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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

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Thursday, April 26, 2001

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 39 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting that no public funds be used to settle Stockwell Day's defamation litigation.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated April 25, 2001, entitled "New Statistics Show Workplace Accident Rates Have Doubled in Past 10 Years" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 90/2001

Calendar of events for the Labour Arts Society May Week, April 27 - May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 91/2001

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

Letter dated April 20, 2001, from Craig Barnard, Vice President, Reader Sales and Service, National Post, to Karin Olson of Edmonton providing notice of an automatic monthly bank debit for a subscription to the National Post
Sessional Paper 92/2001

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

Report dated March 2001, entitled "A Smart Electricity Policy for Alberta" prepared by Andrew Pape-Salmon, P.Eng., MRM, for the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development
Sessional Paper 93/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 16, 2001, from Eduard Zambo, Happy Hunters Guiding and Outfitting, to Mr. Percy Wickman, former Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concerns regarding moose allocations in Alberta, with attached reply from Mr. Wickman to Mr. Zambo
Sessional Paper 94/2001

Report dated March 2001, entitled "A Smart Electricity Policy for Alberta" prepared by Andrew Pape-Salmon, P.Eng., MRM, for the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development
Sessional Paper 95/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) of Edmonton, 2000 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 96/2001

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

Program from the Rosslyn Place Lodge Volunteer Appreciation event held April 25, 2001
Sessional Paper 97/2001

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

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Alberta, Financial Statements as at March 31, 2000
Sessional Paper 98/2001

Speaker's Statement - Rules Governing the Admissibility of Questions During Question Period

During the past few days, the Chair has had to intervene on a number of occasions in Oral Question Period because the nature of the question posed has either violated or come close to violating the rules of this Assembly. In these early days, the Chair would like to ensure the first session of the 25th Legislature begins on the right tone.

The Chair would like to highlight for all Members the following guidelines for Question Period (which are outlined in the *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* at pages 426-427):

A question should NOT:

1. be a statement, representation, argument or an expression of opinion;
2. be hypothetical;
3. seek an opinion, legal or otherwise; or
4. make a charge by way of a preamble to a question.

The Chair would also like to refer Members to *Beauchesne's*, paragraph 409(3), which states that a question must not suggest its own answer, be argumentative or make representations.

In recent days, there have been a number of questions which have been hypothetical. There have also been questions which have made charges based on legal interpretations. It is clear that questions which seek legal interpretations are not permitted. To use preambles and questions that contain legal interpretations which in some way require the rebuttal or confirmation of that legal interpretation are equally objectionable. In other words, Members cannot seek to do indirectly what is not permitted directly.

Once again, the Chair would caution Members in the way they frame their questions and would encourage Members to review my memorandum of April 11th and the guidelines for Oral Question Period outlined in the *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* at pages 424-431 and *Beauchesne's* paragraphs 407-414.

The Chair realizes that Question Period is the time that the Assembly receives most of its attention and this simply underlines the importance of Members observing the rules of this Assembly to ensure the dignity and respect of this institution are maintained.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, tabled the following:

Report dated September 2000, entitled "Consumer Tips, Fair Trading Act: What's New" prepared by Alberta Government Services, Consumer Services Branch
Sessional Paper 99/2001

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled the following:

News release dated March 29, 2001, entitled "Reduced rates for water pumping program" prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 100/2001

Members' Statements

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding Alberta's 2001 Excellence in Teaching Awards and the contributions of Alberta's teachers.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Alberta Council of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) and their concerns regarding the need to protect Canada's fresh water.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the need for a new consolidated courthouse in Calgary.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the 6th International Day of Mourning on April 28, 2001.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, 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 30 to May 3, 2001:

Monday, April 30	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 3, 4, 7
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 1, 2
		Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 6 of 10)
		And as per the Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 1 of 20) Sustainable Resource Development, Municipal Affairs And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 1	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 7 of 10) if any remaining speakers Second Reading As per progress on Monday And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 2 of 20) Infrastructure, Transportation And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, May 2	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 3 of 20) Health and Wellness (Designated) Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne (Day 8 of 10) if any remaining speakers And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, May 3	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 4 of 20) Learning (Designated)

Committee of the Whole

Supplementary and Interim
Supply

Bill 5, 6

Address in Reply to the Speech

From the Throne (Day 9 of 10)

if any remaining speakers

And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 5)

Moved by Mrs. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, 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. Cenaiko moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, April 30, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 26, 2001