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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, May 6, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 13th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy; Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan; and Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, first elected to the Legislative Assembly on May 8, 1986.

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 15 Edson residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 30 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans.

**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised on March 22, 1999 in Committee of Supply Subcommittee debate and April 12, 1999 debate, 1999-2000 Main Estimates, Department of Health

Sessional Paper 742/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 743/99

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Three Year Strategic Plan 1999-2001

Sessional Paper 744/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on March 29, 1999, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1999-2000 Designated Supply Subcommittee debate

Sessional Paper 745/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Statistical report prepared by physicians and nurses of Alberta outlining the benefits of bicycle helmet usage

Sessional Paper 746/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Bibliography entitled "Long term care reports to be tabled May 6, 1999"

Sessional Paper 747/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Government of Ontario press release dated March 3, 1999, entitled "Harris government protects public health care - private hospitals to close"

Sessional Paper 748/99

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to B.D. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, regarding standards for “Long Stay” non-hospital surgical facilities (NHSFs)

Sessional Paper 749/99

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Status Report: The Newsletter of the Premier’s Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, dated August 1998

Sessional Paper 750/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated May 3, 1999, from Brune Sinneave to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 751/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Randal Glaholt to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 752/99

Letter dated May 6, 1999, from David W. Poulton, Conservation Director, Calgary/Banff Chapter, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act with suggestions relating to the proposed amendments relating to the impact on existing sites, overriding discretion, and honouring existing dispositions

Sessional Paper 753/99

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

Sir Austin’s Page newsletter entitled “Spring at Austin O’Brien,” dated Spring 1999, prepared by students and staff at Austin O’Brien High School

Sessional Paper 754/99

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

17 proposed amendments dated May 6, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges, other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 755/99

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Zorica Knezevic to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 756/99

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Bob Blaxley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns with Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and requesting that the Bill be amended or redrafted

Sessional Paper 757/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Lloyd Noga to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 758/99

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

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from George Newton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 759/99

E-mail message dated April 28, 1999, from Jeremy Keehn to Members of the Liberal Opposition expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 760/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Dr. Steve Overell, Mrs. Linda Overell and their three children to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns and opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 761/99

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy response to a request for documents from the Department of Economic Development relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall as assembled in 1994, highlighting that of 159 pages, 79 are blank and 33 are newspaper articles

Sessional Paper 762/99

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding Alberta Crime Prevention Week, May 8-14, 1999, themed "Crime Prevention: It's in Your Neighbourhood," and the need for all Albertans to work together to prevent crime as recognized through the presentation on May 8, 1999, of twelve Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Awards.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

## Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement recognizing: Mother's Day, May 9, 1999; the anniversary of Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, first elected May 8, 1986; the surrender in Europe signed on May 7, 1945; and VE (Victory in Europe) Day celebrated on May 8, 1945. The Speaker also recognized the winners of the 5th annual Page Speech Competition: first place winner Daniel Novak, second place winner Howard Yeung, and third place winners Simone Godbout and Janine Melnichuk.

## Members' Statements

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement regarding Arbor Day being celebrated in Alberta on May 6, 1999, a tree planting initiative with the distribution of spruce and pine seedlings which began in 1893 to promote public awareness of the value of forests and the environment.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing Sarah Jane Groh, registered nurse, and paying tribute to the professional dedication of registered nurses as celebrated during International Nurses Week.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the official opening on April 30, 1999, of Griffin Manor, a showhome located in Calgary designed by Ernest Manning High School students in partnership with Shane Homes.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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 May 10 to May 13, 1999:

Monday, May 10	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bills 28, 32, 30, 35
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bills 34, 12, 22, 23, 15

Tuesday, May 11	(4:30)	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 31
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 25 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bills 37, 34, 23, 22, 12, 15 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, May 12	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> As per Order Paper, based on progress Monday and Tuesday <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bills 31, 34, 16, 22, 23, 12, 15
Thursday, May 13	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Government Motions</b> Government Motion 20 <b>Second Reading</b> As per Order Paper, based on progress Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday <b>Third Reading</b> Bills 20, 24, 26, 16 And as per Order Paper

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

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

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —  
Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, May 10, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 6, 1999