tuesday, February 23 Address in Reply to the Speech From the

Throne (Day 8 of 10)

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Second Reading** 

Bill 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, February 24 Address in Reply to the Speech From the

Throne (Day 9 of 10)

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Second Reading** 

Bill 1, 4

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 2, 3, 5

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, February 25 Address in Reply to the Speech From the

Throne (Day 10 of 10)

**Government Motions** 

Motion 11

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Second Reading** 

Bill 1

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 4

**Third Reading** 

Bill 2, 3, 5

And as per the Order Paper

# Speaker's Statement - Adjourning Debate and Adjourning the Assembly

While this Assembly draws on hundreds of years of experience from parliaments around the world and over a hundred years in Alberta, we are a dynamic institution open to change and, therefore, must continually assess our practices to ensure that they are appropriate for the Alberta Legislative Assembly in 2010.

The need to reassess one such practice arose on Tuesday, February 16 when at the end of the sitting the Government House Leader moved to adjourn the debate on Bill 1 and then moved to adjourn the Assembly, all of which can be found at page 142 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

Over the years the Chair and other presiding officers have consistently applied paragraph 465(9) of Beauchesne's sixth edition, which states that a Member who has moved adjournment of debate "cannot afterwards (during the same debate) rise to move adjournment of the House." In order to revisit the appropriateness of this statement, the Chair scoured the more obscure references in Beauchesne's, which led him to the most recent edition of a venerable Canadian authority, the fourth edition of Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure and Practice in the Dominion of Canada. This most recent edition was published in 1916.

In reviewing the dusty pages that are the authority for the passage in Beauchesne's, the Chair and Table Officers found it ambiguous as to whether adjournment of the Assembly could be moved by the same Member who successfully moved adjournment of debate. After reviewing the possible consequences that could arise and canvassing other authorities, the Chair has determined that the procedure set on Tuesday can continue. To restate, the same Member who moved adjournment of debate may move adjournment of the Assembly, but these would still have to be separate motions. It only took, Honourable Government House Leader, nearly 100 years to apply this.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Private Bills be approved: that Mr. Lindsay replace Mr. Rodney
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved:

that Mr. Groeneveld replace Mr. Bhardwai

that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Johnson

that Mr. Xiao replace Ms Woo-Paw

that Mr. Elniski replace Mr. Weadick

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until Monday, February 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, February 22, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Canada.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Bissell Centre.

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the ATCO Celebrating Excellence Program.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing February 15, 2010, as National Flag of Canada Day.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Multiple Voices for Enhancing Health Equity Through Research, Policy, Education, and Clinical Practice conference to be held in Calgary in Spring 2010.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre.

# **Presenting Petitions**

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

of the Lethbridge Community Foundation for the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act;

of the Calgary Olympic Development Association for the Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010;

of the Board of Management of the Lamont Health Care Centre for the Lamont Health Care Centre Act.

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

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Bhullar

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

Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Bhullar

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

E-mail message dated December 4, 2009, from Milena Laban of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to funding cuts for schools

Sessional Paper 40/2010

E-mail message dated January 11, 2010, from Grace Parr of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to funding cuts to service providers for persons with developmental disabilities and suggesting that the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Regions are redundant and insignificant

Sessional Paper 41/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

8 web site articles regarding refineries

Sessional Paper 42/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2007-2008 Sessional Paper 43/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2008-09

Sessional Paper 44/2010

Alberta Vital Statistics, Annual Review 2008

Sessional Paper 45/2010

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to exchange the position of Motion Other Than Government Motion 503 with Motion Other Than Government Motion 505.

# 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 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Rogers

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to conclude consideration of Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders and begin consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

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

# **501.** Moved by Ms Pastoor:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent commission to review the current salaries and benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly and to report to the Government and this Assembly on whether the current overall remuneration for Members is fair and adequate.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, February 23, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Alberta Queen's Printer's decision to now allow statutes and regulations to be printed free of charge.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Children's Autism Services of Edmonton's Children Can't Wait campaign to build a specially equipped clinic for autistic children.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding recommendations by the Council of Alberta University Students to increase student participation in elections.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Bawlf School's participation in the Eracism Project debates.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Amanda Lindhout who was held hostage in Somalia for 15 months.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding water management.

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

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

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented February 22, 2010, and can advise the House that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report dated September 2009 entitled "Students and Democracy" prepared by the Council of Alberta University Students

Sessional Paper 46/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Report dated September 2009 entitled "The Learning Mosaic: A multiple perspectives review of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI)" prepared by Andy Hargreaves, Robert Crocker, Brent Davis, Lori McEwan, Pasi Sahlberg, Dennis Shirley, Dennis Sumara, and Maureen Hughes, with attached summary report

Sessional Paper 47/2010

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

Document prepared by the Churchill Retirement Community listing fees for enhanced living options

Sessional Paper 48/2010

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta's Health Care: What People Want" prepared by Alberta's NDP Opposition

Sessional Paper 49/2010

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

2 recent e-mail messages from Keith Wilson and Janice Stefacik, both of Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to funding cuts for schools, with attached responses from Mr. MacDonald

Sessional Paper 50/2010

Letter dated December 9, 2009, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, inquiring about Cabinet Policy Committee membership

Sessional Paper 51/2010

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

# **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 8)

Moved by Mr. Bhardwaj and seconded by Mr. Jacobs:

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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **Government Motions**

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the 2010 Arctic Winter Games to be held in Grande Prairie from March 6 to 13, 2010.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding funding cuts to supports for persons with developmental disabilities.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Northern Lights School Division Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing February 21, 2010, as International Mother Language Day.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the government's royalty framework.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Affordable Supportive Living Initiative.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Fiscal Responsibility (Spending Limit) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Anderson

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Report dated February 2010 entitled "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta, Interim Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta" prepared by the 2009/2010 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Sessional Paper 52/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 8, 2010, from Jan Buterman to several Edmonton Public School Board Trustees regarding the proposed closure of three schools in the City Centre Education Partnership

Sessional Paper 53/2010

E-mail message dated December 11, 2009, from David Phillips to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need for a sales tax to pay for health care

Sessional Paper 54/2010

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Olson

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

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

Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau on behalf of Mr. Bhullar

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

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, February 25, 2010

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 the four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of the four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, commented on the statement.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Harmony Dialogue Group.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Today Family Violence Help Centre.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding a memorandum of understanding on First Nations education signed on February 24, 2010.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing March 1-7, 2010, as National Social Work Week.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding inner-city communities in the Calgary-North Hill constituency.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding school closures in Alberta.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR9

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 203 Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Fawcett

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Memorandum dated February 25, 2010, from Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Mr. Drysdale, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, requesting the committee conduct an inquiry and consider providing recommendations for financial disclosure rules for leadership contestants

Sessional Paper 55/2010

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

Document, undated, entitled "Good Neighbour Agreement Between Fresh Start Addictions Centre Society and Highland Park Community Association, Thorncliffe-Greenview Community Association"

Sessional Paper 56/2010

Document, undated, entitled "Good Neighbour Agreement Between McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association and Triwood Community Association"

Sessional Paper 57/2010

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

GoPetition web site article dated November 25, 2009, entitled "Support the Liberation Procedure (the Zamboni Procedure)"

Sessional Paper 58/2010

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

2 recent e-mail messages from Diane Brouwer and Rosa Bruno, both of Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing opposition to funding cuts for schools, with attached responses from Mr. MacDonald

Sessional Paper 59/2010

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

Document, undated, entitled "Does the Alberta Tar Sands Industry Pollute? The Scientific Evidence" with attached Environmental Defence Canada web site article dated January 25, 2010, entitled "Satellite images of tailings ponds"

Sessional Paper 60/2010

Memorandum dated February 23, 2010, from E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, to the Edmonton Public Schools' Board of Trustees regarding the 2010-2011 annual implementation plan

Sessional Paper 61/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:18 p.m. until Monday, March 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, March 8, 2010

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Richard Gruenwald, Member for Lethbridge-West, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on February 24, 2010, and Heather MacDonald-Webber, wife of Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, who passed away on March 3, 2010.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, made a statement regarding Alberta's involvement at the Olympic Winter Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from February 12-28, 2010.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, commented on the statement.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment on the Ministerial Statement. Unanimous consent was not granted.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Crossroads Family Services.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Heather MacDonald-Webber, wife of Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, who passed away on March 3, 2010.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2010, as International Women's Day.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of Lethbridge Family Services.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Bob Steadward, founder of the Steadward Centre, who recently received an Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to extend the Daily Routine beyond 3:00 p.m.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Griffiths

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

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Griffiths

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Tarchuk, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Third Quarter 2009-1010

Sessional Paper 62/2010

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

E-mail message dated February 23, 2010, from Michael McAra to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding funding for a Calgary airport tunnel Sessional Paper 63/2010

2 e-mail messages, both from Donna Tetarenko, the first dated January 28, 2010, to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, and the second dated January 30, 2010, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding tuition increases at the University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 64/2010

E-mail message dated January 28, 2010, from John McMechan of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding tuition increases at the University of Calgary, with attached response from Mr. Chase

Sessional Paper 65/2010

E-mail message dated January 20, 2010, from Isabelle Emery of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to proposed funding cuts to public services, with attached response from Mr. Chase

Sessional Paper 66/2010

E-mail message dated January 20, 2010, from Bill Wakefield to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding nurses fundraising to purchase new baby scales for hospitals

Sessional Paper 67/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 18 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 68/2010

Copy of a petition signed by 605 Albertans urging the government to keep the current 14,500 long-term care beds operational and open an additional 600 Sessional Paper 69/2010

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 2008 Annual Report Sessional Paper 70/2010

#### **Speaker's Statement - Member's Anniversary**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 18th anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in a by-election held on March 5, 1992.

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

# **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

# **MR9.** Moved by Mr. Kang:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, or materials prepared for Alberta Transportation regarding the construction of the proposed Calgary airport trail tunnel.

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

## **Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole: Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

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

#### *503.* Moved by Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility and viability of developing substantially diversified local food production.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, March 9, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial community candle lighting ceremony held in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2010.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Ports-to-Plains international trade partnership.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding data used by school boards to recommend school closures.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the Calgary South Health Campus.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie held from March 5-21, 2010.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding Jennie Flett of Fort Chipewyan who recently passed away at 101 years of age.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act Mr. Weadick
- Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 Ms DeLong
- Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act Mr. Horne

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Airdrie City View article dated December 19, 2008, entitled "A closer look at the new oil and gas royalty regime"

Sessional Paper 71/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Memorandum dated February 25, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Mr. Bhardwaj, Chair, Standing Committee on the Economy, requesting the committee conduct a review of Alberta's minimum wage policy

Sessional Paper 72/2010

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

Copies of 20 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 73/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Committee of Supply** (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 Dr. Brown reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of Executive Council, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Thomas George Thurber, Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar and Drayton Valley, 1989 to 2001, who passed away on March 7, 2010.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding a function organized by Mr. Bhullar to foster dialogue between government and community attended by Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, five Calgary Members of the Legislative Assembly, and several Calgary seniors' groups.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the 2010 Arctic Winter Games held in Grande Prairie from March 6-13, 2010.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Chester Ronning Centre at the University of Alberta Augustana campus in Camrose.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Calgary Vietnamese community's lunar new year celebration.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Alberta's contributions to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from February 12-28, 2010.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the oil and gas royalty framework.

# Speaker's Statement - House Leaders' Agreement - Oral Question Period Rotation and Members' Statements

Honourable Members, before we commence Oral Question Period today, the Chair would like to advise the House that yesterday afternoon the Speaker's office received a copy of a House Leaders' agreement signed by the Government House Leader and the House Leaders for the Official Opposition, the New Democrat and the Wildrose Alliance caucuses, and the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo.

In brief, this agreement proposes a new question period rotation and the addition of two more Members' Statements per week. As indicated in the Chair's statement of February 8, 2010, on this subject of the rotation of questions, which can be found at pages 16 to 19 of Alberta Hansard for that day, the Chair is always amenable to agreement amongst the caucuses, but it must be acceptable to all of the parties in the Assembly. In the absence of such agreement, which materialized only yesterday, the Chair devised a scheme for the rotation of question period to ensure the smooth operation of the Assembly while recognizing the changes in caucus numbers.

The rotation outlined in the February 8, 2010, statement ends today and will be replaced by the rotation provided for in the House Leaders' agreement outlined in the memo from the Government House Leader to House Leaders dated March 4, 2010, and subsequently sent to the Speaker by the Government House Leader under cover of a March 9, 2010, memorandum.

The Chair wishes to advise Members that commencing today, the rotation of questions during Oral Question Period shall be as follows. The Official Opposition will continue to be entitled to the first three main questions each day. With respect to the routine on days one and three, the Wildrose Alliance will be entitled to the fourth question, the New Democrats will be entitled to the fifth, and it would then alternate between the Official Opposition and government Members until the 12th question, which would be asked by the Wildrose Alliance. The Official Opposition will be entitled to the 13th, 15th, and 17th questions, and members of the government caucus will be entitled to the 14th, 16th, 18th, and any subsequent questions, time permitting.

On day two the same sequence will apply except for the 12th question which will be asked by the New Democrats.

Finally, on day four the rotation will shift slightly to accommodate the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo. To be clear, the fourth question will go to the Wildrose Alliance, the fifth question will go to the New Democrats, and the independent Member will be entitled to the sixth question. The questions will then alternate between the Official Opposition and members of the government caucus until the 13th question, which will be asked by the New Democrats. The Liberals will be entitled to the 14th, 16th, and 18th questions. Government Members will be entitled to ask the 15th and 17th questions and any questions after the 18th.

To recap, for our four-day rotation, 18 questions per day schedule, the Official Opposition will see their numbers of daily questions increase from eight to nine. The Wildrose Alliance caucus will get six questions instead of their current eight, a reduction of two. The ND caucus will get six questions instead of their current eight, a reduction of two. The PC private Members' number will remain the same with six questions on days one, two, and three, and five on day four. The independent Member remains with one question per four days.

The Chair also notes that House Leaders agreed to eliminate preambles to supplementary questions. The Chair will continue to take a vigilant watch of the clock to ensure that questions and answers do not exceed 35 seconds and will reinstate the rule prohibiting preambles for supplementaries. The agreement makes it very clear that there are to be no preambles to the supplementaries, and the supplementaries are to be on the same subject and purpose of the main question.

One last item noted in the agreement is the desire to increase the number of Members' Statements by two each week, with one being added to the Routine on Monday and the second on Thursday. This will require an amendment to the Standing Orders, so the Chair would anticipate that this will be brought forward in the near future by way of a Government Motion to be debated in the Assembly.

In light of the new reality brought about by the House Leaders' agreement, it seems only fitting that today be considered day one. The revised schedule is on Members' desks. At the appropriate time in the Routine I will table the agreement, and following Orders of the Day Members will receive copies of the agreement that I hope all will read carefully so that they can more completely understand all aspects of the agreement. This agreement is not precedent setting and does not bind either the Chair or the Assembly. It may change as new realities arrive.

#### **Notices of Motions**

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

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended in Standing Order 7 by adding the following after suborder (4):

7(4.1) When Members' Statements is called, Members other than members of the Executive Council may make a statement, each statement to be no more than 2 minutes in duration, according to the following allocation:

- (a) on Monday and Thursday, up to 7 Members, and
- (b) on Tuesday and Wednesday, up to 6 Members.
- B. Be it further resolved that
  - 1. The amendment in this motion shall come into force on passage and shall have effect until the dissolution of the 27th Legislature;
  - 2. Standing Order 7(4) shall not have effect for the balance of the 27th Legislature.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 2009
Sessional Paper 74/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated March 31, 2006, entitled "Annual Report of Oil Sands Development in 2005 and Projected for 2006, Mildred Lake Oil Sands Mine" prepared by Syncrude Canada Ltd.

Sessional Paper 75/2010

Copies of three still photos taken from video of ducks in the bitumen mat of Syncrude's Aurora tailings pond in northern Alberta on April 29, 2008

Sessional Paper 76/2010

Copies of 24 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 77/2010

#### Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

E-mail message dated December 9, 2009, from Sandy Bray of Calgary to Rick Miller regarding the difficulties she faces in providing care for her father who suffers from dementia

Sessional Paper 78/2010

## Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Report dated March 9, 2010, entitled "Energy. Environment. Community. Restoring Alberta's Energy Competitiveness" prepared by the Wildrose Alliance Caucus

Sessional Paper 79/2010

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

Letter dated March 5, 2010, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Don Fleming, Chairman of the Board, Edmonton Public School Board, regarding data used by the school board to recommend school closures

Sessional Paper 80/2010

Magazine dated Spring 2010 entitled "Options, your guide to private medicine" Sessional Paper 81/2010

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

Memorandum dated March 9, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding an agreement dated March 4, 2010, signed by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, and Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, outlining a new Oral Question Period rotation and Members' Statement allocation

Sessional Paper 82/2010

Projected Sitting Days Calendar as of March 10, 2010

Sessional Paper 83/2010

Chart entitled "Oral Question Period rotation based on House Leaders' agreement dated March 4, 2010, and provided to the Speaker on March 9, 2010"

Sessional Paper 84/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, on February 10, 2010, department of Aboriginal Relations, Main Estimates debate Sessional Paper 85/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Olson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Bhullar

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis 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 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, March 11, 2010

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

## **Speaker's Statement - Members' Anniversaries**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 13th anniversary of eight Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 11, 1997, and the ninth anniversary of 13 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 12, 2001.

