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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Friday, March 9, 1990

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

ROUTINE

Statement by Mr. Speaker

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members, before we begin Question Period this morning, I would like to bring you up to date regarding the recent Canadian Radio and Television Commission's decision. Since my memorandum of March 6 to each Member, we have now been apprised that live coverage of Question Period in the Edmonton area will be carried on channel 5 on Videotron and channel 25 on Shaw Cable and rebroadcast nightly on the Access network at 11:00 p.m. An additional memo will be sent to your offices.

The House Leaders and I met to discuss a number of issues including the possibility of introduction of "Members' Statements," a temporary Standing Order re designation of house business, and Question Period. We researched Question Period practices across Canada including the House of Commons with regard to the number of questions and rotation. Some Members have suggested that Government benchers do not have a right to participate in Question Period - the Chair rejects that suggestion.

Regarding Question Period, the House Leaders were unable to come to unanimous agreement. The following format will apply until unanimous agreement is reached by all three parties in this house. Nevertheless, the Chair expects the new format will enable more Members to participate in Question Period.

The first three main questions will be designated as follows: the first two main questions with two supplementaries to the Leader of the Official opposition or his designate; and the third main question with two supplementaries to the Leader of the Liberal Party or his designate.

The Leaders of Opposition parties are thus given due recognition in the Question Period order. After their participation, the format for all Members will be one main question and one supplementary. This portion of Question Period will commence with a Government Member followed by other Members on a random basis.

If a Minister supplies additional information to a question at the end of Question Period, or after subsequent Question Periods, the Member who asked the original question will have the opportunity to ask one supplementary question to which the Minister may reply.

All points of order and questions of privilege shall be dealt with at the end of Question Period as stated in Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 6th edition, section 317 (3).

In order to raise a relevant point of order or question of privilege, it is the Member's responsibility to cite the appropriate reference from Standing Orders, Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 6th edition, and/or Erskine May Parliamentary Practice, 21st edition.

With respect to Ministerial Statements, I have been advised that Ministers will attempt to make them as brief as possible. Only the Leader of the Official Opposition will have up to three minutes to respond to Ministerial Statements. The Chair requests the Government to make more Ministerial Statements to the House.

Inasmuch as the Speaker is charged with the responsibility for the Chamber and its environs, the Chair directs that at all times including committee stage and estimates, the House is now a non-smoking area. (Smoking will be permitted in the three lobbies.) Thank you.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate world champion figure skater Kurt Browning for winning the 1990 world mens' figure skating championship in Halifax on March 8, 1990, becoming the first Canadian ever to win consecutive mens' singles titles.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Opposition, gave oral notice, pursuant to Standing Order 30, of his intention to move that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the current constitutional crisis in Canada.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Recreation and Parks, pursuant to the Alberta Sport Council Act, cA-37.5, s11(3), 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Sport Council, Financial Statements 1989

Sessional Paper 110/90

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Recreation and Parks, pursuant to the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cR-9, s12(3), RSA 1980:

Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Annual Report 1988-1989

Sessional Paper 112/90

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Recreation and Parks, pursuant to the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act, cW-8, s2(9), RSA 1980:

Recreation and Parks, Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves, Annual Report 1988-1989

Sessional Paper 113/90

Mr. Bogle, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for the First Session, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3), RSA 1980:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Provincial Senatorial Election, October 16, 1989

Sessional Paper 137/90

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the current constitutional crisis in Canada precipitated by the impending failure of the Meech Lake Accord.

Mr. Speaker, having permitted debate pursuant to S.O. 30(2), ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly congratulate world champion figure skater Kurt Browning for winning the 1990 world mens' figure skating championship in Halifax on March 8, 1990, becoming the first Canadian ever to win consecutive mens' singles titles.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Calahasen and seconded by Mr. Evans:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable W. Helen Hunley, 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. Martin moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On motion by Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, that it be called 1:00 p.m., at 11:45 a.m., the Assembly adjourned until Monday, March 12, 1990, at 2:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Department of Transportation and Utilities Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Adair
- Bill 3 Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Anderson
- Bill 4 Licensing of Trades and Businesses Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. Mirosh
- Bill 5 Insurance Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Evans
- Bill 7 Change of Name Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. B. Laing
- Bill 8 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Ms McCoy
- Bill 201 Alberta Environmental Rights Act — Mr. McInnis
- Bill 202 Recycling Act — Mr. Decore
- Bill 203 An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act — Mrs. Black
- Bill 204 An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Code — Mr. Decore
- Bill 205 Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act — Mr. Decore
- Bill 206 Community Health Centre Act — Rev. Mr. Roberts
- Bill 207 Children's Rights Act — Ms Mjolsness
- Bill 208 Rent Review Act — Mr. Ewasiuk
- Bill 209 An Act to Provide for Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value — Ms M. Laing
- Bill 210 Ecological Reserves and Heritage Rivers Act — Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 211 An Act to Control the Sale of Products Which Are Not Made in Conformity with Alberta Environmental Standards — Mr. Day
- Bill 212 Alberta Youth Conservation Corps Act — Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 213 An Act to Amend the Alberta Income Tax Act — Mr. Wickman
- Bill 214 Non-Smokers Health Act — Mr. Chumir
- Bill 215 Public Accounts Committee Act — Mr. Pashak
- Bill 216 An Act to Promote Recycling Industries in Alberta — Mr. McInnis
- Bill 217 An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Code — Mr. Sigurdson
- Bill 218 Agricultural Resources Conservation Board Act — Mr. Decore
- Bill 219 Arts Council Act — Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 220 An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act — Mr. Hawkesworth

