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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, April 17, 1996

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore:

Excerpt from a Reform Party of Canada publication entitled, "56 Reasons Why You Should Support Reform," with reason 53 highlighted regarding the party's opposition to the federal funding of multicultural programs

Sessional Paper 870/96

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour:

Appeals Commission, Workers' Compensation Board (WCB), A. Sims' Recommendations, Progress Update, prepared April 15, 1996

Sessional Paper 871/96

Following Oral Question Period, during a point of order, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, filed the following:

Letter, dated March 25, 1996, from Mrs. Fritz, Chairman, Alberta Multiculturalism Commission, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, to Mary Neczyk, Ukrainian Another Language, regarding changes at the Alberta Multiculturalism Commission

Sessional Paper 872/96

Speaker's Ruling — Publication and Editing of Hansard

Yesterday, April 16, 1996, the Opposition House Leader raised a point of order under Standing Orders 107 and 108 regarding the publication and editing of Hansard. Essentially, his point of order is that Hansard does not represent what was said during the previous day's Oral Question Period. The Hon. Member did not indicate where he felt the discrepancy occurred, but the Chair assumes that the Member is referring to a point of order raised by the Hon. Member for St. Albert on April 15, when he alleged that the Hon. Member for Little Bow shouted an unparliamentary phrase across the aisle. The offending statement was not heard by the Chair, although according to the Opposition House Leader, it was picked up on the television broadcast recording of Question Period. On the point of order raised by the Hon. Member for St. Albert, the Chair ruled that there was no point of order based on Beauchene's paragraph 486(4). It should be noted that any remark made by the Member for Little Bow was made after the Member had asked his question. The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development had the floor when the comments were allegedly made.

The Chair would like to make clear some of the time-honoured policies that are used in producing Hansard. Members should be aware that interjections are out of order. Accordingly, they are not reported in Hansard unless they elicit a response by the person who has been recognized by the Chair. To the Chair's knowledge, these are the guidelines used in every other legislature in Canada. In this instance, there was no response to the interjection by the Hon. Minister who had the floor. Accordingly, the Chair finds that the final printing of the Hansard report is accurate and in accordance with the guidelines.

Hon. Members will recognize that there are interjections made every day which are not reported in Hansard. It is difficult for the Chair to know the nature of the comments made because, as was the case Monday, the Chair does not hear all the interjections.

Upon reviewing the tape of the event, it seems clear that the offending phrase was spoken, although the Hon. Member for Little Bow no longer had the floor. Certain microphones picked up the statement. There is no doubt the phrase is unparliamentary. Accordingly, it would be appropriate if the Hon. Member from Little Bow apologized for his comments.

This incident should serve as a reminder to all Members about making interjections during debate. The Chair has cautioned Members numerous times about the level of noise and interjections in the House.

Following the Speaker's ruling Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little-Bow, apologized for his comments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand and retain their places:

Q189, Q192, Q193, Q194.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to:

M184. Moved by Mr. Percy on behalf of Mr. Dalla-Longa:

A copy of the Trust Royalty Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 1995 between the Government and Torch Energy Advisors Incorporated.

M185. Moved by Dr. Percy on behalf of Mr. Dalla-Longa:

A copy of the Working Interest Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 1995 between the Government and Torch Energy Advisors Incorporated.

The following Motion for Return was agreed to as amended:

M182. Moved by Dr. Percy:

Copies of all working documents prepared by or for the Government between October 1, 1993 and December 31, 1995 with respect to options for replacing the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the implications for Alberta.

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read as follows:

Copies of *published documents referenced* or prepared by or for the Government between October 1, 1993 and December 31, 1995 with respect to options for replacing the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the implications for Alberta.

The following Motion for Return was rejected:

M186. Moved by Dr. Percy on behalf of Mr. Dalla-Longa:

Copies of all Alberta Crown agreements and ownership and management agreements between January 1, 1975 and December 31, 1995 respecting the agreement between the Province and participants which created the Syncrude Canada ("Alberta") joint venture and Syncrude Management Committee.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M190, M191.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 208 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1996 — Mrs. Gordon

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 resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 203 Family Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Mr. Clegg, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 203 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 873/96

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 — Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

Mr. Chadi 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 27 Public Health Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Dunford

Bill 28 Dependent Adults Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Brassard

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Wednesday, April 17, 1996