# **Members' Statements**

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 12-21, 2010.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Highland Park Community Association.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing March 11, 2010, as World Kidney Day.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing the contributions of volunteers.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Miyo Machihowin, the National Aboriginal Health Careers Conference and Tradeshow held on March 11, 2010.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding issues faced by women.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

#### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9,

WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35,

WO38, WO39

To be dealt with: WQ10, WQ27, WQ36, WQ37

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be accepted: MR10, MR11

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated September 15, 2009, from Carol Logan of Devon to Steve Richardson, Director, Patient Concerns, Suburban/Rural, Alberta Health Services, attaching a letter dated March 30, 2009, signed by 10 of Ms Logan's relatives, regarding the difficulties her mother, Dorothea Arneson, faced at the Westlock hospital before she passed away

Sessional Paper 86/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 32 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 87/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message, undated, from Roger Ellis to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to a \$5,000 cap on the compensation he received due to a motor vehicle collision

Sessional Paper 88/2010

Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, conveying a message on behalf of several Edmonton-Centre constituents regarding the future of Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 89/2010

Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, conveying a message on behalf of several post-secondary students regarding funding and financing issues they face at universities and colleges in Alberta

Sessional Paper 90/2010

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

Letter dated March 11, 2010, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting a copy of a rescinded Ministerial Order

Sessional Paper 91/2010

2 email messages, the first dated November 23, 2009, from Geri Spring and the second dated November 27, 2009, from Paul Ferguson, both to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 92/2010

E-mail message dated March 10, 2010, from Sandy McAlear of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting continued adequate funding for schools

Sessional Paper 93/2010

# **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of March 15 to March 18, 2010:

Tuesday, March 16 Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 7, 8

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 1, 2, 4, 6 **Third Reading** 

Bill 3

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 17 Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 7, 8

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1, 2, 4, 6

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 18 Government Bills and Orders

**Committee of Supply** 

All votes on the 2010-11 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates and the

2010-11 Government Estimates

**Second Reading** 

Bill 7, 8

Third Reading

Bill 1, 2, 4, 6

And as per the Order Paper

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Motions**

- 12. Oral notice having been given March 10, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:
  - A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended in Standing Order 7 by adding the following after suborder (4):

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- B. Be it further resolved that
  - 1. The amendment in this motion shall come into force on passage and shall have effect until the dissolution of the 27th Legislature;
  - 2. Standing Order 7(4) shall not have effect for the balance of the 27th Legislature.

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 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Dr. Morton on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

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

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

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

A debate followed.

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 1, Alberta Competitiveness Act, Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, tabled the following:

Report, undated, entitled "Energizing Investment - A Framework to Improve Alberta's Natural Gas and Conventional Oil Competitiveness" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 94/2010

Report dated February 16, 2010, entitled "Project Committee Final Technical Report on Alberta's Natural Gas and Conventional Oil Investment Competitiveness to the Alberta Department of Energy" prepared by Sierra Systems Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 95/2010

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms Woo-Paw

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, March 15, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Academy of Learning and Digital School.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, and Nolan Thiessen on winning the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from March 6-14, 2010.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for a traffic tunnel at the Calgary International Airport.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the CO<sub>2</sub> Slurry Pipeline Project.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the training and screening of foster parents.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Capital Region Board's long-range growth plan recently approved by the government.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Alberta's competitiveness in the oil and gas industry.

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

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2009 Activities dated March 2010

Sessional Paper 96/2010

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document dated March 4, 2010, entitled "Organizational structure" prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 97/2010

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

E-mail message dated March 12, 2010, from Michele Ford of Spruce Grove to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 504

Sessional Paper 98/2010

E-mail message dated November 26, 2009, from Colleen McDanile to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, suggesting the government reinstate Alberta Health Care premiums in order to keep acute care psychiatric beds open at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 99/2010

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

Letter dated February 12, 2010, from Don Zech, Chairman, Board of Education, Palliser Regional Schools, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding private schools joining the Calgary public school system

Sessional Paper 100/2010

#### Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

E-mail message dated March 14, 2010, from Rod J. Blair to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, attaching the text of a Calgary Herald article dated March 14, 2010, entitled "The true size of the provincial deficit"

Sessional Paper 101/2010

#### Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 20 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 102/2010

Letter dated February 18, 2010, from Edward C. Butler, President, Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37, to whom it may concern, with two attached letters dated January 27, 2010, from Gordon Hepburn and Jynne Kaluzniak, both of Edmonton, to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding class size

Sessional Paper 103/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on February 17, 2010, department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Supplementary Supply Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 104/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ1.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ2.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ3.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ4.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ5.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Education on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ6.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ7.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Justice on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

#### **WQ8.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ9.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

What is the total number of clients dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project between February 4, 2008, and February 8, 2010?

### **WQ11.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Infrastructure on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ12.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Service Alberta on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

#### **WQ13.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Transportation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

## **WQ14.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:

For each of the fiscal years 2005-2006 through 2008-2009, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?

## **WQ15.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Employment and Immigration on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

#### **WQ16.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Finance and Enterprise on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ17.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Treasury Board on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

## **WQ18.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ19.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

## **WQ20.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ21.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:

What was the total amount spent by Executive Council on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

#### **WQ22.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ23.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ24.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:

What is the total number of complaints regarding zoo standards dealt with by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from January 1, 2003, to February 7, 2010?

#### **WQ25.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Energy on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

### **WQ26.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

## **WQ28.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

#### **WQ29.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total number of sole source contracts the Ministry of Education entered into in Edmonton during the past three fiscal years?

#### **WQ30.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

For the academic years 2007-2009, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?

### **WQ31.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

What specific programs have been developed to aid Alberta pork producers who suffered economic losses due to the recent H1N1 outbreak?

### **WQ32.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the total number of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who suffer from a diagnosed mental illness?

### **WQ33.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who were diagnosed as HIV positive?

### **WQ34.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who were diagnosed with hepatitis A, B, or C?

## **WQ35.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:

For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who had a physical disability?

#### **WQ38.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:

What is the total number, from January 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010, of restaurant inspections performed by public health inspectors throughout Alberta, broken down by month?

#### **WQ39.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

Of the six Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards' budgets, what percentage of each of these goes directly toward supporting individuals in need, and what percentage is directed to administration?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

#### **WQ10.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

On February 4, 2010, how many Albertans were on wait lists for long-term care placement, both in hospital facilities and in the community, and what is the age range for these individuals?

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved that the motion be amended to read:

As of December 31, 2009, how many Albertans were on wait lists for long-term care placement, both in hospital facilities and in the community?

## **WQ36.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What was the percentage of registered nurses that worked part-time, full-time, and casual in Alberta from April 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010?

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What was the percentage of registered nurses that worked part-time, full-time, and casual in Alberta *in 2008 and 2009*?

## **WQ37.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What was the total number of overtime hours worked by registered nurses from April 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010?

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What was the ratio of overtime hours worked to straight time hours worked for registered nurses employed by Alberta Health Services in the former Capital, Calgary and David Thompson health regions for the fiscal year 2008/2009?

The following Written Question was rejected:

#### **WQ27.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What percentage of affordable housing units that have been built with provincial government funding since January 1, 2007, is currently occupied by low-income tenants?

#### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

## **MR10.** Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of any reports, travel manifests, correspondence, expense claims, job listings, or operational guidelines that outline the day-to-day duties for officers of Court and Prisoner Services or the Security Operations Branch, as it is now called, who provide dedicated judicial security services to the judiciary in the Edmonton Law Courts.

### **MR11.** Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of any reports, travel manifests, correspondence, expense claims, job listings, or operational guidelines that outline the day-to-day duties for officers of Court and Prisoner Services or the Security Operations Branch, as it is now called, who provide dedicated judicial security services to the judiciary in the Calgary Courts Centre.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

## **MR1.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental or economic impact assessments relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved that the motion be amended to read:

A copy of studies, reports, and environmental or economic impact assessments relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

#### **MR6.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all reports, studies, and memoranda prepared by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development since January 27, 2009, that contemplate the inclusion of paid farm workers under provincial workplace health and safety legislation.

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved that the motion be amended to read:

A copy of the report titled Stakeholders' Consultation: Occupational Health and Safety, prepared in November 2009 for Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Alberta Employment and Immigration that addresses, in part, the inclusion of paid farm workers under provincial workplace health and safety legislation.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

#### **MR2.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all reports and data regarding the environmental impacts of the gas release near Lodgepole on December 16, 2009.

#### **MR3.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting, and any recommendations that were prepared by Alberta Finance regarding natural gas valuation for the fiscal periods 2010-2020.

## **MR4.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all reports and recommendations prepared by the Alberta Hospital Edmonton Implementation Team between October 6, 2009, and January 18, 2010.

#### **MR5.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all stakeholder consultations, reports, research, or recommendations that resulted in the recent decision to not close 290 acute care beds throughout the province.

#### **MR7.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting, and any other documents prepared by the Alberta Treasury Board regarding asset-backed commercial paper for the 2010 fiscal year.

#### **MR8.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting, and any other documents prepared for the Alberta Treasury Board or Alberta Finance and Enterprise by the Alberta Investment Management Corporation concerning long-term investment strategies for the fiscal periods 2010-2020.

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

## **504.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all school boards to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce exposure to anaphylactic causative agents, information on life-threatening allergies, annual first aid training on dealing with life-threatening allergies, and a requirement for every school principal to develop a plan for each pupil affected by an anaphylactic allergy, including the maintenance of a file for each anaphylactic pupil.

#### A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to have a division called on the question for Motion Other Than Government Motion 504 and to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 9

Anderson Hayden MacDonald Calahasen Horner Pastoor Chase Lindsay Taft

Against the motion: 23

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### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:05 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, March 16, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the Calgary-Montrose Awards.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the centennial of the Village of Carmangay.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing March 15-19, 2010, as Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the government's 2010 budget.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the government's 10-year plan to end homelessness.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the government allowing universities and colleges to submit proposals to increase tuition.

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

Upon recommendation of the Administrator of the Province of Alberta, and notice having been given:

Bill 10 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

Notice having been given:

- Bill 11 Witness Security Act Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act Mr. Quest

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

- Bill 11 Witness Security Act Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act Mr. Quest

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Report dated February 9, 2010, entitled "Provincial Budget Briefs" prepared by CIBC

Sessional Paper 105/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated February 16, 2010, from Deanna Kayne to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to fee increases at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 106/2010

Copies of 28 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 107/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 108/2010

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Olson
- Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Bhullar

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms Woo-Paw

Mr. McFarland, 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 2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 109/2010

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Griffiths

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 17, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Chamber of the Americas.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, being appointed Deputy Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement recognizing March 14-20, 2010, as Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Fay Meikle, Canada's eldest veteran, who passed away on March 15, 2010, at the age of 105.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding several past partnerships with Olds College and recognizing the heavy equipment industry as Olds College's 2010 partner.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the government's fiscal policies.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Report dated March 2009 entitled "The Capital Region Growth Plan" prepared by the Capital Region Board, with attached five appendices and two addenda Sessional Paper 110/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated December 8, 2009, from Patricia Melnyk to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing several concerns regarding her husband's and mother's stays at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and a lack of long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 111/2010

E-mail message dated March 12, 2010, from Rayn Fraess of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the government's new royalty rates and the land reclamation policy

Sessional Paper 112/2010

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

Letter dated February 18, 2010, from Edward C. Butler, President, Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37, to whom it may concern, with attached letter, undated, from Meryl Rowbotham to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, regarding several school events and programs and requesting adequate funding for schools

Sessional Paper 113/2010

Copies of 50 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 114/2010

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated November 28, 2009, from Maureen Adachi, and the second dated November 26, 2009, from Sarah Fraser, both of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 115/2010

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 10 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Oberle on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 11 Witness Security Act — Mr. Drysdale

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

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

Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act — Mr. Quest

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

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Olson
- Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Griffiths

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 4 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 116/2010

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 117/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 18, 2010

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

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2010, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement congratulating Richard Kadlec, Mel Roberts, and Tim Vandenbrink on receiving a 2010 Canadian Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing March 19, 2010, as the 100th anniversary of the Land Surveyors Act receiving Royal Assent.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the need for safety legislation to include farm workers.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the government's 2010 budget and Alberta's financial position.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Sylvan Lake Pond Hockey Tournament held from March 11-14, 2010.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, on behalf of Mr. Ouellette, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake (Minister of Transportation) made a statement congratulating Lyndon Rush on winning a bronze medal in four-man bobsleigh at the 2010 Winter Olympics held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding oil and gas royalty rollbacks.

### **Presenting Petitions**

The petition put forth by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, was not in order to be presented.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Dr. Morton

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to complete the Daily Routine.

Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Ouellette

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Over 1,000 letters from members of the Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Public School Community to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, requesting funding for the construction of new public schools in Calgary

Sessional Paper 118/2010

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

Report dated April 7, 2009, entitled "Alberta Budget Highlights" prepared by Dr. Sherry Cooper, Chief Economist, BMO Capital Markets

Sessional Paper 119/2010

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

2 reports, the first dated March 31, 2009, entitled "Labour Standards and Workplace Safety, Employment Standards Compliance, TFW Monthly Activity and Status Report" and the second dated January 31, 2010, entitled "Employment Standards Branch, Regional Services, TFW Monthly Activity and Status Report" both prepared by Alberta Employment and Immigration

Sessional Paper 120/2010

Copies of 34 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 121/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Memorandum dated March 15, 2010, from Allan Governder, Contract Specialist Calgary Region Community Board, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, to the Calgary SCOPE Society, regarding their 2010-2011 service provider agreement budget allocation

Sessional Paper 122/2010

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated December 1, 2009, from Marie O'Brien, and the second dated December 2, 2009, from Carole Aippersbach, both of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 123/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on February 22, 2010, department of Transportation, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 124/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated March 17, 2010, entitled "Quality Assurance Review of the Three Medication and One Expressed Breast Milk Incidents at the Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, Alberta" prepared by the Health Quality Council of Alberta Sessional Paper 125/2010

## **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of March 22 to March 25, 2010:

Tuesday, March 23 Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 7

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 24 Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 9, 13, 14

Committee of the Whole

Bill 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 25 Government Bills and Orders

**Third Reading** 

Bill 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 14, 15

And as per the Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

# **Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Hehr, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, on behalf of Mr. Doerksen, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Community Services has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the departments of Culture and Community Spirit, Education, Housing and Urban Affairs, Municipal Affairs, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Chair, Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on the Economy has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the departments of Advanced Education and Technology, Employment and Immigration, Finance and Enterprise, Infrastructure, and Transportation.

Ms Pastoor, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Health, on behalf of Mr. McFarland, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Health has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the departments of Children and Youth Services, Health and Wellness, and Seniors and Community Supports.

Mr. Drysdale, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the departments of Aboriginal Relations, Justice, Service Alberta, Solicitor General and Public Security, and the Treasury Board.

Mr. Prins, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Resources and Environment has reviewed the 2010-11 proposed Estimates and Business Plans for the departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Energy, Environment, International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Sustainable Resource Development.

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

### Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2010-11 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, Government Estimates and the 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, 2011, for the departments and purposes indicated:

#### Support to the Legislative Assembly

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$58,450,000
Office of the Auditor General	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$23,165,000
Office of the Ombudsman	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,888,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,926,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$943,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,741,000
Aboriginal Relations	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$152,554,000

Advanced Education and Technology	
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Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$3,092,832,000 \$206,700,000
Agriculture and Rural Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$645,995,000
Children and Youth Services	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,102,159,000
Culture and Community Spirit	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$269,103,000 \$2,340,000
Education	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$4,149,186,000 \$6,112,000
<b>Employment and Immigration</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,104,122,000
Energy	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$205,615,000
Environment	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$228,904,000 \$800,000
<b>Executive Council</b>	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$31,688,000
Finance and Enterprise	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$116,735,000 \$36,917,000
Health and Wellness	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment	\$15,062,686,000 \$19,200,000
Housing and Urban Affairs	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$510,063,000
Infrastructure	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment	\$1,183,671,000 \$396,319,000
International and Intergovernmental Relations	

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$23,977,000

Justice	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$454,947,000
Municipal Affairs	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,031,513,000
Seniors and Community Supports	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$1,992,375,000
Service Alberta	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment	\$348,927,000 \$110,000,000
Solicitor General and Public Security	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment Lottery Fund Payments	\$614,926,000 \$24,700,000 \$1,294,116,000
Sustainable Resource Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment	\$297,651,000 \$18,425,000
Tourism, Parks and Recreation	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$174,028,000 \$19,492,000 \$2,500,000
Transportation	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,024,043,000 \$1,490,719,000 \$8,290,000
Treasury Board	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases Capital Investment	\$53,552,000 \$62,200,000

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

# **Government Bills and Orders**

# Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Johnston, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on March 17, 2010) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 117/2010

Subamendment to Bill 7 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned Sessional Paper 126/2010

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, March 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

## Monday, March 22, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding several fundraising efforts to assist the people of Haiti following the earthquake on January 12, 2010.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2010, as World Water Day.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the 30th anniversary of the Kinosoo Performing Arts Association in Cold Lake.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the work of Albertans who assisted the Canadian Red Cross in Haiti following the earthquake on January 12, 2010.

Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement congratulating Brian McKeever on winning three gold medals at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 12-21, 2010.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing March 22, 2010, as World Water Day and the government's announcement on March 22, 2010, of a two-year \$500,000 grant to the Athabasca Watershed Council.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the government's 2010 budget.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnson

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

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

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

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnson

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock. Minister of Education:

Document, undated, entitled "First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Partnership Council" prepared by the Metis Settlements General Council and the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 127/2010

Document, undated, entitled "Memorandum of Understanding for First Nations Education in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 128/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 22, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, attaching a list of questions Ms Blakeman was unable to ask during consideration of the 2010-11 Main Estimates for the department of Environment

Sessional Paper 129/2010

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

Report dated February 10, 2010, entitled "Alberta Budget 2010: The Wild Rose in Winter" prepared by the TD Bank Financial Group

Sessional Paper 130/2010

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Document, undated, entitled "The Alberta Wild Rose Emblem, 80th Anniversary" Sessional Paper 131/2010

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

Letter dated March 21, 2010, from Gloria Singendonk of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching a letter from Ms Singendonk to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, regarding the possible closure of Sir William Van Horne High School in Calgary

Sessional Paper 132/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 56 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 133/2010

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2008-09

Sessional Paper 134/2010

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to exchange the position of Motion Other Than Government Motion 507 with Motion Other Than Government Motion 508.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 11 by striking out "July 1" and substituting "December 31".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Anderson Forsyth Pastoor Chase Hinman

Against the amendment: 25

Ady Jablonski Rodney Benito Johnston Sandhu Bhullar Leskiw Sarich Blackett Lindsay Sherman Doerksen McFarland VanderBurg Goudreau Olson Vandermeer Griffiths Quest Weadick Groeneveld Renner Woo-Paw

Horne

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 201 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Rogers

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 202 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 135/2010

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

## 505. Moved by Ms Woo-Paw:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage ministries to evaluate their cultural competency, share best practices, and integrate cultural competency activities into their annual plans to further the Government's goals for equitable access to services, a diverse and prosperous economy, and a high quality of life for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 23, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Terra Centre for Pregnant and Parenting Teens.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement recognizing March 26, 2010, as International Purple Day and March 2010 as Epilepsy Awareness Month in Canada.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding REAP (Respect for the Earth and All People), an association of Calgary businesses concerned with sustainability issues.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding the centennial of the Village of Barons on June 6, 2010.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for a strategy to deal with the environmental image of the oil sands.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Helping Hands of Hope charitable foundation.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated March 10, 2010, from A.G. Ferguson, Past President, Alberta Fish and Game Association, Member, Border North Chronic Wasting Disease Advisory Committee, to Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the absence of a reliable province-wide chronic wasting disease monitoring system

Sessional Paper 136/2010

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy:

Hill Times advertisement dated March 15, 2010, entitled "Suncor Energy sees the possibilities"

Sessional Paper 137/2010

Hill Times advertisement dated March 15, 2010, entitled "Canada's Oil Sands, It's Time for a Reality Check"

Sessional Paper 138/2010

Hill Times advertisement dated March 15, 2010, entitled "Canada has been declared an energy superpower"

Sessional Paper 139/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Edmonton Journal web site article dated March 23, 2010, entitled "Partial rebound in forecast for natural gas prices"

Sessional Paper 140/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 24 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 141/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to a question raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on February 17, 2010, department of Service Alberta, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 142/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, and Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, on February 24, 2010, department of Finance and Enterprise, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 143/2010

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Olson on behalf of Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Olson on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton

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

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

Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Blackett on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette

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

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

Body Armour Control Act — Mr. Quest Bill 12

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 5:45 p.m. the Acting Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

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

For the motion: 28

Allred Goudreau Ouellette Benito Groeneveld Quest Bhullar Hancock Sandhu Blackett Horne Sarich Sherman Campbell Jablonski Denis Johnston Tarchuk Doerksen Lindsay Vandermeer Elniski McFarland Woo-Paw Fawcett Olson Zwozdesky Fritz

Against the motion: 7

Pastoor Anderson Hinman Boutilier Mason **Taylor** 

Forsyth

Debate resumed on Bill 12, Body Armour Control Act.