Bill 221 Employee Investment Act — Mr. Jonson
 Bill 222 An Act to Amend the Interprovincial Lottery Act — Mr. Chumir
 Bill 223 Alberta Economic Diversification Board Act — Mr. Bruseker
 Bill 224 Water Transfer Control Act — Mr. Taylor
 Bill 225 An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act — Mr. Chumir
 Bill 226 Open Taxation Act — Mr. Chumir
 Bill 227 Quality Child Day Care Training and Standards Act — Ms Mjolsness
 Bill 228 An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act — Mr. Shrake
 Bill 229 An Act to Amend the Students Finance Act — Ms Barrett
 Bill 230 An Act to Amend the Irrigation Act — Mr. Musgrove
 Bill 231 Public Service Pay Equity Act — Mr. Decore
 Bill 232 An Act to Amend Certain Statutes on Maintenance — Ms M. Laing
 Bill 233 Quality Child Day Care Standards Act — Mrs. Hewes
 Bill 234 Arts Board and Arts Council Act — Ms Barrett
 Bill 235 An Act to Amend the School Act — Mrs. Gagnon
 Bill 236 Instructional Materials Production Act — Mr. Jonson
 Bill 237 An Act to Amend the Dairy Board Act — Mr. Taylor
 Bill 238 Environmental Ombudsman Act — Mr. Mitchell
 Bill 239 Environmental Impact Assessment Act — Mr. McInnis
 Bill 240 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act — Mr. Taylor
 Bill 241 An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act — Mr. Wright
 Bill 242 School User Fees Elimination Act — Mr. Woloshyn
 Bill 243 An Act to Amend the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act —
 Ms Mjolsness
 Bill 244 Residential Care Giver Training Act — Ms Mjolsness
 Bill 245 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act — Mr. Decore
 Bill 246 An Act to Include Midwifery as a Profession Under the Health Disciplines
 Act — Mrs. Hewes
 Bill 247 Justice Review Committee Act — Mr. Day
 Bill 248 An Act to Amend the School Act — Mrs. Gagnon
 Bill 249 Native Peoples Representation Act — Ms Calahasen
 Bill 250 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act — Mr. Paszkowski

Bill 251 Forest Industry Development Administration Act — Mr. Mitchell
 Bill 252 An Act to Amend the Universities Act — Mrs. Gagnon
 Bill 253 Alberta Farm Security Act — Mr. Taylor
 Bill 254 An Act to Amend the Individual's Rights Protection Act — Ms M. Laing
 Bill 255 Alberta Palliative Care Foundation Act — Mrs. Black
 Bill 256 An Act to Amend the Widows' Pension Act — Ms M. Laing
 Bill 257 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Payne
 Bill 258 An Act to Amend Certain Statutes on Marital Status — Ms M. Laing
 Bill 259 Tobacco Control Act — Mr. Schumacher
 Bill 260 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act — Mr. Payne
 Bill 261 An Act to Phase Out the Use of Chlorofluorocarbons — Mr. Mitchell
 Bill 262 Space Agencies Act — Mr. Day
 Bill 263 An Act to Amend the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act — Mr. Fox
 Bill 264 An Act to Amend the Historical Resources Act — Ms Barrett
 Bill 265 Natural Gas Tax Rebate for Alfalfa Pelletizing Act — Mr. Paszkowski
 Bill 266 An Act to Ensure the Right to a Day of Religious Observance —
 Mr. Wickman
 Bill 267 An Act to Commit Government to a Five Year Funding Planning
 Framework — Mr. Wickman
 Bill 268 Children's Access Rights Enforcement Act — Mr. Evans
 Bill 269 "Whistle Blower's" Protection Act — Mr. McInnis
 Bill 270 An Act to Amend the Judicature Act — Mr. Wright
 Bill 271 An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act — Mr. Lund
 Bill 272 Environmental Assessment Act — Mr. Mitchell
 Bill 273 Financial Reform Act — Mr. Hawkesworth
 Bill 274 Freedom of Information and Personal Privacy Act — Mr. Pashak
 Bill 275 Unfair Contract Terms Act — Mr. Wright
 Bill 276 Institute of Health Care Ethics Act — Rev. Mr. Roberts

David J. Carter,
 Speaker

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