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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, May 13, 2002

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

**Recognitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Dr. Linda Pilarski, recipient of the Cinader Award presented by the Canadian Society for Immunology

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Grant MacEwan Literary Award recipients

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Alberta Cattle Commission on winning the 2002 International Gold Quill Award sponsored by Mercer Human Resource Consulting

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Vaisakhi Day, celebrated by the Edmonton Sikh community

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, May 2002

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Dr. Stuart Iglesias, recipient of the first Rural Physician Distinction in Practice Award

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Beverly Towne Community Development Society, recipients of the Solicitor General's Community Crime Prevention Award

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 82 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Responses to questions raised on April 24, 2002, Department of Revenue,  
2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate, Hon. Mr. Melchin  
Sessional Paper 455/2002

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act,  
cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, 2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 456/2002

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta  
Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act, cA-22, s22:

Alberta Ingenuity Fund (trade name of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for  
Science and Engineering Research), Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 457/2002

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Responses to questions raised on April 11, 2002, Department of Human  
Resources and Employment, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate  
Sessional Paper 458/2002

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Memorandum of Appreciation dated May 9, 2002, signed by 42 Members of the  
Legislative Assembly, in appreciation and recognition of the work done by the  
Government Members Research staff  
Sessional Paper 459/2002

Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of Hon.  
Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Kevin Becker, Founding Consultant, HAWC  
(Human Resources and Workers' Compensation Consulting) to Hon.  
Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing  
concerns regarding Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002  
Sessional Paper 460/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 29, 2002, signed by Richard Dais, Mayor, Town of Carstairs

Sessional Paper 461/2002

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 18, 2002, signed by D.M. Moore, Mayor, Town of Didsbury

Sessional Paper 462/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

87 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the future of grizzly bears in Alberta and requesting the Government formalize recommendations made by the Endangered Species Conservation Committee

Sessional Paper 463/2002

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

Annals of Internal Medicine web page reprinting an article dated February 5, 2002, entitled "Medical Professionalism in the New Millennium: A Physician Charter"

Sessional Paper 464/2002

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

Letter dated May 8, 2002, from Marie Miller, President, Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Hospital Auxiliary, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding the future of the Grimshaw/Berwyn Hospital in view of proposed budget cuts to the Peace Health Region

Sessional Paper 465/2002

Letter dated May 3, 2002, from Marlene McCann, Chair of the Joint Board, Coaldale United Church, to the Chief Executive Officer and Board, Chinook Regional Health Authority, expressing concerns regarding a reduction in health services in Coaldale

Sessional Paper 466/2002

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

Letter dated April 19, 2002, unaddressed, from Ital-Canadian Seniors expressing opposition to the cancellation of the Edmonton Community Lottery Board and outlining what benefits they have received

Sessional Paper 467/2002

Letter dated April 19, 2002, from Audrey Borden of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing opposition to the cancellation of the Community Lottery Board program and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 468/2002

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ5.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

As of April 1, 2002, what is the total number of employer health care premium accounts, the total number of individual/family health care premium accounts, and of the individual/family accounts, what percentage are seniors' accounts?

**WQ6.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 1999-00, 2000-01, and 2001-02, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, by one year or more; what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these three fiscal years, and what percentage were employer accounts, individual/family accounts, and seniors' accounts?

**WQ7.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Upon completion of studies, what was the average debt load of post secondary students who had received assistance from the Student Finance Board in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996 and 2000-2001?

**WQ9.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Of the monies the Government received from health care premiums for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, what amount was remitted by employers, and of that amount, how much was paid by employers on behalf of employees?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ8.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What was the average waiting period from the filing of a complaint with the Human Rights Commission to conciliation in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996, and 2000-2001, and what was the average waiting period from conciliation to investigation of a human rights complaint in these same fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What was the average waiting period from the *date a complaint was accepted* by the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to the *date the file was assigned* to conciliation in the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, and what was the average waiting period from the *date conciliation was concluded* to the *date complaints were assigned* to investigation of a human rights complaint in these same fiscal years?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 206 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk

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:

For the motion: 42

Abbott	Herard	Oberg
Ady	Horner	Renner
Broda	Hutton	Shariff
Cao	Jablonski	Smith
Cenaiko	Johnson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Danyluk	Lord	Stevens
Doerksen	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	Lukaszuk	Tannas
Forsyth	Lund	Tarchuk
Friedel	Masyk	Taylor
Fritz	McClelland	VanderBurg
Goudreau	McFarland	Vandermeer
Haley	Norris	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 6

Carlson  
MacDonald

Mason  
Massey

Nicol  
O'Neill

### **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 Bill:

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

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

**508.** Moved by Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a travel assurance fund to compensate airline consumers who do not receive travel services purchased from a registered travel agency due to the agency's bankruptcy or insolvency.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mrs. O'Neill speaking.

### **Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date as determined by the Speaker, after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Appropriation Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **Government Motions**

27. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, is resumed, not more than two (2) hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole at 9:30 p.m., and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved the Bill be amended as follows:

Section 6 in the proposed section 7.1(4) is amended by adding the following after clause (b):

- (b.1) a report outlining the termination benefits payable to the President;
- (b.2) a report outlining bonuses exceeding \$500 paid to a member of the board of directors and any employee of the Board;

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 8

Blakeman	MacDonald	Nicol
Bonner	Mason	Taft
Carlson	Massey	

Against the amendment: 34

Ady	Horner	Masyk
Broda	Hutton	McClelland
Cao	Jablonski	Norris
Cenaiko	Jonson	O'Neill
Coutts	Kryczka	Renner
Ducharme	Lord	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Stevens
Evans	Lukaszuk	Strang
Friedel	Lund	Taylor
Graham	Marz	Vandermeer
Hancock	Maskell	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:30 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:30 p.m., the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:31 p.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 27, agreed to on May 13, 2002, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:31 p.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:



For the motion: 36

Ady	Hutton	McClelland
Broda	Jablonski	Norris
Cenaiko	Jonson	O'Neill
Coutts	Kryczka	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Lord	Renner
Dunford	Lougheed	Shariff
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Friedel	Lund	Stelmach
Graham	Marz	Stevens
Hancock	Maskell	Strang
Herard	Mason	Taylor
Horner	Masyk	Vandermeer

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	Carlson	Massey
Bonner	MacDonald	Nicol

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Mr. Lougheed, 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 26 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 9, 2002) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 469/2002

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 470/2002

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 471/2002

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

A debate followed.

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

## Government Motions

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that when an adjourned debate on Third Reading of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, is resumed, not more than two (2) hours shall be allotted to any further consideration at this stage of the Bill, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of this stage of the Bill shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the time allocation motion.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to comment for up to five minutes on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 34

Ady	Hutton	McClelland
Broda	Jablonski	Norris
Cenaiko	Jonson	O'Neill
Coutts	Kryczka	Rathgeber
Ducharme	Lord	Renner
Dunford	Lougheed	Snelgrove
Evans	Lukaszuk	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Marz	Strang
Graham	Maskell	Taylor
Hancock	Masyk	Vandermeer
Horner		

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	Mason	Nicol
Carlson	Massey	Taft
MacDonald		

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Debate resumed at Third reading of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, at 12:38 a.m.

Hon. Mr. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate at 1:20 a.m., which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:21 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2002, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 13, 2002