Debate adjourned.

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

Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) - Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 11 Witness Security Act — Mr. Drysdale

Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove Bill 15

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement congratulating Lauren Woolstencroft on winning five gold medals at the Paralympic Winter Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 12-21, 2010.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Bailey Theatre Society and recognizing March 27, 2010, as World Theatre Day.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding his request to the Edmonton Public School Board to halt actions to close five schools.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the Fraser Institute's 2010 report card on Alberta's elementary schools.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding Alberta's honeybee industry.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding new technologies and practices in the oil sands industry.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Report dated February 9, 2010, entitled "Fiscal Pulse, Alberta's 2010-11 Budget, Balancing to Retain Alberta's Advantage" prepared by Scotiabank Group Sessional Paper 144/2010

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated December 3, 2009, from A. Willis and the second dated November 27, 2009, from Donna Morrow, both of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 145/2010

Report dated March 2010 entitled "Information Bulletin, An Auditor General Who is Both Independent and Accountable, Working Effectively Within Alberta's Westminster Model Democracy" prepared by the Western Centre for Economic Research

Sessional Paper 146/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated February 17, 2010, from Matthew Hildebrandt to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to two new mandatory non-instructional fees at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 147/2010

Copies of 63 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 148/2010

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

News release dated April 13, 2006, entitled "Grande Prairie receives funding support from the province for new supportive living project" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 149/2010

Excerpt from the 2006/2007 government "blue books"

Sessional Paper 150/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2008, Section 1

Sessional Paper 151/2010

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2008, Section 2

Sessional Paper 152/2010

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2008, Section 3

Sessional Paper 153/2010

### 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 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

During consideration of Bill 15, Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$), Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

During consideration of Bill 15, Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

And after sometime spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 5:45 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 question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Mitzel in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Adv Denis Allred Drysdale Amery Elniski Berger Fawcett Bhardwai Goudreau Blackett Hayden Jacobs Campbell Dallas Klimchuk Danyluk Knight DeLong Lukaszuk

Lund
Marz
McQueen
Ouellette
Prins
Quest
Snelgrove
VanderBurg
Weadick
Woo-Paw

Against the motion: 7

Anderson Kang Taft Hehr MacDonald Taylor

Hinman

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Alberta Competitiveness Act — Mrs. McQueen on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

## Thursday, March 25, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Father Michael Joseph Troy, C.S.Sp., who passed away on March 19, 2010.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Connor Yuzwenko-Martin, a University of Alberta student and member of Theatresports.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding Earth Hour, to be held from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 27, 2010.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, being appointed Chair of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing recipients of Alberta's Fire Service Exemplary Service Medals.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing April 6, 2010, as Tartan Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the government's water allocation system.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from over 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to direct Alberta Health Services to immediately stop the contracting out of protective services, and to direct Alberta Health Services to maintain quality in-house security services to better protect patients and staff.

The petition put forth by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, was not in order to be presented.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 824 Albertans urging the Government to direct Alberta Health Services to immediately stop the contracting out of protective services, and to direct Alberta Health Services to maintain quality in-house security services to better protect patients and staff.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on February 22, 2010, department of Culture and Community Spirit, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 154/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated March 25, 2010, from Shelly Brown to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding funding for adoptive and foster parents

Sessional Paper 155/2010

Copy of an online petition signed by 1,432 Canadians requesting that liquid cytology cervical cancer screening labs be kept in Lethbridge, Red Deer, and the University of Alberta Hospital

Sessional Paper 156/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Response to Written Question WQ30, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

For the academic years 2007-2009, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 157/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on February 23, 2010, department of Infrastructure, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 158/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2008 Sessional Paper 159/2010

# **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 week the Assembly next sits.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of April 12 to April 15, 2010:

Tuesday, April 13 Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 9, 12, 13, 14

Committee of the Whole

Bill 7, 10, 11

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 14 Government Bills and Orders

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 9, 12, 13, 14

**Third Reading** 

Bill 7, 10, 11

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 15

**Government Bills and Orders** 

**Third Reading** 

Bill 9, 12, 13, 14

And as per the Order Paper

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Morton on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 2 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Ms Woo-Paw
- Bill 4 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Dallas on behalf of Mr. Olson
- Bill 6 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2010 Ms Woo-Paw on behalf of Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Griffiths

### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Dr. Morton
- Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Ouellette

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 10 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2010 (\$)

— Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 11 Witness Security Act — Mr. Drysdale

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 4:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Appropriation Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

## Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:16 p.m. until Monday, April 12, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12, 2010

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

## Speaker's Statement - End of an Era

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the 93rd anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge that took place on April 9, 1917, and recognizing Jack Babcock, Canada's last surviving World War I veteran, who died on February 18, 2010.

The Speaker introduced several representatives from the South Alberta Light Horse, the King's Own Calgary Regiment, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and the Calgary Highlanders.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m. in order to complete Introduction of Guests and Ministerial Statements.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, made statements regarding the plane crash on April 10, 2010, that killed 96 people, including President of the Republic of Poland Lech Kaczynski, First Lady Maria Kaczynska, crew members, Members of Parliament, ministerial staff members, military officials, bank presidents, bishops, priests, and others during a flight from Warsaw, Poland, to Smolensk, Russia.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow other Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved that the Bill be amended in section 11 by striking out "July 1, 2010" and substituting "March 31, 2011".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Chase Hehr Pastoor

Forsyth Hinman

Against the amendment: 27

Fawcett Olson Amerv Griffiths Bhardwaj Redford Brown Groeneveld Rodney Calahasen Horner Rogers Campbell Johnson Sandhu Snelgrove Doerksen Klimchuk Drysdale Leskiw Weadick Elniski Woo-Paw Marz Evans Oberle Zwozdesky

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Mr. Fawcett, 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 202 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 160/2010

Amendment to Bill 202 (A3) (Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 161/2010

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to the Daily Routine commencing at Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.

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

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Select Special Auditor General Search Committee, presented the following:

Report of the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee dated April 12, 2010, recommending that Merwan N. Saher be appointed Auditor General for the Province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 162/2010

#### **Notices of Motions**

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Spring sitting of the Assembly stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

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

Be it resolved that:

- The Standing Committee on Health be deemed to be the special committee
  of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of
  the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as provided for
  in section 97 of the Act;
- 2. The committee must commence its review of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act no later than July 1, 2010, and must submit its report to the Assembly within one year of commencing its review including any amendments recommended by the committee;
- 3. No additional remuneration shall be provided to the members of the committee for the purpose of this review.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Merwan N. Saher be appointed Auditor General for the Province of Alberta for a six-year term.

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk Assistant on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on February 17, 2010, department of Seniors and Community Supports Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 163/2010

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Mr. Cao, 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 202 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright on April 12, 2010) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 161/2010

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Rogers

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 203 Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Fawcett

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Chase speaking.

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

#### *507.* Moved by Mr. Campbell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to not bring forward changes to the Willmore Wilderness Park Act which would restrict traditional land uses such as outfitting, trapping, hunting, and fishing.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing April 11, 2010, as Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Alberta public service pension plans.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Edmonton branch of the League of Ukrainian Canadians and the 55th anniversary of the Edmonton branch of the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding a comment posted on Twitter by Jerry Bellikka, Director of Media Relations, Office of the Premier.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing five Lesser Slave Lake constituents for their community work.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing April 18-25, 2010, as National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

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

Honourable Members, the Chair wants to advise Members of certain modifications that are required to the rotation of questions during Oral Question Period and to Members' Statements as a result of further changes in the composition of caucuses within this Assembly. Given the number of changes to the rotation and to the seating plan so far this Session, the Chair has attempted to integrate the new independent Member into the rotation of questions and Members' Statements with a minimum of disruption to the existing order.

The Member for Calgary-Currie is entitled to the same number of questions as the other independent Member, the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo. The Member for Calgary-Currie will be entitled to one question a week. In the rotation scheme used in the Assembly, today is considered day four, and the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo is entitled to ask a question. Tomorrow, April 14, is day one, and the Member for Calgary-Currie will be entitled to ask the sixth question. This position had belonged to the Official Opposition. To be clear, the only change to the question period rotation will be the substitution of the Member for Calgary-Currie to ask the sixth question on day one.

Similarly, the Member for Calgary-Currie will be able to participate in Members' Statements on the same basis as the other independent Member. Accordingly, his first opportunity to present a Member's Statement will be on Day 31 of this Session which is Wednesday, April 21. This position had belonged to the Official Opposition.

The Chair has provided a revised calendar and an outline of the order of questions to all Members.

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

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

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act
— Mr. Weadick

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with amendments:

Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010
— Ms DeLong

Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act — Mr. Horne

Dr. Brown, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Standing Committee on Private Bills on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr2, Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010

Sessional Paper 164/2010

Recommended amendments to Bill Pr3, Lamont Health Care Centre Act
Sessional Paper 165/2010

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

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

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists, 64th Annual Meeting Report (2009)

Sessional Paper 166/2010

Pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s87(4), Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta

Sessional Paper 167/2010

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

Letter dated March 24, 2010, from Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools, Edmonton Public Schools, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to a variety of questions raised by Mr. MacDonald in his letter dated March 12, 2010, to Don Fleming, Chair, Board of Trustees, Edmonton Public Schools

Sessional Paper 168/2010

Press release, undated, entitled "Our Story" prepared by the Alberta Society for Pension Reform

Sessional Paper 169/2010

E-mail message dated March 25, 2010, from Marc Stuart Ranson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing support for the redevelopment of Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 170/2010

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

Letter dated January 26, 2010, from Earl Wilson, P.Eng., General Manager, Eastern Irrigation District, to Randy Poon, P.Eng., Approvals, Southern Region, Alberta Environment, regarding a license application amendment

Sessional Paper 171/2010

Copies of 78 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 172/2010

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **Government Motions**

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved: that Mr. Allred replace Mr. Johnson
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services be approved: that Mr. Johnson replace Mr. Griffiths
- C. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved: that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Allred.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- A. By striking out part C and substituting the following:
  - C. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved: that Mr. Chase replace Mr. Taylor as Deputy Chair and as a member of the Committee.

that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Allred;

- B. By adding the following after part C:
  - D. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved: that Ms Pastoor replace Mr. Taylor;
  - E. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing be approved; that Ms Blakeman replace Mr. Taylor.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

14. Oral notice having been given April 12, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Spring sitting of the Assembly stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**15.** Oral notice having been given April 12, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

- The Standing Committee on Health be deemed to be the special committee
  of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of
  the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as provided for
  in section 97 of the Act:
- 2. The committee must commence its review of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act no later than July 1, 2010, and must submit its report to the Assembly within one year of commencing its review including any amendments recommended by the committee;
- 3. No additional remuneration shall be provided to the members of the committee for the purpose of this review.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**16.** Oral notice having been given April 12, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Merwan N. Saher be appointed Auditor General for the Province of Alberta for a six-year term.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

#### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Johnson
- Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act Mr. Quest
- Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act Dr. Brown on behalf of Mr. Weadick
- Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 Ms DeLong
- Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act Mr. Horne

#### 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 Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — Mr. Weadick

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 Ms DeLong
  - Mr. Mitzel, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 173/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, April 14, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement regarding the Honours and Awards Investiture held at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton on March 25, 2010

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Western Cup held in Calgary from April 1-3, 2010.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing April 13, 2010, as Vaisakhi, an important date on the Sikh calendar.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the provincial energy efficiency rebate program.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Alberta's Excellence in Teaching Awards program.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the government's process for awarding eye surgery contracts.

#### **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 public importance, namely that the changes to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts requiring the Chair of Public Accounts to obtain the signature of the Deputy Chair for all correspondence directly undermines the authority and autonomy of the Chair and diminishes the established powers of the Chair.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

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

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2008/2009 Sessional Paper 174/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, and Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, on February 16, 2010, department of Employment and Immigration, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 175/2010

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater:

Program from the Honours and Awards Investiture held at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton on March 25, 2010

Sessional Paper 176/2010

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2), Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated April 2010

Sessional Paper 177/2010

Report, undated, entitled "Privacy Impact Assessment Requirements for use with the Health Information Act" prepared by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta

Sessional Paper 178/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 5, 2010, from Mike Smit to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to a proposed new fee at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 179/2010

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Copy of a photograph entitled "2009 winning photo for Lethbridge Public Library's 'Caught Reading' by Hannah Forester entitled 'Anywhere, Anytime' "
Sessional Paper 180/2010

12 postcards and letters, undated, from Lethbridge residents to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding class size and education funding

Sessional Paper 181/2010

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated April 12, 2010, from Colin Cantlie and the second dated April 13, 2010, from Snookie Lomow, both to several Members of the Legislative Assembly attaching the text of a letter to Dr. Sam Shaw, President, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), expressing concern regarding NAIT's decision to cancel the captioning and court reporting program

Sessional Paper 182/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

CBC News web site article dated April 13, 2010, entitled "'No nukes' sign removal politically motivated: critics"

Sessional Paper 183/2010

Copies of 124 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 184/2010

Copy of a petition signed by 728 Albertans requesting that leaders act to adjudicate in assembling an independent review board to investigate the Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Sessional Paper 185/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

For each of the fiscal years 2005-2006 through 2008-2009, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?

Sessional Paper 186/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on March 9, 2010, department of Advanced Education and Technology, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 187/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on February 24, 2010, department of Justice, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 188/2010

# 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 public importance, namely that the changes to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts requiring the Chair of Public Accounts to obtain the signature of the Deputy Chair for all correspondence directly undermines the authority and autonomy of the Chair and diminishes the established powers of the Chair.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved: that Mr. Allred replace Mr. Johnson
- B. the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services be approved: that Mr. Johnson replace Mr. Griffiths
- C. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved: that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Allred.

Hon Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that amendment A1, introduced by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 13, 2010, be further amended as follows:

- A. By renumbering part A as part A.1 and adding the following before part A.1:
  - A. By striking out part A and substituting the following:
    - A. the Standing Committee on Community Services be approved: that Mr. Allred replace Mr. Johnson, that Mr. Taylor be appointed to the Committee;
- B. By striking out part A.1 and substituting the following:
  - A.1. By striking out part C and substituting the following:
    - C. the Standing Committee on Economy be approved: that Mr. Chase replace Mr. Boutilier, that Mr. Chase replace Mr. Taylor as Deputy Chair, that Mr. Griffiths replace Mr. Allred;
- C. By striking out part B and substituting the following:

- B. By adding the following after part C:
  - D. the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved: that Ms Pastoor replace Mr. Taylor.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

#### Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills

#### 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 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on March 17, 2010, that the Bill be amended in section 89, in the proposed section 44.1(1)(g), by striking out subclause (iv).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Anderson Boutilier Notley Blakeman Hinman Taft Against the amendment: 33

Havden Berger Olson Campbell Horne Prins Dallas Jablonski Ouest Danyluk Jacobs Redford Johnson DeLong Renner Denis Knight Rogers Doerksen Leskiw Sherman Liepert Elniski VanderBurg Evans Lindsay Vandermeer Fritz McFarland Weadick McOueen Zwozdesky Hancock

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms DeLong

Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act — Mr. Horne

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Fawcett, 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 Pr2 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow on April 13, 2010) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 173/2010

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 189/2010

Subamendment to Bill 7 (SA1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on March 18, 2010) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 126/2010

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on March 17, 2010) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 117/2010

Amendment to Bill 7 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 190/2010

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, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 15, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding Calgary Chinatown's centennial.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Auditor General and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Lacombe Ford Rockets and the Lacombe Curb-Ease Rockets hockey teams.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement recognizing Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, and Nolan Thiessen on winning the 2010 World Men's Curling Championship held in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, from April 3-10, 2010.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Katherine Hay of Edmonton who recently passed away at the age of 24 years.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement recognizing April 2010 as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing April 7, 2010, as World Health Day.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Report dated April 15, 2010, entitled "Tabling Report - In Regards to Fort Chipewyan" prepared by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre Sessional Paper 191/2010

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

3 recent e-mail messages from Nikita Ora Tetarenko, Alastair MacKinnon, and Stephanie Maddison to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and 1 letter dated February 9, 2010, from Julia Rees of Calgary to Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, all expressing concern regarding increases in university tuition and fees

Sessional Paper 192/2010

3 recent e-mail messages from Irene MacDonald, Jamie Hogg, and Erin Stolte to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing concern regarding a lack of government funding and increased tuition for medical school

Sessional Paper 193/2010

4 e-mail messages from Edmonton and Calgary residents to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and 1 letter dated September 9, 2009, from Doreen Abbott of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, all expressing opposition to funding cuts for schools

Sessional Paper 194/2010

E-mail message dated October 29, 2009, from Erika Thompson to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the K-12 arts education curriculum framework and consultation report

Sessional Paper 195/2010

E-mail message dated February 11, 2010, from Janet Castonguay to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the lack of legislation requiring dentists to provide workers' compensation insurance for employees

Sessional Paper 196/2010

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

Copies of 2,348 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 197/2010

Letter dated April 13, 2010, from Ken Hughes, Chair, Alberta Health Services Board, with the addressee's name not shown, responding to an inquiry regarding the Alberta Hospital Edmonton Implementation Team Report

Sessional Paper 198/2010

Copy of an online petition signed by 1,317 Canadians requesting that liquid cytology cervical cancer screening labs be kept in Lethbridge, Red Deer, and the University of Alberta Hospital

Sessional Paper 199/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, and Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, on March 17, 2010, department of Solicitor General and Public Security, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 200/2010

# **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of April 19 to April 22, 2010:

Tuesday, April 20	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
	Bill 7
	Third Reading
	Bill 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
	And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, April 21	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
	Third Reading
	Bill 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
	And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, April 22	<b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
	Third Reading
	Bill 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
	And as per the Order Paper

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **Government Bills and Orders/Private Bills**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnson

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 9 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 201/2010

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act Mr. Weadick
- Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 Ms DeLong
- Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act Mr. Horne

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:17 p.m. until Monday, April 19, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, April 19, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Alberta's Oral Question Period being broadcast on Montana's Access channel.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding an Alberta Liberal government.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing April 19-25, 2010, as National Volunteer Week.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2010.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Calgary Stampede to be held from July 9-18, 2010.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement recognizing April 19-25, 2010, as National Volunteer Week and regarding the 2010 Minister's Seniors Service Awards.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the PNWER Energy Horizons Institute.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 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 agreement made by Alberta Health Services with ophthalmology service providers is detrimental to patients awaiting cataract surgery and the ophthalmologists who provide cataract surgery procedures.

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of government business for the remainder of the 2010 Spring sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

2 photographs from the Beaumont News dated October 9, 2009, of grade three students from École Bellevue School carrying desks

Sessional Paper 202/2010

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on March 16, 2010, department of Environment, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 203/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Travel Alberta, Business Strategy 2010-2013

Sessional Paper 204/2010

#### Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 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 agreement made by Alberta Health Services with ophthalmology service providers is detrimental to patients awaiting cataract surgery and the ophthalmologists who provide cataract surgery procedures.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 203 Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Fawcett

A debate followed.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2, and that the Committee report the Bill back to the Assembly on or before October 28, 2010.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Griffiths speaking.

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

508. Moved by Mr. Allred (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that all *future* underground utilities be buried at least one metre underground and an accurate as-built location be added to a comprehensive underground facilities registry.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders.

# Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 203 Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Fawcett

A debate followed on the amendment introduced by Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, on April 19, 2010, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2, and that the Committee report the Bill back to the Assembly on or before October 28, 2010.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 20, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding St. John's Ambulance volunteers who act as first responders in emergency situations.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2010, as the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed or injured on the job and regarding information in the recent Auditor General's Report concerning occupational health and safety.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing April 2010 as Safe Digging Month and regarding the Alberta Damage Prevention Council and Alberta One-Call.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the Workplace Health and Safety Awards held on April 12, 2010.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the importance of Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituents regardless of caucus policy.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the volunteer efforts of George Lamouche who is 101 years old.

# Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker read a letter from the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature, and Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, and Mr. Mitzel, Deputy Chair of Committees, presented the departing Pages with a gift.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Letter dated March 29, 2010, from Robert P. Chisolm, P.Eng., President, Alberta One-Call Corporation, to Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 508

Sessional Paper 205/2010

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Letter dated May 31, 2008, from Larry R. Stowards to Ron Malin, Alberta Blue Cross, expressing opposition to a pre-existing condition clause imposed on August 1, 2006

Sessional Paper 206/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Oral Question Period on April 14, 2010, regarding an incident at Suncor Energy's Strathcona Refinery on March 15, 2010

Sessional Paper 207/2010

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

17. Oral notice having been given April 19, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of government business for the remainder of the 2010 Spring sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the Bill be amended in section 31 in the proposed section 95 by striking out subsection (4).

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

McQueen Amery Hayden Anderson Hehr Notley Blackett Hinman Olson Ouellette Blakeman Horner Campbell Pastoor Jacobs Dallas Knight Quest Danyluk Leskiw Snelgrove Evans Liepert VanderBurg Fawcett Lukaszuk Xiao Griffiths Lund Zwozdesky

Hancock MacDonald

Against the amendment: 5

Berger Elniski Prins

Denis Marz

### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act — Mr. Quest

Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Dr. Morton

Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Ouellette

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 7 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 14, 2010) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 190/2010

Amendment to Bill 7 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated Sessional Paper 208/2010

Amendment to Bill 7 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 209/2010

Amendment to Bill 7 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood) — Defeated Sessional Paper 210/2010

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act — Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Quest

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 32

Griffiths Amery Lund Berger Hancock Marz Blackett Hayden McQueen Campbell Hehr Mitzel Chase Horner Pastoor Dallas Jacobs Redford Danyluk Klimchuk Renner Drysdale Knight Rodney Elniski Leskiw VanderBurg Evans Liepert Xiao Fawcett Lukaszuk

Against the motion: 3

Anderson Boutilier Hinman

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Johnson
- Bill 10 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2010 (\$)

   Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 11 Witness Security Act Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Quest
- Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Dallas on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton
- Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:14 p.m. until Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 21, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing April 18-24, 2010, as National Volunteer Week and regarding the findings in a Calgary Chamber of Commerce report entitled "Stretched to the Limit."

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding government shortcomings.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding University of Calgary students who will participate in the 2011 Solar Decathlon to be held in Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement congratulating the SAIT Trojan men's hockey team on winning their fourth straight Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference hockey championship.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the honour of representing Calgary-Currie constituents and thanking Members of the Legislative Assembly and staff of the Legislative Assembly Office for their assistance in his transition to an independent Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing April 18-24, 2010, as National Volunteer Week and congratulating recipients of the 2010 Leaders of Tomorrow Awards.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, presented a petition from 90 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Alberta School Act to designate in legislation the identity of the party who is primarily responsible for ensuring a child's attendance at school.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, presented a petition from 119 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to increase the number of attendance officers available to Alberta school boards in order to enhance the enforcement of school attendance.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Copy of a petition signed by 450 Albertans requesting that diploma exam values be lowered

Sessional Paper 211/2010

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay:

Report, undated, entitled "Stretched to the Limit, Economic Impact Survey, Alberta's Nonprofits and Charities, Results from October 2009" prepared by the Calgary Chamber of Commerce Voluntary Organizations

Sessional Paper 212/2010

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

E-mail message dated April 16, 2010, from Grace Wasuita to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding cataract eye surgery being moved from the Gimbel Eye Centre to the Royal Alexandra Hospital

Sessional Paper 213/2010

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Response to a request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Oral Question Period on April 20, 2010, for a copy of the document entitled "Water License Change of Purpose: Administrative Licencing Criteria" Sessional Paper 214/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Responses to Written Questions WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, and WQ35, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

WQ32. For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the total number of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who suffer from a diagnosed mental illness?

WQ33. For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who were diagnosed as HIV positive?

WQ34. For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who were diagnosed with Hepatitis A, B, or C?

WQ35. For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who had a physical disability?

Sessional Paper 215/2010

Return to Order of the Assembly MR10 and MR11, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

MR10. A copy of any reports, travel manifests, correspondence, expense claims, job listings, or operational guidelines that outline the day-to-day duties for officers of Court and Prisoner Services or the Security Operations Branch, as it is now called, who provide dedicated judicial security services to the judiciary in the Edmonton Law Courts.

MR11. A copy of any reports, travel manifests, correspondence, expense claims, job listings, or operational guidelines that outline the day-to-day duties for officers of Court and Prisoner Services or the Security Operations Branch, as it is now called, who provide dedicated judicial security services to the judiciary in the Calgary Courts Centre.

Sessional Paper 216/2010

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 14 agreed to by the Assembly on April 13, 2010, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

# **FALL SITTING**

OCTOBER 25, 2010 TO DECEMBER 2, 2010

# Monday, October 25, 2010

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. Dave Broda, Member for Redwater, 1997 to 2004, who passed away on June 13, 2010; Mr. Nigel Ian Pengelly, Member for Innisfail, 1979 to 1989, who passed away on July 3, 2010; and the Late, the Honourable Miss Wilma Helen Hunley, former Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1971 to 1979, and Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, 1985 to 1991, who passed away on October 22, 2010.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) to allow Oral Question Period to begin later than 1:50 p.m. in order to complete Ministerial Statements and to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding the government's tobacco reduction strategy and its initiation of legal action to recover health care costs for tobacco related illnesses from the tobacco industry.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

#### **Members' Statements**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the government's First Nations Economic Partnership Initiative.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the sale of public land near Medicine Hat.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing October 18-24, 2010, as Waste Reduction Week.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing October 2010 as National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing Dr. Gary McPherson, who passed away earlier this year, for his advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement recognizing October 25, 2010, as National School Library Day.

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing October 17-23, 2010, as Small Business Week.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 3,575 Albertans urging the Government to direct Alberta Health Services to immediately stop the closure of Valley Park Manor and the Red Deer Nursing Home.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 3,315 Albertans urging the Government to direct Alberta Health Services to immediately stop the closure of Valley Park Manor and the Red Deer Nursing Home.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, 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 imminent risk to the health and safety of Albertans due to the state of emergency medical services in the province.

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 public importance, namely the sale of approximately 16,000 acres of environmentally significant Crown-owned land near Bow Island for commercial agricultural use in a region with no open water allocation, without public consultation or adequate valuation which will adversely affect protected and endangered species and habitat.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act Mr. Olson on behalf of Mr. Ouest

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

Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Griffiths

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Letter dated February 23, 2008, from Ed Stelmach, Leader, PC Association of Alberta, to Dr. Peter Kwan, President, Section of Emergency Medicine of the Alberta Medical Association, regarding emergency health services standards

Sessional Paper 266/2010

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

E-mail message dated February 22, 2008, from Dr. Paul Parks, Emergency Medicine, University of Alberta Hospital, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding overcrowding in hospital emergency departments

Sessional Paper 267/2010

E-mail message dated July 3, 2008, from Dr. Paul Parks, Emergency Medicine, University of Alberta Hospital, to Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding overcrowding in hospital emergency departments

Sessional Paper 268/2010

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

E-mail message dated December 3, 2009, from Rick McEwen of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the closure of acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton Sessional Paper 269/2010

Open letter, undated, from Justice for Janitors SEIU to Dr. Indira Samarasekera, President, University of Alberta, regarding the treatment of janitors at the University of Alberta by Bee Clean Building Maintenance

Sessional Paper 270/2010

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

Pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28, Alberta Ombudsman, 43rd Annual Report, April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 271/2010

Projected Sitting Days Calendar for the 2010 Fall sitting

Sessional Paper 272/2010

Chart entitled "Oral Question Period Rotation - effective October 25, 2010, 27th Legislature, 3rd Session"

Sessional Paper 273/2010

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Pursuant to the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-34, s13(3), Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2009-10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 274/2010

Travel Alberta, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 275/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission, 2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 276/2010

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 277/2010

ATB Financial, 2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 278/2010

Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Annual Report 2009/10

Sessional Paper 279/2010

# Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotation

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to advise Members of some changes to the rotation of questions during Oral Question Period and the rotation of Members' Statements. The changes were agreed to by House Leaders and the independent Member after a consultation process that we undertook mid-summer. The Chair provided the information concerning these changes in a memo to all Members dated October 19, 2010. The changes were necessitated primarily by the move of the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo to a new caucus association. The Honourable Member for Fort-McMurray-Wood Buffalo advised of this change in a letter dated generically August 2010, received in the Speaker's office on September 7, 2010. The Member's letter indicated that this change would be effective at the commencement of the Fall sitting of the Alberta Legislature 2010, which is today, October 25, 2010, so as at 1:30 p.m. today that change came into effect.

The rotation of questions remains the same for what are days one and three in the four-day rotation announced earlier in the year. On day two, which is what today is designated as, question 15 is no longer a position held by the Official Opposition but moves to the Wildrose Alliance. The 19th question will belong to the Official Opposition and not the members of the government caucus.

On day four, which will be Wednesday, October 27, this week, the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo is no longer entitled to the sixth question as an independent Member. He is now part of the Wildrose Alliance caucus. Accordingly, the designations for questions seven through 14 advance one place. The 15th question on day four belongs to the Wildrose Alliance, the 16th question belongs to members of the government caucus, the 17th question belongs to the Official Opposition, and the 18th question and after belong to members of the government caucus.

For today, day two in the rotation, the Official Opposition was entitled to ask the first three questions, the Wildrose Alliance the fourth and 15th questions; the New Democrats the fifth and 12th questions; the Official Opposition the sixth, eighth, 10th, 13th, 17th, and 19th questions; the government members' caucus the seventh, ninth, 11th, 16th, 18th questions, and after the 19th question.

For Members' Statements, the position held by the Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo as an independent Member every second Tuesday will go to the Wildrose Alliance. Today saw government Members entitled to six Members' Statements and the Official Opposition to one.

The House Leaders have also requested that a Member from the opposition be recognized each day for the second Member's Statement. I would ask the three House Leaders of the three opposition parties, who are in the House today, to try and determine who that person will be on a daily basis because the paper just provided to me says: you choose. I would like to be more definitive than that, so you choose and advise my office by 12:30 p.m. each day who that person is, please.

The Chair would like to emphasize that this ordering of questions and Members' Statements gives effect to the agreement reached by House Leaders and the sole remaining independent Member, and the Chair provided the information concerning these changes to all Members dated October 19, 2010.

Earlier in the proceedings the Chair tabled copies of the Oral Question Period rotation effective October 25, 2010, and the Projected Sitting Days Calendar for the Fall sitting as well as the schedule for Members' Statements.

## Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, 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 imminent risk to the health and safety of Albertans due to the state of emergency medical services in the province.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When 10 Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 13

AndersonHehrMasonBlakemanHinmanNotleyBoutilierKangTaftChaseMacDonaldTaylor

Forsyth

Against the motion: 33

Prins Horner Amery Redford Bhardwaj Johnson Renner Brown Knight Calahasen Liepert Rogers Campbell Lund Sandhu DeLong Marz Snelgrove Denis Mitzel Vandermeer Doerksen Morton Weadick Drysdale Oberle Woo-Paw Fawcett Olson Xiao Griffiths Ouellette Zwozdesky

The motion was defeated.

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 public importance, namely the sale of approximately 16,000 acres of environmentally significant Crown-owned land near Bow Island for commercial agricultural use in a region with no open water allocation, without public consultation or adequate valuation which will adversely affect protected and endangered species and habitat.

A debate followed on urgency.

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

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Fiscal Responsibility (Spending Limit) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Anderson

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

**509.** Moved by Mr. Rogers on behalf of Dr. Sherman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to formally adopt Canada's Child and Youth Health Charter sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Paediatric Society, and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# **Intersessional Deposits**

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

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

Response to Written Question WQ39, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010, deposited on May 12, 2010:

Of the six Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards' budgets, what percentage of each of these goes directly toward supporting individuals in need, and what percentage is directed to administration?

Sessional Paper 217/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4), Alberta Association of Architects, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on June 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 218/2010

Pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report 2009, deposited on June 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 219/2010

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on June 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 220/2010

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s655(2):

Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on June 2, 2010

Sessional Paper 221/2010

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

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta Dental Association and College, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on June 7, 2010

Sessional Paper 222/2010

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2009, deposited on June 7, 2010

Sessional Paper 223/2010

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority Act, cA-14.5, s30:

Alberta Capital Finance Authority, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on June 11, 2010

Sessional Paper 224/2010

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, cE-3, s10:

Final Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta dated June 2010, entitled "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta" prepared by the 2009/2010 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, deposited on June 24, 2010

Sessional Paper 225/2010

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

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on July 5, 2010

Sessional Paper 226/2010

Alberta College of Social Workers 2009, Annual Report, deposited on July 5, 2010

Sessional Paper 227/2010

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

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on July 6, 2010 Sessional Paper 228/2010

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2009 Annual Report, deposited on July 13, 2010 Sessional Paper 229/2010

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2008-09, deposited on July 14, 2010

Sessional Paper 230/2010

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on July 26, 2010

Sessional Paper 231/2010

Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, 2009-2010 Annual Report and Financial Statements dated March 31, 2010, deposited on August 9, 2010

Sessional Paper 232/2010

Pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2), Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2009/2010, deposited on August 9, 2010

Sessional Paper 233/2010

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Financial Statements and Other Financial Information, Year Ended March 31, 2010, deposited on August 26, 2010

Sessional Paper 234/2010

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Ministry of Environment, Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010, deposited on September 3, 2010

Sessional Paper 235/2010

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

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2009/10, deposited on September 30, 2010

Sessional Paper 236/2010

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Advanced Education and Technology, Annual Report 2009-10, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 237/2010

Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Agriculture and Rural Development, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 238/2010

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Children and Youth Services, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 239/2010

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Culture and Community Spirit, Annual Report 2009-10, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 240/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Education, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 241/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Employment and Immigration, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 242/2010

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Energy, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 243/2010

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Environment, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 244/2010

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 245/2010

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Finance and Enterprise, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 246/2010

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 247/2010

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Housing and Urban Affairs, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1,  $2010\,$ 

Sessional Paper 248/2010

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Infrastructure, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 249/2010

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 250/2010

Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Justice, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 251/2010

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 252/2010

Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Seniors and Community Supports, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 253/2010

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Service Alberta, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 254/2010

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Solicitor General and Public Security, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 255/2010

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Sustainable Resource Development, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 256/2010

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Annual Report 2009-10, deposited on October 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 257/2010

Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Transportation, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010
Sessional Paper 258/2010

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Treasury Board, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 1, 2010 Sessional Paper 259/2010

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Lobbyists Act, cL-20.5, s17(2):

Report of an investigation by Bradley V. Odsen, Q.C., Lobbyists Act Registrar, into allegations involving Ian Murray and Company Ltd., a consultant firm registered under the Lobbyists Act, submitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta by Neil Wilkinson, Ethics Commissioner, dated October 6, 2010, deposited on October 6, 2010

Sessional Paper 260/2010

Mr. Drysdale, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Report dated October 2010 entitled "Review of Financial Disclosure for Leadership Contestants" prepared by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services, deposited on October 7, 2010

Sessional Paper 261/2010

Ms Tarchuk, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(d):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 7, 2010

Sessional Paper 262/2010

Mr. Bhardwaj, Chair, Standing Committee on the Economy, pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(4):

Report dated October 2010 entitled "Review of Alberta's Minimum Wage Policy" prepared by the Standing Committee on the Economy, deposited on October 12, 2010

Sessional Paper 263/2010

Mr. Mitzel, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

2009 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, deposited on October 13, 2010

Sessional Paper 264/2010

Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Aboriginal Relations, Annual Report 2009-2010, deposited on October 19, 2010

Sessional Paper 265/2010

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:47 p.m. until Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, October 26, 2010

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 Late, the Honourable Miss Wilma Helen Hunley, former Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1971 to 1979, and Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, 1985 to 1991, who passed away on October 22, 2010.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, made a statement recognizing the Late, the Honourable Miss Wilma Helen Hunley, former Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1971 to 1979, and Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, 1985 to 1991, who passed away on October 22, 2010.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding his responsibilities as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and the value of democracy.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing recipients of the 2010 Alberta Tourism Awards held on October 25, 2010.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing October 2010 as Canadian Autism Awareness Month.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement recognizing Grande Prairie being named Canada's most entrepreneurial city by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding access to education for special needs children.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 735 Albertans urging the Government to ban the motocross raceway development within the current Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area boundaries as the addition of a raceway would interfere with public peace, current and future residents of the area, and the environment.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated October 2010

Sessional Paper 280/2010

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta entitled "Results Analysis, Financial Statements, and Other Performance Information for the Year Ended March 31, 2010"

Sessional Paper 281/2010

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

Letter dated June 2, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated May 11, 2010, regarding the movement of steel fabricated modules by Imperial Oil for the Kearl oil sands project

Sessional Paper 282/2010

Reprint of a New York Times article dated October 21, 2010, entitled "Oil Sands Effort Turns on a Fight Over a Road"

Sessional Paper 283/2010

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

Report, undated, entitled "Policy Framework for Services for Children and Youth with Special and Complex Needs and their Families" prepared by Alberta Children and Youth Initiative Partners

Sessional Paper 284/2010

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

Memorandum dated October 25, 2010, from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notification of a motion under Standing Order 30 with attached e-mail message dated October 25, 2010, from Doug Bailie to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding a faxed notice of motion under Standing Order 30

Sessional Paper 285/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Alberta Innovates Technology Futures, Annual Report 2009-2010 Sessional Paper 286/2010

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

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, and Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, on March 8, 2010, Department of Sustainable Resource Development, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 287/2010

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

18. Moved by Hon. Ms Redford on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission entitled "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta," which was tabled by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly as an Intersessional Deposit on June 24, 2010 (Sessional Paper 225/2010).

A debate followed.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "(Sessional Paper 225/2010)":

except that the name of the proposed electoral division of Okotoks-High River be changed to Highwood; and

Be it further resolved that the Assembly direct the Chief Electoral Officer to revise the DVD forming part of the Final Report by incorporating all the amendments to this motion, and to transmit the revised DVD forthwith to the Speaker for tabling in the Assembly.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "(Sessional Paper 225/2010)":

except that the name of the proposed electoral division of Strathcona be changed to Strathcona-Sherwood Park.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "(Sessional Paper 225/2010)":

except that the name of the proposed electoral division of Calgary-Montrose be changed to Calgary-Greenway.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "(Sessional Paper 225/2010)":

except that the name of the proposed electoral division of Calgary-North Hill be changed to Calgary-Klein.

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.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, October 27, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Killarney Community League.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for a traffic tunnel at the Calgary International Airport.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing October 21, 2010, as Conflict Resolution Day.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Trade Winds to Success Training Society apprenticeship awards banquet held on September 25, 2010.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Calgary municipal election held on October 18, 2010.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding government monitoring and enforcement of standards in childcare centres.

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

Mr. Doerksen, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Services, presented the following report:

Review of Bill 203, Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010, dated October 2010

Sessional Paper 288/2010

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

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

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

Oral notice having been given October 26, 2010:

Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Letter dated October 25, 2010, from Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, to Hon. James Flaherty, Minister of Finance, Government of Canada, expressing concern regarding inequitable Canada Health Transfer cash allocations for Alberta and the need to address this issue in the next federal budget

Sessional Paper 289/2010

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated October 22, 2010, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Hon. Josée Verner, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, regarding Alberta receiving less Canada Health Transfer cash per capita than other provinces and the need to address this issue in the next federal budget

Sessional Paper 290/2010

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

2 e-mail messages, the first dated December 4, 2009, from Laurent Godbout and the second dated December 8, 2009, from Catherine Jevic, both to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 291/2010

Invitation poster from Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, and the PC Alberta Calgary-North Hill Constituency Association to attend a breakfast with Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General in Calgary on October 29, 2010

Sessional Paper 292/2010

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2), Alberta Foundation for the Arts, 2009-10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 293/2010

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s47, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 2009-10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 294/2010

Pursuant to the Historical Resources Act, cH-9, s15(2), Historic Resources Fund, 2009-10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 295/2010

Pursuant to the Wildrose Foundation Act, cW-8, s7(3), Wildrose Foundation, Annual Report 2009-10

Sessional Paper 296/2010

Alberta Human Rights Commission, Annual Review, April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 297/2010

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Johnston
- Bill 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Dallas on behalf of Mr. Griffiths

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 16 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 298/2010

Amendment to Bill 16 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 299/2010

Amendment to Bill 16 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 300/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, October 28, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the work of the Zebra Child Protection Centre and the Youth Emergency Shelter in assisting children and youth.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the government's response to concerns respecting hospital emergency medical services.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Canadian Anaphylaxis Readiness Education, a joint initiative between the government and Anaphylaxis Canada.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing Pastor Doug Webb of the East Church of the Nazarene for his Faith in Action initiative in the Penbrooke Meadows community.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Minister of Employment and Immigration's Workforce Forum held in Edmonton on October 27, 2010.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing October 18-24, 2010, as Canadian Citizenship Week.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the need for distracted driving legislation.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

#### **Written Questions**

To be dealt with: WQ40, WQ41

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 17 Alberta Health Act Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Weadick
- Bill 206 Utilities Consumer Advocate Act Mr. Kang

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

Bill 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Hon. Mr. Liepert 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 Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 16 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on October 27, 2010) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 300/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, November 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, November 1, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing Movember, a month-long campaign held during November 2010 to raise awareness and funds for prostate cancer.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing Alessandro Simpatico of Edmonton, a 2010 Great Kids Award recipient, for his work in raising funds and awareness for kidney disease.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding several community events being held in Calgary in November 2010.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing the work of KidSport Calgary in helping children to participate in organized sports.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a €15,000 donation presented by Consul Bernd Reuscher on behalf of the City of Grimma, Germany, to the Medicine Hat Community Foundation to provide assistance to victims of a flood that took place in southern Alberta in June 2010.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the opening of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation's Building Trades of Alberta Courage Centre to be held in Edmonton on November 4, 2010.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement congratulating Lethbridge College on receiving the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award in Innovation and regarding the opening of Markin Hall at the University of Lethbridge held on October 21, 2010.

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

Notice having been given:

- Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act Mr. Olson
- Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Notice having been given:

- Bill 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 208 Recall Act Mr. Hinman

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

- Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act Mr. Olson

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Letter, undated, from Darcy Kepke of Medicine Hat to all Members of the Legislative Assembly attaching a petition signed by 233 Medicine Hat and area residents requesting funding to prevent Dr. Wardell's pain clinic in Medicine Hat from closing on July 1, 2010

Sessional Paper 301/2010

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Decision of the Honourable Assistant Chief Judge J.K. Wheatley, Provincial Court of Alberta, in the Matter of an Application Pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms Between Bradley Frick and Her Majesty The Queen

Sessional Paper 302/2010

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

Report dated June 2010 entitled "Alberta Health Services Performance Report" prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 303/2010

Wikipedia article entitled "Cnut the Great"

Sessional Paper 304/2010

#### Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from 425 people to the Government of Alberta and Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing concern regarding the government's response to health concerns in Fort Chipewyan and inviting Hon. Mr. Stelmach to visit Fort Chipewyan

Sessional Paper 305/2010

#### Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated September 2010 entitled "Labour's Plan for an improved Canada Pension Plan" prepared by the Canadian Labour Congress

Sessional Paper 306/2010

#### Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Letter dated October 25, 2010, from Bonnie Brunken to Jeffery Trynchy, Wildrose Alliance Party of Alberta, attaching a letter from 55 Albertans expressing opposition to the government's proposal for inclusive education for special needs children and the Setting the Direction initiative

Sessional Paper 307/2010

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

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 27th Legislature, Third Session, Fall 2010"

Sessional Paper 308/2010

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

# **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were rejected:

**WQ40.** Moved by Mr. Taylor:

How much gas has been released as a result of the sour gas blowout near Hythe that occurred on February 24, 2010?

**WQ41.** Moved by Mr. Taylor:

What is the total amount of royalty revenue the province expects to lose because of the sour gas blowout near Hythe that occurred on February 24, 2010?

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

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Fiscal Responsibility (Spending Limit) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Anderson

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 4

Anderson Forsyth Hinman Boutilier

Against the motion: 33

Amery Groeneveld McFarland Berger Havden Oberle Blakeman Horner **Ouellette** Jablonski Prins Brown Campbell Jacobs Quest Chase Johnson Renner Dallas Kang Rodney Danyluk Knight Snelgrove Denis Leskiw VanderBurg Elniski Liepert Vandermeer Lindsay Woo-Paw Fritz

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

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act — Mr. Quest

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

## **510.** Moved by Mr. Dallas:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance supports available to community stakeholders who engage in delivering education programs that develop entrepreneurial skills and promote the value of entrepreneurship in our society.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 2, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Chief Mike Boyd who will be retiring from the Edmonton Police Service at the end of 2010.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement outlining proposals by the Wildrose Alliance to address the current hospital emergency care crisis.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing November 2010 as Family Violence Prevention Month.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement congratulating Alberta school board trustees elected on October 18, 2010.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding gifts given to government Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing November 7-13, 2010, as National Pain Awareness Week.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

2 Alberta Health Services web site articles, the first, undated, entitled "East Edmonton Primary Health Care Centre" and the second dated February 14, 2006, entitled "Primary Care in Practice"

Sessional Paper 309/2010

Google Maps Street View photograph of the East Edmonton Health Centre under construction

Sessional Paper 310/2010

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

Booklet entitled "Advancing . . . Community Economic Development for Calgary" prepared by Thrive, Calgary's Community Economic Development Network

Sessional Paper 311/2010

Booklet entitled "Calgary's Vital Signs, 2009 Citizens' Report Card" prepared by the Calgary Foundation

Sessional Paper 312/2010

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

3 email messages, the first dated December 16, 2009, from Sandra Glor, the second dated December 6, 2009, from Heather Macri, and the third dated December 29, 2009, from Matthew Cuvilier, all to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, all expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 313/2010

Letter dated July 22, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, to Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 6, 2010, questioning the rationale for remuneration paid to Cabinet Policy Committee Chairs

Sessional Paper 314/2010

Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Revised DVD entitled "Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta, as approved by the Legislative Assembly on October 26, 2010" prepared by the Chief Electoral Officer

Sessional Paper 315/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, 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, 2009

Sessional Paper 316/2010

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 317/2010

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

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 318/2010

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 319/2010

Pursuant to the Capital Region Board Regulation, Alta. Reg. 49/2008, s9(2), Capital Region Board, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 320/2010

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2009

Sessional Paper 321/2010

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 322/2010

Authorized Accredited Agencies Summary, 2008-2009

Sessional Paper 323/2010

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2009 Sessional Paper 324/2010

## **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 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Drysdale

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

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

Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act — Mr. Olson

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

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

Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

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

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

Mr. Chase 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 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, November 3, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement recognizing November 3, 2010, as Show Your 4-H Colours Day and November 2010 as National 4-H Month

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Members of the Legislative Assembly working together to offer solutions to the hospital emergency room crisis.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding a Member's Statement made by Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on November 2, 2010, concerning gifts given to government Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement recognizing November 2010 as Adoption Awareness Month.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the 10th anniversary of the Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the administration of health care and her mother's experience as a patient within the health care system.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2009-10 Annual Report Sessional Paper 325/2010 Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Sociology of Health and Illness article dated 1988 entitled "Social constructionism and medical sociology: a study of the vascular theory of multiple sclerosis"

Sessional Paper 326/2010

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

3 e-mail messages, the first dated September 7, 2010, from Shirley and Nick Mushey to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and the second and third, both dated August 5, 2010, from Jacob Herrero and Robert N. Smith to Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, all expressing concern regarding proposed parks legislation

Sessional Paper 327/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

American Medical Association article dated January 6, 2010, entitled "Health and Safety Risks of Carbon Capture and Storage"

Sessional Paper 328/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

Bill 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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

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

Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Drysdale

A debate followed.

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 21 Wills and Succession Act — Mr. Olson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

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 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 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Evans

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

Mr. Johnston, 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 23 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 329/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Thursday, November 4, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, November 4, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing November 11, 2010, as Remembrance Day.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Don Phelps, coach of the Calgary Canucks hockey team, who will be retiring at the end the current hockey season.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the 23rd Triennial Congress of the Ukrainian Canadians to be held in Edmonton from November 5-7, 2010.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding an event held in June 2010, organized by the Calgary-North Hill PC Association, to raise funds for KidSport Calgary and the Art Smith Amateur Sports Legacy Endowment Fund.

Mr. Berger, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Alberta Land Stewardship Act and property rights.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding water allocation rights.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement regarding a victims' services memorandum of understanding between the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, K Division, and congratulating the Cardium and Wetaskiwin victims' services units for awards received from the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security.

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

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

Bill 29 Alberta Parks Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Ady

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Tarchuk, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 330/2010

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, First Quarter Report 2010-2011 Sessional Paper 331/2010

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

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Update, The Importance of Being Proactive" prepared by Fraser Milner Casgrain, LLP

Sessional Paper 332/2010

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

Research paper dated October 2010 entitled "Expanding Canada Pension Plan Benefits: Assessing Big CPP Proposals" prepared by the University of Calgary School of Public Policy

Sessional Paper 333/2010

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Copy of a petition signed by 52 Canadians requesting amendments to legislation relating to the certification of guide, service, and assistance dogs

Sessional Paper 334/2010

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Pastoor, Acting Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of government business to be brought before the Assembly for the week the Assembly next sits.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of November 15 to November 18, 2010:

Monday, November 15 Eve. - Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 24, 25, 26, 29

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, November 16 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 17

Committee of the Whole

Bill 24, 25, 26

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 17

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 24, 25, 26

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 17 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 17, 27, 28, 29

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - Government Bills and Orders

**Second Reading** 

Bill 17, 27, 28, 29

**Third Reading** 

Bill 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26

As per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 18 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 17

And as per the Order Paper

## Speaker's Statement - Canadian Royal Heritage Award

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Legislative Assembly receiving the 2010 Canadian Royal Heritage Award in recognition of its work in preserving, presenting, and enhancing Canada's royal heritage.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of government business for the remainder of the 2010 Fall sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6:00 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

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

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

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

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

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 16 (A3) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 335/2010

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, November 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, November 15, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians - Canada and the Canadian Women Voters Congress for their work in encouraging Canadian women to pursue elected offices.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the public consultation process for Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, and the protection of parks and protected areas in Alberta.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the government's Career and Technology Studies Program.

Mrs. McQueen, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, made a statement recognizing November 14-20, 2010, as Bullying Awareness Week.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing November 2010 as Diabetes Awareness Month.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the Agri-Trade exposition held in Red Deer from November 10-13, 2010.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement recognizing November 16, 2010, as Eid al-Adha.

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

Mr. McFarland, Chair, Standing Committee on Health, presented the following report pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s97:

Review of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, dated November 2010

Sessional Paper 336/2010

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy:

Document, undated, entitled "Minister's Oil and Gas Economics Advisory Council - Terms of Reference" with attached membership list

Sessional Paper 337/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Letter dated November 8, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald during Oral Question Period on October 28, 2010, regarding employment standards and Bee-Clean Building Maintenance employees

Sessional Paper 338/2010

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

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 2009-2010 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 339/2010

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

Letter dated October 22, 2010, from Donna Clare, Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding the lack of funding and employment opportunities for nurse practitioners in Alberta

Sessional Paper 340/2010

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

Letter dated September 29, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, to Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated August 5, 2010, attaching copies of Ministerial Orders 06/2007, 07/2007, and 01/2007 regarding Cabinet Policy Committees

Sessional Paper 341/2010

E-mail message dated December 18, 2009, from Sheldon Pierce of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 342/2010

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

Publication dated April 2009 entitled "Talking about family violence, English Express special issue for adults" prepared by Alberta Children and Youth Services

Sessional Paper 343/2010

Document dated April 2009 entitled "English Express Teaching Notes, Talking about family violence" prepared by Alberta Children and Youth Services

Sessional Paper 344/2010

E-mail message dated September 13, 2010, from Julia Melnyk of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of the English Express publication

Sessional Paper 345/2010

21 e-mail messages from Canadians to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, all expressing concern regarding proposed legislation affecting Alberta parks and protected areas

Sessional Paper 346/2010

#### Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Excerpts from Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Decision 2004-005 dated January 27, 2004, with 3 attached Horizon Tailings Management Plans dated September 29, 2009

Sessional Paper 347/2010

E-mail message dated November 15, 2010, from Pat Wishart of Edmonton to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 348/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 206 Utilities Consumer Advocate Act — Mr. Kang

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Notley speaking.

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

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act — Mr. Quest

# **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

# **511.** Moved by Mr. Hehr:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a civilian oversight body, modelled on the Law Enforcement Review Board, to investigate all public complaints lodged against provincial sheriffs.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 7

Benito Pastoor Swann Hehr Rogers Taft Kang

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Against the motion: 23

Bhullar Drysdale Renner Blackett Groeneveld Rodney Johnson Sandhu Brown Calahasen Johnston Sarich Campbell Klimchuk Snelgrove Dallas Knight Tarchuk DeLong Mitzel Xiao Denis Oberle

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

A debate followed.

Mr. Hinman 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 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Liepert

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

Mr. Johnston, 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 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on November 4, 2010) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 335/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:42 p.m. until Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, November 16, 2010

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

# **Members' Statements**

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Louis Riel.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding a shortage of schools in Airdrie.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the work of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need to reform the Canada Pension Plan.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement recognizing November 17, 2010, as the National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing November 16, 2010, as the International Day of Tolerance.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 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.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, presented a petition from over 3,300 Albertans urging the Government to immediately address the school infrastructure shortage in Airdrie.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Report dated October 2010 entitled "Alberta's International Strategy, Global Advocacy for Alberta" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 349/2010

Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Report, undated, entitled "Victims Services Status Report 2009-2010" prepared by Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security

Sessional Paper 350/2010

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2009 Annual Report Sessional Paper 351/2010

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta, 2009 Annual Report Sessional Paper 352/2010

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2008/09, with attached financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2009

Sessional Paper 353/2010

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, 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, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 354/2010

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

Letter dated September 10, 2010, from Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated July 14, 2010, regarding ATB Financial's risk achievement notes

Sessional Paper 355/2010

2 e-mail messages, the first dated November 25, 2009, from Sheila Oliver and the second dated December 19, 2009, from Mervin Prediger, both to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 356/2010

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

38 letters dated November 1, 2010, from Albertans to Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, and Hon. Mr. Jim Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance, all expressing support for increasing Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits and for the Canadian Labour Congress's Retirement for Everyone campaign

Sessional Paper 357/2010

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

Publication dated May-June 2010 entitled "English Express" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 358/2010

Document dated May-June 2010 entitled "English Express Teaching Notes"

Sessional Paper 359/2010

Letter dated September 10, 2010, from Patsy Price of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding special issues of the English Express publication

Sessional Paper 360/2010

E-mail message dated November 11, 2010, from Professor Shaun Fluker, University of Calgary, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, forwarding an e-mail message dated November 11, 2010, from Mr. Fluker to Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, requesting assistance in having Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, withdrawn

Sessional Paper 361/2010

ABlawg.ca web site article dated November 8, 2010, entitled "Alberta proposes to consolidate its protected areas legislation" prepared by Shaun Fluker

Sessional Paper 362/2010

Series of recent e-mail messages between Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Heather Looy, Ph.D., expressing opposition to Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 363/2010

E-mail message dated November 15, 2010, from Catherine Shier to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting that Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, be withdrawn and that the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation be required to consult with the public

Sessional Paper 364/2010

Letter dated July 16, 2010, from Alison Dinwoodie on behalf of the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association, to Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, expressing concern regarding proposed parks and protected areas legislation

Sessional Paper 365/2010

Letter dated July 14, 2010, from Anne-Marie Syslak and Katherine Thompson, Executive Directors, Northern and Southern Alberta Chapters, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, expressing concern regarding proposed parks and protected areas legislation

Sessional Paper 366/2010

48 recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 367/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Report dated October 2010 entitled "The Future of Pensions" prepared for the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Public Service Alliance of Canada by Environics Research Group

Sessional Paper 368/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

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

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Weadick

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

# **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act — Mr. Olson

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

The Acting Speaker recessed the Assembly from 8:41 p.m. to 8:46 p.m. while a building alarm was being investigated.

Debate resumed.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Alberta Health 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 defeated.

The question for Second Reading of Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Drysdale

#### **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 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Subamendment to Bill 16 (SA2) (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 369/2010

Amendment to Bill 16 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 370/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:14 p.m. until Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 17, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Canadian Finals Rodeo held in Edmonton from November 10-14, 2010, and recognizing the work of Northlands in hosting events.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement congratulating Penny Ritco on receiving the Rosza Innovation Award for excellence in arts management.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement recognizing November 15-19, 2010, as International Education Week.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing November 14-20, 2010, as Metis Week.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 20, 2010, as National Child Day.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding accountability in the health care system and several unanswered questions in Oral Question Period concerning the state of hospital emergency rooms in 2008.

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

Mr. Prins, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources and Environment, presented the following:

Report respecting presentations by Alberta Federation of Rural Electrification Associations, Canadian Wind Energy Association, Capital Power Corporation, Enmax Corporation, Independent Power Producers Society of Alberta, dated November 2010

Sessional Paper 371/2010

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Children and Youth Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Child and Youth Advocate, 2009-2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 372/2010

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

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 373/2010

Pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-9, s9(2), Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 2009

Sessional Paper 374/2010

Pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-14, s8(4), College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2009

Sessional Paper 375/2010

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

Letter dated September 24, 2010, from Kenneth V. Georgetti, President, Canadian Labour Congress, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, expressing support for reforming the Canada Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 376/2010

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

Publication dated November-December 2009 entitled "English Express" prepared by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Sessional Paper 377/2010

Document dated November-December 2009 entitled "English Express Teaching Notes"

Sessional Paper 378/2010

E-mail message dated July 4, 2010, from Enerys Jones to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, expressing concern regarding the cancellation of the English Express publication, with attached draft letter to Hon. Mr. Horner

Sessional Paper 379/2010

E-mail message dated November 14, 2010, from Bryn MacDonald of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 380/2010

E-mail message dated November 15, 2010, from Peter Poole to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, expressing opposition to Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional paper 381/2010

Several recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 382/2010

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Document, undated, entitled "AHS Response to 'Peak Pressure' in AHS Emergency Department (EDs)" with attached draft documents entitled "AHS Response to 'Peak Pressure' in AHS Emergency Departments" and "Accountability Framework for Access and Flow"

Sessional Paper 383/2010

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Alberta Parks Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Hon. Mrs. Adv 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 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Oberle
- Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act Hon. Ms Redford

#### 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 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

# **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Alberta Parks Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will endanger the preservation of Alberta's parks and protected areas for present and future generations and that further input is necessary from the public and from conservation groups.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the amendment: 4

Chase Notley Taylor

MacDonald

Against the amendment: 23

Oberle Ady Evans Berger Jablonski Olson Calahasen Jacobs Prins Dallas Johnston Quest Danyluk Liepert Renner Denis Lindsay VanderBurg Doerksen Vandermeer Marz Elniski McFarland

Debate continued on the motion.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Community Services in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 5

Chase MacDonald Taylor Kang Notley

Against the amendment: 25

McFarland Adv Fritz Jablonski Oberle Berger Calahasen Jacobs Olson Campbell Johnston Prins Liepert Dallas Quest Danyluk Lindsay Renner Denis Lukaszuk VanderBurg Vandermeer Doerksen Marz

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Debate continued on the motion.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day, six months hence.

Hon. Mrs. Ady moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

## **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Liepert

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:52 p.m. until Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, November 18, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of Archbishop O'Leary High School.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Women of the United Church of Alberta's Child Well-being initiative and the Official Opposition's plan to deal with child poverty.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Eye See, Eye Learn program sponsored by the Alberta Association of Optometrists and funded by the Government of Alberta.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Alberta Seniors and Community Supports' Addressing Elder Abuse in Alberta: A Strategy for Collective Action.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding a Calgary-North Hill constituency roundtable discussion held on November 10, 2010.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the 40th anniversary of the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Company.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing November 14-20, 2010, as Philanthropy Week.

#### **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 public importance, namely the imminent risk to the health and safety of Albertans due to the state of emergency medical services in the province.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

#### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR14, MR15

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Alberta Denturists, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 384/2010

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2009 Annual Report Sessional Paper 385/2010

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2009 Sessional Paper 386/2010 Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Petition signed by several hundred Albertans requesting the Assembly revise its policies to eliminate child poverty in Alberta

Sessional Paper 387/2010

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

Several recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 388/2010

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Affidavit of Jason Devine dated November 18, 2010, regarding incidents relating to his children being removed from their home

Sessional Paper 389/2010

# **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected government business for the week of November 22 to November 25, 2010:

Monday, November 22 Eve. - Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 21, 22, 29

Committee of the Whole

Bill 17, 24, 26, 27

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, November 23 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 17, 20, 26

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 17, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, November 24 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 17

And as per the Order Paper

Eve. - Government Bills and Orders

**Committee of the Whole** 

Bill 17

**Third Reading** 

Bill 20, 21, 22, 26, 28

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, November 25 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

**Third Reading** 

Bill 24, 26, 28, 29

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 public importance, namely the imminent risk to the health and safety of Albertans due to the state of emergency medical services in the province.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker called upon Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 30(5)(a) and (b), and 4(2) in order to continue the emergency debate.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Debate continued on the motion.

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, November 22, 2010

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

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) in order to proceed with Ministerial Statements.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, made a statement recognizing November 27, 2010, as Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

# **Speaker's Statement - Members' Anniversaries**

The Speaker made a statement recognizing November 22, 2010, as the sixth anniversary of 15 Members of the Legislative Assembly being elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the first anniversary of Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, being re-elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Gord Bamford as a country music artist and for his charity work.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the performance of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Croatian Canadian Folklore Federation West Festival held in Edmonton from May 21-23, 2010, and the Domagoj Croatian Folk Dance Ensemble.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR14.** Moved by Mr. Hehr on behalf of Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence sent to the government between January 1, 2008, and September 10, 2010, from businesses and non-governmental organizations regarding the government's funding of carbon capture and storage technology.

MR15. Moved by Mr. Hehr on behalf of Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the time period between January 1, 2006, and September 10, 2010.

# 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 Utilities Consumer Advocate Act — Mr. Kang

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 208 Recall Act — Mr. Hinman

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

# **512.** Moved by Mr. Vandermeer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider implementing a vehicle inspection and maintenance program requiring vehicles to undergo regular inspections and repairs when necessary to reduce automobile-generated emissions.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 29 Alberta Parks Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on November 17, 2010, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 29, Alberta Parks 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 defeated. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

AndersonHehrNotleyBoutilierHinmanSwannChaseMasonTaylor

Forsyth

Against the amendment: 27

Amery Groeneveld Olson Bhardwaj Ouellette Horne Campbell Horner Ouest DeLong Jablonski Redford Renner Denis Leskiw Elniski Liepert Sandhu Evans Lund Vandermeer Fawcett Marz Weadick Fritz Morton Woo-Paw

The question for Second Reading of Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

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

- Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act Mr. Olson
- Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 29 Alberta Parks Act (\$) Hon. Mrs. Ady

#### 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 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Vandermeer, 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 24 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 390/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:53 a.m. Tuesday, November 23, 2010, until 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, November 23, 2010

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Aboriginal Pride Program, a partnership between the United Way, the Calgary Board of Education, and the Calgary Catholic School District.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the government caucus disciplining its members.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding Penbrooke Meadows School in Calgary receiving two Community Initiatives Program grants and recognizing the teachers and the academic achievements of the students.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement congratulating the Remington Carriage Museum on receiving a 2010 Alberta Tourism Award.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Eid Al-Adha, celebrated by the Muslim faith on November 16, 2010.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing November 20, 2010, as the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 391/2010

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 392/2010

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Alberta Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, 09/10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 393/2010

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 394/2010

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2009-10

Sessional Paper 395/2010

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2009/2010, with attached financial statements dated June 30, 2010

Sessional Paper 396/2010

#### Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and First Annual General Meeting (2010)

Sessional Paper 397/2010

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 398/2010

#### Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Copy of a petition signed by hundreds of Albertans urging the Ministry of Transportation to include the paving of secondary highway 529 in the 2010/11-2012/13 tentative major construction projects

Sessional Paper 399/2010

# Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Booklet, undated, entitled "Be immortalized. Be inspired!" prepared by the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Foundation

Sessional Paper 400/2010

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

Publication, undated, entitled "Help for victims of crime, English Express special issue" prepared by Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security

Sessional Paper 401/2010

Document dated April 2008 entitled "English Express special issue, Help for victims of crime, Teaching Notes"

Sessional Paper 402/2010

E-mail message dated July 2, 2010, from Ann Goldblatt of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, forwarding an e-mail message from Ms Goldblatt to Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, expressing opposition to the recommendation to discontinue funding for the English Express publication

Sessional Paper 403/2010

Several recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 404/2010

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

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 405/2010

# 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 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 10.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

AndersonHehrMasonBlakemanHinmanPastoorBoutilierKangSwannForsythMacDonaldTaft

Against the amendment: 30

McFarland Adv Fawcett Amery Fritz Morton Berger Groeneveld Olson Bhardwaj Hancock Ouellette Horner Brown Prins Calahasen Jablonski Ouest Campbell Jacobs Redford Knight Vandermeer DeLong Drysdale Leskiw Weadick Evans Lund Woo-Paw

# Adjournment

The Committee recessed at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act Mr. Olson
- Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Ms Redford

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Liepert

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 17 Alberta Health Act Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Fawcett, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 17 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 406/2010

Amendment to Bill 20 (A1) (Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 407/2010

Amendment to Bill 28 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 408/2010

Amendment to Bill 26 (A1) (Government House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Energy) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 409/2010

Amendment to Bill 17 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 410/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:37 a.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2010, until 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, November 24, 2010

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

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding Habitat for Humanity Edmonton's Anderson Garden development.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Members of the Legislative Assembly working together to offer solutions to the health care crisis.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Northern Student Teacher Bursary, a joint initiative between Alberta Education, Alberta Scholarship Programs, and the Northern Alberta Development Council.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the achievements of several schools in the Calgary-Mackay constituency.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the opening of the Edmonton-North Alberta Works office on May 21, 2010.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding democracy and government accountability.

# Speaker's Statement - Cameras in the Chamber

This morning when I arrived at my office, because I could not join Members at 1:35 or 2:00 this morning because you were in committee, a number of Members brought to my attention a very serious violation of our rules and ethics which occurred in this House at approximately 1:30 in the morning.

The transgression goes to the very heart of the integrity of this Assembly and the right of Members to do their work and the security and the privacy of Members in this Assembly. Cameras and the taking of pictures is strictly prohibited in this Assembly, and at least several Members – that is, more than two – identified one particular Member who was undertaking such an activity.

This Chair has made mention of this for going on nearly 14 years, so it's not the first time it's been raised. It's raised in a letter that's sent to all Members prior to the commencement of a Session.

No Member rose last night on a point of privilege. That would have been the right of a Member, to rise on a point of privilege. The Member in question who committed this unethical transgression has been talked to by the Sergeant-at-Arms, has admitted it, and has apologized. I want to assure all Members that if such an unethical transgression repeats itself in this Assembly, it is your responsibility and duty as a Member of this Assembly to rise on a point of privilege, and we will deal with it in the Assembly on the subsequent day.

Members in this Assembly are elected to have all the freedom and all the rights of privacy and privilege when they work in this Assembly, and they are not to be interfered with by anyone, intimidated by anyone under the guise of whatever it is. It is not a joking matter in the eyes and the mind of this Chair, this Speaker. You have every right — every right. I'll tell you why. I'll give you an example of why intimidation is so important. In 1933 in another country in this world, in the National Assembly of the Reichstag in Germany, storm troopers came into the Assembly and stood beside Members who did not want to vote for the Nazi Party and intimidated the living daylights out of them to vote themselves out of existence.

It is a fundamental right for Members to be in this Assembly and to have every right without harassment, intimidation, interference from any other Member to do their particular duties. I raise that, but if Members are aware of this, they must bring it to the attention of other Members, and they must deal with it.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks on behalf of Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster (President of Treasury Board), presented a petition from 7,000 Albertans urging the Government to implement the following changes at the intersection of highway 16 and highway 897: within six weeks of September 15, 2010, post signs warning drivers of an "important intersection ahead" and start the construction of extending all turning and acceleration lanes to a safe and reasonable distance and within one and one half years of September 15, 2010, start construction of an overpass to permit the safe travel of traffic on this section of highway.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 21 Albertans 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**

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

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 3(4)(b) and extend the Fall sitting as provided for under Standing Order 3(9).

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated August 12, 2008, entitled "Health minister's reforms are far from scary; He wants to make changes but the system is in no danger"

Sessional Paper 411/2010

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

3 letters, the first dated February 26, 2010, to Camellia Saretzy, Crowsnest Food Bank, the second dated March 31, 2010, to Mable Both, Claresholm Food Bank, and the third dated April 30, 2010, to Brenda English, Vulcan Food Bank, from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, all pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheques

Sessional Paper 412/2010

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

Letter dated August 4, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to a letter from Mr. MacDonald to Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, regarding the Government of Alberta's 2009/2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 413/2010

E-mail message dated December 17, 2009, from Vanessa Pierce to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the government's plan to close acute care psychiatric beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 414/2010

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Petition signed by several hundred Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to rescind Bill 24, Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act, 2009

Sessional Paper 415/2010

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated November 19, 2010, from Charmaine Roux of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting the government increase Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits

Sessional Paper 416/2010

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

Several recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 417/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Copy of a petition signed by 66 Coaldale and area residents requesting amendments to section 7(1)(c) of the Alberta Human Rights Act

Sessional Paper 418/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

# **20.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Assembly invite Their Excellencies The Right Honourable David Johnston, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston, CC, to the floor of this Chamber in order to have His Excellency address the Legislative Assembly on Monday, November 29, 2010, and that this address be the first order of business after Prayers following which the ordinary business of the Assembly will resume notwithstanding the designated times stipulated in Standing Order 7(1).

Be it further resolved that His 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**

#### 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 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, on November 23, 2010, that Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, be amended in the last recital of the Preamble by adding ", namely that health insurance coverage is publicly administered, comprehensive, universal, portable and accessible" after "Canada Health Act (Canada)".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Anderson Forsyth Sherman

Boutilier Hinman

Against the amendment: 38

Goudreau Pastoor Ady Allred Hancock Prins Berger Horner Renner Bhullar Jablonski Rogers Blackett Johnson Sandhu Blakeman Johnston Sarich Brown Klimchuk Snelgrove Campbell Liepert Tarchuk Chase Lukaszuk VanderBurg MacDonald Webber Dallas DeLong Marz Xiao Denis McFarland Zwozdesky

Drysdale Oberle

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Boutilier moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

Anderson Hinman Pastoor Boutilier Sherman Kang Forsyth Mason Taft

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Against the motion: 23

Drysdale Morton Ady Allred Goudreau Sandhu Hayden Sarich Benito Johnson Bhullar Snelgrove Tarchuk Brown Johnston Dallas Klimchuk Webber Denis Lukaszuk Woo-Paw

Doerksen Marz

Mr. Hinman moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated. With Mr. Mitzel at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 8

Anderson Hinman Pastoor Boutilier Kang Taft

Forsyth Mason

Against the motion: 24

Ady Drysdale Sandhu Allred Goudreau Sarich Benito Johnson Snelgrove Berger Klimchuk Tarchuk Webber Bhullar Lukaszuk Woo-Paw Brown Marz Campbell Oberle Xiao Denis Prins Zwozdesky

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Ady Hancock Ouellette Allred Hayden Prins Benito Horne Quest Bhullar Jacobs Rodney Blackett Johnson Rogers Campbell Knight Sarich Dallas Lukaszuk Snelgrove Tarchuk Denis Mason Elniski McQueen VanderBurg Evans Notley Zwozdesky Fritz

Against the motion: 10

BoutilierKangSwannChasePastoorTaftForsythShermanTaylor

Hinman

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 17 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on November 23, 2010) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 410/2010

Amendment to Bill 17 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 419/2010

Amendment to Bill 28 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on November 23, 2010) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 408/2010

Subamendment to Bill 28 (SA1) (Government House Leader) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 420/2010

Amendment to Bill 28 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 421/2010

# Third Reading

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

Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert

A debate followed.

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

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For the motion: 39

Adv Hayden Pastoor Allred Horne Prins Benito Jacobs Quest Bhullar Johnson Rodney Blackett Kang **Rogers** Campbell Klimchuk Sandhu Cao Lukaszuk Sarich Dallas Mason Sherman Denis McQueen Snelgrove Drysdale Mitzel Swann Elniski Notley Taft Evans Oberle Tarchuk Hancock Ouellette VanderBurg

Against the motion: 2

Boutilier Anderson

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Mr. Olson
- Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 17 Alberta Health Act Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 Hon. Mr. Oberle

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 27 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 422/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 423/2010

Amendment to Bill 17 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark on November 24, 2010) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 419/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 25, 2010, until Monday, November 29, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Monday, November 29, 2010

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

While awaiting the arrival of His Excellency, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, CC, and the Premier entered the Chamber. His Excellency took his place upon the Throne.

The Speaker invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead Members and guests in the singing of our National Anthem, O Canada.

## **Speaker's Statement**

Your Excellencies, on behalf of all Members and the people of Alberta, I am pleased to welcome Your Excellencies to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

By any measure, Your Excellency is an exceptional Canadian of uncommon and high achievement in many fields. Her Excellency and your family mirror your devotion to the service of others, family, and the ideals we strive to embrace as a nation. We congratulate you on your appointment as Canada's 28th Governor General.

This is a rare and significant occasion. Today marks only the second time that a Governor General has addressed our Assembly since its first sitting in 1906.

Your Excellency's presence here today serves to underline the connection between the Crown and our Assembly. The authority for all that we do here flows from the Crown and the Acts of this provincial parliament are in the name of the person that you have the honour to represent in every cardinal point in this great dominion, Elizabeth II, Oueen of Canada.

Please carry the affection, great respect, and the good wishes of all Members of this House with you wherever your travels take you throughout this beautiful province and across our absolutely outstanding country.

It is now my honour to invite the Honourable Premier of Alberta, Premier Ed Stelmach, to deliver his remarks to Your Excellencies and the citizens of Alberta.

#### **Premier's Statement**

Your Excellencies, distinguished guests in all the galleries, ladies and gentlemen, it is my very great privilege to welcome Their Excellencies, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General, and also the Commander in Chief, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston to the Alberta Legislature. Earlier today I had the privilege of hosting a luncheon in their honour at Government House. Many of our guests at the luncheon are seated in the galleries today. At lunch I announced the creation of the David Johnston Law Scholarship to mark His Excellency's first official visit to Alberta. This scholarship is a new addition to Alberta's already generous scholarship program that will provide two annual awards of \$10,000 each, beginning next year. They will be for students taking a law degree, one at the University of Alberta and the other at the University of Calgary. The David Johnston Law Scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement and community service. I'm sure that all Members of this Assembly will agree with me that this is a fitting tribute to a man with such a long and distinguished career as His Excellency has had.

Your Excellencies, all Albertans are honoured to receive you as our guests as we are honoured that Her Majesty's representative in Canada has come to Alberta so early in his term. We hope that you both enjoy your visit to our province and experience the warm western hospitality which Albertans are so well known for. You'll find that there are no more proud or committed Canadians than Albertans. Thank you so very, very much, and welcome once again to our Assembly.

# Address from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, dear friends. Let me begin with a question: is there any place in Canada where O Canada is sung with the enthusiasm and pride as in this Legislature in Alberta? Wonderful to hear.

Premier, let me say, first of all, how deeply touched I am with these two scholarships to recognize the first visit that Sharon and I have paid to Alberta. You could not do anything that would touch my heart more. Thank you.

Je veux dire aussi félicitations sur l'événement d'hier, la Coupe Grey. C'est vraiment une organisation spectaculaire. La Coupe Grey est un festival national, et ici en Alberta vous avez montré à tout notre pays les méthodes d'organisation de vraiment créer un spectacle que j'admire beaucoup, ici à Edmonton cette année et l'année dernière à Calgary. Merci et félicitations pour cet événement.

Now, if some of you have roots in Saskatchewan, you may not have quite the same enthusiasm that I have for the Grey Cup.

In my installation speech some two months ago I spoke about a dream. I spoke about a smart and caring nation, a call for service, the Canada that we wish to be. There were three pillars in that caring and smart nation. One had to do with family and children, the second with learning and innovation, and the third with philanthropy and volunteerism. I can tell you what we've seen in a short 24 hours in this remarkable Province of Alberta. You do all three of those things very well and set the standard for the rest of Canada.

Family. We spent a wonderful hour this morning at St. Mary Catholic School in south Edmonton, and for those of you who have not seen the innovative programs there, particularly the information technology, it is a wonder to see and I urge you to visit it. Again, setting the standard.

You know, one of the very special things about this country is that I think we've tried harder at equality of opportunity than any nation in history. Our challenge is to have both equality of opportunity and excellence, too, to see those two qualities or objectives as not competing ones but complementary ones. At the heart of it is our public education system, which you consistently have done so well in this province at every level and are setting the standards for the country and setting the standards for the world.

Our country more than any other is a country of immigrants, people who came to this country with little more than the shirts on their backs, but a firm determination that life should be better for their children than it is for them. That dream lives so well.

Vague après vague, des immigrants sont venues ici, abandonnant tout dans leur pays natal, mûs par leur ardent désir d'offrir une vie meilleure à leurs enfants. En Alberta cet esprit de pionnier est encore bien vivant. Vous comprenez l'importance d'aider vos voisins, et je vous en félicite.

We spoke about a couple of paintings at lunchtime that hang in Rideau Hall, and I invite all of you and your families to visit the people's home, which is Rideau Hall. As you come into the foyer, as I was telling Premier Stelmach as we were speaking about his own upbringing, there are four pictures by William Kureluk there. The first shows a scene in the Ukraine in 1931 with a little girl leaving her home clothed in rags in the middle of winter with a begging bowl to go to the neighbours for help. In the background it shows soldiers rounding up the adults in that village to take them off somewhere unknown. The second picture shows those families from the Ukraine landing at Halifax, at Pier 21, coming to this country with nothing more than hope. The third picture is a scene from the prairies. It's the same families there with the forest and they're cutting down the trees to clear the land. The fourth picture is a picture some 20 years later of a farmer standing up to his chin in a grain field looking at the bounty that this has promised. This is this land Canada, with equality of opportunity and excellence, too.

Let me move from family and children to learning and innovation and to say to you what you probably don't fully comprehend because you're in Alberta and part of Alberta. When we look at Alberta from the rest of the country and the rest of the world, we see a spirit of entrepreneurship, of innovation here which is breathtaking and is very heartening to everybody across the country. It's the entrepreneurship that I want to teach to my children.

I once was asked by our students at the University of Waterloo to address their conference on entrepreneurship. They asked me to address the question, "Can you teach entrepreneurship, or is it simply something you have? Is it born in your DNA, or do you learn it?" I said, "Well, let me tell you about my granddaughter Emma." We have seven grandchildren. Emma was then four years old. She's now eight, a lovely little girl adopted from an orphanage in Colombia. She calls me Grandpa Book. I was with her one evening in Ottawa and brought a book to read to her and we finished the book. Because she's a very lively little girl, you always have to keep her engaged, so I said, "Now, darling, your mom and dad tell me that you're taking dancing lessons. Will you dance for Grandpa Book?" She said, "Well, Grandpa Book, if I dance for you, how much money will you give me?" Four years old. Now, you're always looking for a teaching opportunity, so I said, "Now, darling, Grandpa Book loves you and you love Grandpa Book. Will you dance for Grandpa Book for love?" She said, "Grandpa Book, for love you can dance for yourself."

There is a cluster effect that is very important in this business of family and children, of learning and innovation, and philanthropy and volunteerism. Philanthropy and volunteerism I depict with a metaphor I use from my part of the country, Waterloo country, which is barn raising. When a neighbour's barn burns down, all the other neighbours go to help. When a newcomer comes to the community, the other neighbours come to help that person raise their barn.

The story that Sharon and I tell. We live on a farm 11 minutes from my office, in Mennonite country. Our neighbours are horse-and-buggy people. Sharon runs a stable with 30 horses boarded there. It's a tough business to break even in, I've got to tell you. Those of you who are farmers here will understand that. We were there a couple of years and the insurance had gone up, and Sharon was looking at each of the buildings on the property to determine what the right evaluation was. Could we lower it to reduce our premiums?

Edgar Shantz, our neighbour who farms our land, happened to be there at the same time. She said, "Edgar, this drive shed, we've got a value of \$20,000 on it. Is that right, or could it be less?" He said, "Well, why do you ask?" She said, "Well, I have to insure it." He said, "Why are you insuring it?" She said, "Well, if it burns down we have to replace it." He said, "If it burns down, we'll replace it. We'll come and help you. That's what neighbours do." Then he said, "Well, on second-hand materials, which we can get, I'm not so sure. You might want something new. So put \$2,000 value on it. That will cover the materials. If it burns down, we'll come and help you." That's the wonderful spirit of volunteerism.

These things come together in a very interesting cluster effect. I just leave you with this story, and then I'll finish, so that I don't occupy too much time in the Legislature today. There's a reinforcing cluster that's very important. I love history. One of my favourite periods of history is the 16th century. It's a story that has either three characters or four characters or more if I have more time. Today it will be only four characters. The characters are John, Marty, Fred, and Nick. Take 1523 as your year of departure, and ask yourself: who were John, Marty, Fred, and Nick? John is a bit earlier. For Marty, that year would be fine; for Fred, that year would be fine; and for Nick, that year would be fine.

Well, John was Johannes Gutenberg, who developed movable type, who invented the printing press. That was in 1470 or so in Amsterdam. He was a jeweller, and he went bankrupt, not once but twice. His printing press didn't go anywhere. His technology did not take root. It wasn't until 1523, when Marty came along, who started the Protestant and cultural revolution in Europe. Marty was Martin Luther. In 1523 he translated the Bible from its original Hebrew and Greek, not the Latin translation of the church, but the original Hebrew and Greek, into German, into the vernacular, so people could understand the Bible in their own language.

The most important thing in 1523 was an individual's relationship with God, but heretofore that had been translated for that individual by priests and bishops and cardinals and popes, an intermediation. He began the process of disintermediation and permitted people to seek out those truths on their own, not relying on authority and an oral tradition but reasoning it through themselves in their own language. Others did the same thing. Wycliffe in England and others translated the Bible, the Holy Word, into the language people could understand, and that Protestant revolution of people learning in a different way took the printing press and transferred it across Europe.

What about Fred? Fred was essential. Fred was Frederick, the Elector of Saxony, who in 1523 sheltered Luther for one year in his castle in Wartburg. Had he not done so, Luther would not have been able to translate the Bible. He needed protection from other forces that said, "This revolution in thinking, in communication shall not occur. This revolution in technology of the printed word shall not occur."

All three were indispensable. What happened from that is the religious tracts, the religious word began being disseminated not through an oral and authoritarian tradition but by people reading on their own, interpreting for themselves, developing critical thinking, and that was the breakdown of feudalism in Europe. The cities began to rise, serfdom diminished, people began to contract for their labour, the Industrial Revolution began, democratic governments began to establish themselves, public education, where people were taught to do this, spread throughout the lands, and Europe advanced.

The fourth person was Nick, Niccolò Machiavelli, who in 1523 wrote "The Prince" in Florence, that beautiful city, the cradle of the Renaissance, and that was the first secular book to become a best seller. So the printing press no longer was simply for religious education; it was for education and learning of all kinds. Now, it took 250 years for the printing press to reach the stage where a majority of the people in Europe enjoyed the benefits. The Internet took 10 years to achieve the same kind of revolution. Just think about that.

That's how western Europe advanced, and if you doubt that, realize that for 2,000 years the world of Islam, the world of China, and the world of India were advanced beyond western Europe. Western Europe was the backward power for 1,500 years of the 2,000 years, but western Europe advanced because this new method of communication spread into the hands of all people imaginable. China had the printing press when Marco Polo arrived there in 1215. It is believed that movable type was invented in Korea in the second century AD. Those other civilizations – Islam, well advanced in engineering, India, where mathematics began – those societies all had the Johns. All had the technological revolution. What they lacked were the Martys, and what they lacked was the Freds and then the Nicks.

You ask, today who represents the Freds? You represent the Freds right here. We create an environment in which learning can advance, in which we can innovate, in which people can ensure that life is better for their children than it is for themselves, and in which philanthropy and volunteerism are not simply something that we opt into or opt out of when United Way or the Salvation Army comes canvassing or our neighbour needs a barn built but is a mainstream feature of Canadian life.

Year 2017 we'll celebrate our 150th anniversary. I hope that as we proceed to that time, the people of Alberta will continue to lead Canada, as you have so well, in being a smart and caring nation. Let me leave you with just two lines that I quoted to the Premier at lunch that I love and I'll use again. They come from Shaw, and they go this way: some people see things as they are and wonder why; we dream of things that ought to be and ask why not?

Thank you for the great privilege of addressing you today.

# Speaker's Statement

I'd like to thank His Excellency for his warmth, his enthusiasm, and his humour, all fundamental traits of the people of Alberta, and I believe in my quick consultation with the Premier, that manifests itself into declaring you an honorary citizen of Alberta.

Your Excellency, I'd like to also draw to your attention one situation in the Assembly which is unique in the country of Canada. This is the only parliament in the country of Canada that flies all of the flags of the provinces and territories in it. It's unique.

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

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to continue Introduction of Guests past 2:22 p.m.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

# **Speaker's Statement - Rotation of Questions and Members' Statements**

I want to advise of certain modifications as a result of recent changes to the composition of caucuses. As of Tuesday, November 23, 2010, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark is sitting in the Assembly as an independent. This change affects the rotation of questions and of Members' Statements outlined in the Chair's October 25, 2010, statement in this Assembly on pages 917 and 918 of Alberta Hansard for that day.

Given the number of changes to the rotation and to the seating plan so far this Session, the Chair has attempted to integrate the new independent Member into the rotation of questions and Members' Statements with a minimum of disruption to the existing order. As the Chair has indicated previously, changes to the rotation are done in the spirit of fairness that marks the proceedings in this Assembly. Accordingly, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, like the Member for Calgary-Currie, will be entitled to one question every four days.

Today is considered day one in the rotation scheme used in the Assembly. As the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark took his new seat Tuesday, November 23, it seems appropriate that he be able to ask a question this Wednesday, which is December 1, 2010, or day three in the rotation. He will be entitled to ask the sixth question and the remaining places will be moved down one, so the Official Opposition will have the seventh question, government Members the eighth question, etc. It will mark a departure from our previous rotation as the Official Opposition will now have the 18th question.

Similarly, the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark will be able to participate in Members' Statements on the same basis as the other independent Member. Given that the Member's affiliation was changed last Tuesday, by the rotation used in this matter he will be entitled to a Member's Statement also on Wednesday, December 1. The Chair will provide calendars and outlines of the order of questions during question period to all Members.

# **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, made a statement regarding the Grey Cup Championship held in Edmonton on November 28, 2010.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Grey Cup Championship held in Edmonton on November 28, 2010.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Official Opposition's emergency health care plan.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Investing in New Canadians program, a joint initiative of the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and RBC.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding Passport to Alberta's Community Icons, a joint initiative of Woodland County and Tourism Alberta.

Mr. Olson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the work of Legislative Assembly and government staff during Assembly sittings.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Assist Community Services Centre.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the government's review of water allocation.

### **Notices of Motions**

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

Be it resolved that a Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mitzel (Chair)	Hinman	Notley
Lund (Deputy Chair)	Lindsay	Quest
Blakeman	Marz	Rogers

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ombudsman and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

- 1. The Chair and members of the committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category A Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
- 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.
- In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee may, with the concurrence
  of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public
  service employed in that department and of the staff employed by the
  Assembly.
- 4. The committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
- 5. When its work has been completed, the committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

As of December 31, 2009, how many Albertans were on wait lists for long-term care placement, both in hospital facilities and in the community?

Sessional Paper 424/2010

Response to Written Question WQ23, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 425/2010

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2009-10 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 426/2010

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, Health Quality Council of Alberta Regulation, cR-10, s14(3) (AR 130/2006, s18(1), s19(2)), Health Quality Council of Alberta, 2009-2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 427/2010

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise:

Response to Written Question WQ16, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Finance and Enterprise on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 428/2010

Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board:

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Treasury Board on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 429/2010

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment and Immigration:

Response to Written Question WQ15, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Employment and Immigration on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 430/2010

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Certified General Accountants' Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2010

Sessional Paper 431/2010

Pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report 2009

Sessional Paper 432/2010

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the Year End June 30, 2010 Sessional Paper 433/2010 Alberta Dental Association and College, 2009 Radiation Health and Safety Program, Annual Report, January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009, with attached financial statements dated December 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 434/2010

University of Calgary, Radiation Health Administration Organization, Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, with attached financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 435/2010

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report 2009-2010

Sessional Paper 436/2010

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Sessional Paper 437/2010

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 2009 Annual Report, with attached Auditor's Report on Radiation Protection Program-Schedule of Funds Received and Disbursed and Cash Balance

Sessional Paper 438/2010

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters, 2009-2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 439/2010

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5), (6), Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 440/2010

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, on behalf of Mr. Hayden, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler (Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development):

Petition signed by approximately 100 Albertans urging the Government to improve secondary highway 561 between highway 36 and secondary highway 884

Sessional Paper 441/2010

Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development:

Response to Written Question WQ18, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 442/2010

Response to Written Question WQ24, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What is the total number of complaints regarding zoo standards dealt with by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from January 1, 2003, to February 7, 2010?

Sessional Paper 443/2010

Response to Written Question WQ31, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What specific programs have been developed to aid Alberta pork producers who suffered economic losses due to the recent H1N1 outbreak?

Sessional Paper 444/2010

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

A copy of the report titled Stakeholders' Consultation: Occupational Health and Safety, prepared in November 2009 for Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Alberta Employment and Immigration that addresses, in part, the inclusion of paid farm workers under provincial workplace health and safety legislation.

Sessional Paper 445/2010

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ26, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 446/2010

Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 447/2010

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 448/2010

### Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question WQ25, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Energy on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 449/2010

#### Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated July 12, 2010, entitled "Alberta's Health Legislation: Moving Forward" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 450/2010

Letter dated November 29, 2010, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, attaching a letter signed by 307 Albertans to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to health care legislation

Sessional Paper 451/2010

#### Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Report dated June 2010 entitled "Inspiring Action on Education" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 452/2010

Report entitled "Speak Out Alberta Student Engagement Initiative, Year in Review 2009-2010" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 453/2010

#### Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

3 letters, the first dated May 30, 2010, to Connie Matson, Medicine Hat Food Bank, the second dated June 30, 2010, to Deb Bakker, Lethbridge Salvation Army Food Bank, and the third dated July 30, 2010, to Dannielle McIntyre, Interfaith Food Bank, all from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copy of Ms Pastoor's cheques

Sessional Paper 454/2010

### Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Letter dated November 22, 2010, from Anne Landry of Calgary to Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, regarding a letter dated October 28, 2010, from Ms Landry to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, and Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, requesting Mr. Stelmach intervene in Ms Landry's case before the Alberta Privacy Commissioner, with several attachments

Sessional Paper 455/2010

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

Pamphlet entitled "Your Passport to Alberta's Community Icons"

Sessional Paper 456/2010

Alberta Health Services web site article, undated, entitled "Emergency Department Surge Capacity Protocols"

Sessional Paper 457/2010

Hon. Mrs. Ady, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 458/2010

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 459/2010

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

Document dated November 25, 2010, entitled "Afghanistan's First National Park" Sessional Paper 460/2010

E-mail message dated November 16, 2010, from Chris Shank of Cochrane to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Alberta Parks Act

Sessional Paper 461/2010

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2009, and 2009 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch and Interparliamentary Relations, Annual Report

Sessional Paper 462/2009

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Responses to Written Questions WQ5 and WQ29, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

WQ5. What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Education on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

WQ29. What was the total number of sole source contracts the Ministry of Education entered into in Edmonton during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 463/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 464/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Children and Youth Services:

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 465/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Justice on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 466/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 467/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta:

Response to Written Question WQ12, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Service Alberta on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 468/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Transportation:

Response to Written Question WQ13, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Transportation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 469/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Ms Pastoor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 470/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier:

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Dr. Swann on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by Executive Council on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 471/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Relations:

Response to Written Question WQ22, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 472/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2009, Section 1

Sessional Paper 473/2010

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2009, Section 2

Sessional Paper 474/2010

School Jurisdictions, Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended August 31, 2009, Section 3

Sessional Paper 475/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Document dated February 2007 entitled "Position Statement on Emergency Department Overcrowding" prepared by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians

Sessional Paper 476/2010

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Education:

Letter dated November 26, 2010, from Dr. Patrick J. White, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Alberta Medical Association members, regarding recent events involving Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford

Sessional Paper 477/2010

Document dated November 4-5, 2010, entitled "OECD Education Ministerial Meeting, Investing in Human and Social Capital: New Challenges, Chair's Summary"

Sessional Paper 478/2010

Report dated September 10, 2010, entitled "Success in School for Children and Youth in Care" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 479/2010

Hon. Mr. Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Kang on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Infrastructure on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 480/2010

Hon. Mr. Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Written Question WQ28, asked for by Mr. Taylor on March 15, 2010:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 481/2010

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

A copy of studies, reports, and environmental or economic impact assessments relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

Sessional Paper 482/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Mr. Hehr on March 15, 2010:

What is the total number of clients dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project between February 4, 2008, and February 8, 2010?

Sessional Paper 483/2010

Response to Written Question WQ36, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the percentage of registered nurses that worked part-time, full-time, and casual in Alberta in 2008 and 2009?

Sessional Paper 484/2010

Response to Written Question WQ37, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What was the ratio of overtime hours worked to straight time hours worked for registered nurses employed by Alberta Health Services in the former Capital, Calgary and David Thompson health regions for the fiscal year 2008/2009?

Sessional Paper 485/2010

Response to Written Question WQ38, asked for by Dr. Taft on March 15, 2010:

What is the total number, from January 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010, of restaurant inspections performed by public health inspectors throughout Alberta, broken down by month?

Sessional Paper 486/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 29, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Mr. VanderBurg, 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 27 (A3) (Hon. Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 487/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 488/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 489/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 490/2010

Amendment to Bill 27 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 491/2010

# **Third Reading**

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

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

A debate followed.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Police Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill is contrary to the public interest and will jeopardize access to justice, procedural fairness, and the fundamental principles of natural justice for Albertans victimized by police misconduct.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Police Amendment Act, 2010, be not now read a Third time because the Bill fails to provide for improved procedures for complaints concerning police officers and police services.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

#### 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 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Johnston, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 24 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 492/2010

Amendment to Bill 24 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 493/2010

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Tuesday, November 30, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Horne, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Canadian Naval centennial.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Alberta Health Services Board and Albertans' interest in current political issues.

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the delayed closure of an access road to the Chateau Estates area in Calgary.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement congratulating the Cardston Cavitna Choir on winning first place at the National Music Festival held earlier this year in Montréal, Québec.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Audrey Anderson, a teacher at Gift Lake School, for her efforts to obtain computers and software for students in the Northland School Division.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the government's refusal to fully fund legal aid.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 217 Election Statutes (Electoral Reform) Amendment Act, 2010 — Dr. Taft

Bill 230 Anti-Idling Act — Mr. Taylor

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Tarchuk, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Second Quarter Report 2010-2011 Sessional Paper 494/2010

Mr. Weadick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Petition signed by hundreds of Albertans requesting that the government ensure the appointment of the Lethbridge aldermanic candidate who placed ninth in the general municipal election held on October 18, 2010

Sessional Paper 495/2010

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

3 letters, the first dated August 31, 2010, to Amanda DeCecco-Kolebaba, Lethbridge Food Bank, the second dated September 30, 2010, to Vaughn Caldwell, Coaldale Food Bank, and the third dated October 22, 2010, to Dannielle McIntyre, Interfaith Food Bank, all from Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, pledging a donation to the food bank equal to one-half of Ms Pastoor's 4.9 percent salary increase, with attached copies of Ms Pastoor's cheques

Sessional Paper 496/2010

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

Program from the Aspen 2010 Annual Meeting and HOPE Awards

Sessional Paper 497/2010

Report, undated, entitled "Journal for Services to Children and Families" prepared by the Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families

Sessional Paper 498/2010

Alberta Association of Services for Children and Families, 2009 Annual Report Sessional Paper 499/2010

Habitat for Humanity Calgary, 2009 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 500/2010

Report, undated, entitled "Dashed Dreams, New Realities" prepared by Gillian Steward

Sessional Paper 501/2010

Package of information regarding Poverty Talks, an initiative of the Calgary and District Labour Council, the Alberta College of Social Workers, and the United Way

Sessional Paper 502/2010

Package of information regarding Goodwill Industries of Alberta

Sessional Paper 503/2010

Report dated 08/09 entitled "Make an Impact, Pair Up" prepared by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary and Area

Sessional Paper 504/2010

Package of information regarding Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary and Area

Sessional Paper 505/2010

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

Letter dated November 3, 2010, from Brenda Mackie of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Stephen Duckett, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services, requesting funding from Alberta Health Services for the Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured

Sessional Paper 506/2010

E-mail message dated November 30, 2010, from Rona Altrows to Hon. Mr. Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, expressing concern regarding the proposed termination of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts' Artists and Education program

Sessional Paper 507/2010

Letter dated November 10, 2010, from Marjorie E. McIlveen of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, requesting the full reinstatement of seniors' benefits

Sessional Paper 508/2010

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

Letter dated November 24, 2010, from G.B. (Gord) Button, Alberta Ombudsman, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, submitting his resignation effective May 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 509/2010

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated April 14, 2010, entitled "Preserving the right to a fair trial"

Sessional Paper 510/2010

Letter dated February 8, 2010, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Energy, to Don M. Herring, President, Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors, regarding an invitation to an annual luncheon

Sessional Paper 511/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Dr. Swann 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: 30

Doerksen Adv Mitzel Allred Elniski Quest Amery Hancock Rodney Benito Hayden Rogers Horne Sandhu Berger Bhullar Jacobs Sarich Campbell Johnston Tarchuk Cao Leskiw VanderBurg Dallas McFarland Vandermeer DeLong McQueen Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 14

AndersonHehrPastoorBlakemanHinmanShermanBoutilierKangSwannChaseMacDonaldTaft

Forsyth Mason

### **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 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Pursuant to Government Motion 22 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:24 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 17 (A3), introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark on November 24, 2010, that the Bill be amended in section 2(2) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (a) and by adding the following after clause (b):

- (c) include as guiding principles that no unnecessary deaths, no unnecessary harm to patients, no unnecessary delays in care and no unnecessary waste of resources should occur, and
- (d) set standards for lengths of stay in the emergency departments of hospitals consistent with the "Position Statement on Emergency Department Overcrowding" published by the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians and dated February 2007,

The amendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Allred Forsyth Notley
Anderson Hehr Pastoor
Blakeman Hinman Sherman
Boutilier Kang Swann

Chase MacDonald

Against the amendment: 29

Adv Griffiths McFarland Amery Groeneveld Morton Benito Hancock Ouellette Berger Hayden Quest Bhullar Horne Rodney Calahasen Jacobs Sarich Campbell Tarchuk Johnston Dallas Leskiw VanderBurg DeLong Lindsay Zwozdesky Elniski Marz

Pursuant to Government Motion 22 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:39 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being

called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady Elniski McFarland Allred Groeneveld McOueen Amery Hancock Morton Benito Hayden Ouellette Berger Horne Ouest Bhullar Rodney Jacobs Calahasen Johnston Sarich Campbell Tarchuk Leskiw Dallas Lindsay VanderBurg DeLong Marz Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 13

AndersonHehrNotleyBlakemanHinmanPastoorBoutilierKangShermanChaseMacDonaldSwann

Forsyth

Pursuant to Government Motion 22 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:53 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Adv Griffiths Amery Groeneveld Benito Hancock Berger Hayden Bhullar Horne Calahasen Jacobs Campbell Johnston Dallas Leskiw DeLong Lindsay Elniski Marz

McFarland McQueen Morton Quest Rodney Sarich Tarchuk VanderBurg Zwozdesky

Notley

Pastoor

Sherman

Against the motion: 11

Anderson Hehr
Boutilier Hinman
Chase Kang
Forsyth MacDonald

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the time between division bells for the remainder of the afternoon to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Pursuant to Government Motion 22 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:07 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Griffiths Adv Amery Groeneveld Benito Hancock Berger Hayden Bhullar Jacobs Calahasen Johnston Campbell Leskiw Dallas Marz DeLong McFarland Elniski

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Tarchuk
VanderBurg
Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 9

AndersonHehrNotleyChaseKangPastoorForsythMacDonaldSherman

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Mr. VanderBurg, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 17 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark on November 24, 2010) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 419/2010

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

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

### **Government Motions**

### **24.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Ms Pastoor commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Pursuant to Government Motion 24 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:30 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 24 (A3) introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on November 29, 2010, that the Bill be amended in section 2(2)(c) in the proposed clause (y.1) by striking out "permanent" and substituting "long-term", which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 24 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:30 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 24 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:30 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 24 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:30 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) be reported, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Mr. Johnston, 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 24 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on November 29, 2010) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 493/2010

#### **Government Motions**

# 23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Chase commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 29

Adv Evans Allred Griffiths Amery Hancock Benito Havden Berger Horne Bhullar Jacobs Campbell Johnston DeLong Knight Drysdale Lukaszuk Elniski McFarland McQueen Morton Redford Rodney Rogers Sarich Tarchuk VanderBurg Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 10

Anderson Hinman
Boutilier MacDonald
Chase Notley
Forsyth

Pastoor Sherman Taft

# **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Third Reading**

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 23 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:50 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 17, Alberta Health Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Mitzel in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

McQueen Adv Evans Morton Allred Griffiths Amery Hancock Redford Benito Hayden Rodney Horne Rogers Bhullar Campbell Jacobs Sarich DeLong Johnston Tarchuk Drysdale Knight VanderBurg Elniski McFarland Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 10

Anderson Hinman Pastoor
Boutilier MacDonald Sherman
Chase Notley Taft

Forsyth

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

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

### **Government Motions**

### **26.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 28, Electoral Divisions Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Dr. Taft commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 25

McQueen Adv Evans Morton Allred Griffiths Redford Amery Hancock Benito Hayden Rodney Rogers Jacobs Bhullar Campbell Johnston Sarich DeLong Knight Tarchuk Drysdale McFarland VanderBurg

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Against the motion: 7

Anderson MacDonald Sherman Chase Notley Taft

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# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:26 p.m. until Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, December 1, 2010

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater, made a statement congratulating the First Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on receiving the Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding a speech given by Tom McFall on his activities and successes since receiving the Rosza Award for arts administration.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing December 1, 2010, as World AIDS Day.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing the work of Brianna Strumm and International Social Service Canada in child protection and social development.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the state of democracy in Alberta.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding emergency medical services.

# Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Cao, Deputy Speaker, made a statement recognizing the Pages and presented them with a Christmas gift.

#### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 223 Health Statutes (Canada Health Act Reaffirmation) Amendment Act, 2010

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 220 Tailings Ponds Reclamation Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms Blakeman

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2009-10 Sessional Paper 512/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Petition signed by 201 Albertans urging the government to include complex decongestive therapy in the list of accepted therapeutic procedures covered by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 513/2010

190 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, all expressing concern regarding proposed changes to health care legislation

Sessional Paper 514/2010

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Government Motions**

**28.** Oral notice having been given November 29, 2010, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mitzel (Chair)	Hinman	Notley
Lund (Deputy Chair)	Lindsay	Quest
Blakeman	Marz	Rogers

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ombudsman and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

- 1. The Chair and members of the committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category A Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
- 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.
- In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee may, with the concurrence
  of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public
  service employed in that department and of the staff employed by the
  Assembly.
- 4. The committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
- 5. When its work has been completed, the committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **25.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Hehr 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

Bhardwai Goudreau Mitzel Griffiths Brown Morton Dallas Groeneveld Olson Danyluk Hancock Ouest Sandhu DeLong Horner Tarchuk Denis Jablonski Doerksen Vandermeer Jacobs Leskiw Weadick Elniski Woo-Paw Fawcett Lukaszuk

Fritz McFarland

Against the motion: 8

Anderson Hehr Notley Boutilier Hinman Pastoor

Chase Kang

### **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 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:32 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 28 (A2) introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on November 24, 2010, that the Bill be amended in the Schedule by striking out "Calgary-Elbow" and substituting "Calgary-Preston Manning (identified as Calgary-Elbow in the DVD referenced in section 3)", which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 28, Electoral Divisions Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 28, Electoral Divisions Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 agreed to on November 30, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:33 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 28, Electoral Divisions Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with amendments:

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Weadick, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 28 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on November 24, 2010) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 421/2010

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

### **Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 28, Electoral Divisions Act, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock and Ms Pastoor commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 30

Goudreau McQueen Bhardwaj Griffiths Morton Campbell Dallas Hancock Olson Danyluk Horner Quest Jablonski Renner DeLong Denis Jacobs Sandhu Doerksen Knight Tarchuk Elniski Leskiw Vandermeer Fawcett Lukaszuk Weadick Fritz McFarland Woo-Paw

Against the motion: 7

Anderson Hinman Notley Boutilier Kang Pastoor

Hehr

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:31 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010 — 7:30 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Third Reading**

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

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 25 agreed to on December 1, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:21 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$), which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Berger Fawcett McFarland Bhardwaj McQueen Fritz Bhullar Goudreau Olson Campbell Griffiths Quest Dallas Groeneveld Renner Danyluk Hancock Tarchuk DeLong Horner Vandermeer Denis Jablonski Weadick Doerksen Leskiw Woo-Paw Elniski Lukaszuk

Against the motion: 7

Anderson Hinman Mason Boutilier MacDonald Pastoor

Chase

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

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27 agreed to on December 1, 2010, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:26 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 28, Electoral Divisions Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

McFarland Berger Fawcett Bhardwaj McQueen Fritz Bhullar Goudreau Olson Campbell Griffiths Quest Renner Dallas Groeneveld Danyluk Hancock Tarchuk DeLong Horner Vandermeer Denis Jablonski Weadick Doerksen Leskiw Woo-Paw

Elniski Lukaszuk

Against the motion: 5

Anderson Hinman Pastoor

Chase MacDonald

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

## Recognition of Clerk Assistant and Director of House Services

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the Assembly recognize the work of Mrs. Louise Kamuchik, Clerk Assistant and Director of House Services, on her last evening sitting.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, commented on the motion.

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

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:42 p.m. until Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

# Thursday, December 2, 2010

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

# **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhullar, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement recognizing December 10, 2010, as International Human Rights Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for labour legislation to protect farm workers.

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding Raymond J. Nelson, local businessman and philanthropist, who passed away earlier this year.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing December 1-7, 2010, as National Safe Driving Week.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the success of the students, teachers, and staff of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School in Lesser Slave Lake.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Alberta's democratic system and the renaming of a constituency in honour of Grant Notley, former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement recognizing December 5, 2010, as International Volunteer Day and congratulating six recipients of the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards.

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

Oral notice having been given December 1, 2010:

Bill 223 Health Statutes (Canada Health Act Reaffirmation) Amendment Act, 2010
— Mr. Mason

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Redwater:

Program from the Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation, 1 PPCLI Battle Group, Task Force 1-06, held on November 26, 2010

Sessional Paper 515/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

130 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, all expressing concern regarding proposed changes to health care legislation

Sessional Paper 516/2010

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Finance and Enterprise, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2010, Second Quarter Fiscal Update 2010-2011 dated November 2010 Sessional Paper 517/2010 Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

4 proposed amendments to Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010, all signed by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore

Sessional Paper 518/2010

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

8 letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing opposition to the government discontinuing funding for the English Express publication

Sessional Paper 519/2010

# **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Snelgrove, President of Treasury Board, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2010

Sessional Paper 520/2010

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Law Society of Alberta, 2009 Annual Accountability Report Sessional Paper 521/2010

# **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. Hancock, Government House Leader, advised that in anticipation of the Assembly adjourning later this day, there was no projected government business to report.

# **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 title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010
- 17 Alberta Health Act
- 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010
- 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010
- 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010
- 21 Wills and Succession Act
- 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010
- 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010
- 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$)
- 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010
- 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010
- 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010
- 28 Electoral Divisions Act

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

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

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)(b), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

# **PROROGATION**

FEBRUARY 21, 2011

### **Prorogation**

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

DONALD S. ETHELL Lieutenant Governor.

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

#### **PROCLAMATION**

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

### **GREETING**

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Third Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Alberta:

Gregory Lepp, Acting Deputy Minister of Justice and Acting Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 21, 2011, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Fourth Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 2011, 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: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 20th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the Fifty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

ALISON REDFORD Provincial Secretary.