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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

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Tuesday, December 3, 2002

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding CKUA Radio's 75 years of broadcasting.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the International Day of Disabled Persons, December 3, 2002.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding International Volunteer Day, December 5, 2002.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding allegations of interference in the justice system.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 45 Albertans requesting the Government repeal the amendment to the Public Health Act regulation and to undertake consultation before imposing any fee or tax to pay for health inspections.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 74 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish Bighorn Country as a protected area.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 50 Albertans requesting the Government repeal the amendment to the Public Health Act regulation and to undertake consultation before imposing any fee or tax to pay for health inspections.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the Government's support to establish Bighorn Country as a protected area.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall Sitting of the 2nd 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2), on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to questions raised during Oral Question Period on November 28, 2002, by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands

Sessional Paper 690/2002

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2), on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2), Alberta Teachers' Association, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 691/2002

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 692/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), University of Alberta 1991 Foundation, Financial Statements for the period ended November 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 693/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Public Colleges Foundation of Alberta, Financial Statements, March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 694/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Non-Profit Private Colleges Foundation, Financial Statements, March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 695/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Arctic Institute of North America, Financial Statements, March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 696/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Statements, March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 697/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Statements, March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 698/2002

Pursuant to the Advanced Education Foundations Act, cA-5, s16(2), Olympic Oval/Anneau Olympique, Financial Statements, March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 699/2002

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Document dated June 27, 2002, entitled "Award in the matter of an arbitration under the Education Services Settlement Act, between the Edmonton Public School Board No. 7 and the Alberta Teachers' Association" prepared by David Phillip Jones, Q.C.

Sessional Paper 700/2002

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Dr. Pannu on May 13, 2002:

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?

Sessional Paper 701/2002

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Petition signed by 156 Edmonton residents requesting that abortion be removed from the list of insured services paid for by Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 702/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from James Sexmith of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the increased cost of living for seniors
Sessional Paper 703/2002

E-mail message dated October 11, 2002, from Rhonda Tanton, Executive Director, Skate Canada Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut Association, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding proposed revisions to Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission licence and use of gaming proceeds policies
Sessional Paper 704/2002

Letter dated November 15, 2002, from Sherry Banack of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Government's funding formula for grade 10 students
Sessional Paper 705/2002

E-mail message dated October 6, 2002, from D.L. Simmons to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol and expressing concern regarding the way in which tax dollars are spent
Sessional Paper 706/2002

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Janice Bell of Edmonton to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching a copy of a letter sent to the Edmonton Journal, expressing opposition to Bill 12, Education Services Settlement Act
Sessional Paper 707/2002

E-mail message dated March 13, 2002, from Dennis Turner to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the proposal to limit the use of cellular phones in vehicles
Sessional Paper 708/2002

Letter dated May 9, 2002, from Dave M. Majeau to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the start of the Spring 2002 fishing season
Sessional Paper 709/2002

Letter dated June 20, 2002, from B. Rippin, Conservation Committee Chair, Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the loss of experienced professionals at the Wildlife Management Division, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
Sessional Paper 710/2002

Mr. Vandermeer, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Petition signed by 26 Edmonton residents requesting that abortion be removed from the list of insured services paid for by Alberta Health Care
Sessional Paper 711/2002

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Petition signed by 320 Albertans requesting that the boundaries of the Headwaters Health Authority remain as they are

Sessional Paper 712/2002

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated December 3, 2002, entitled "International Day of Disabled Persons" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 713/2002

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

Report dated 2002, entitled "Alberta Disability Strategy, Summary Document" prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities

Sessional Paper 714/2002

Report dated 2002, entitled "Alberta Disability Strategy, Core Supports and Appendices" prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities

Sessional Paper 715/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated September 16, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, responding to Ms Blakeman's letter dated August 13, 2002, enquiring about the current status of the Private Landlord Rent Supplement Program, with attached letter dated December 3, 2002, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, unaddressed, listing organizations contacted by Ms. Blakeman's staff who are of the opinion that the program was put on hold in October 2001

Sessional Paper 716/2002

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

Letter dated November 19, 2002, signed by 39 residents of the Pleasantview Seniors Citizen's Lodge expressing concern regarding rent and service increases

Sessional Paper 717/2002

Letter dated November 7, 2002, from Bob Campbell, President and Chair of the Board, Canadian Mental Health Association, announcing the launch of the Alberta Centre for Suicide Prevention in Calgary and expressing concern regarding the proposal to place suicide prevention within the mandate of injury control, with attached background information entitled "What's Injury Got to Do With Suicide?"

Sessional Paper 718/2002

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

27 recent electricity bills, with several attached letters from Albertans, expressing concern regarding the high cost of electricity

Sessional Paper 719/2002

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

Letter dated December 3, 2002, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting information regarding an investigation into improper asbestos removal at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary

Sessional Paper 720/2002

Straight Goods web page article dated November 13, 2002, entitled "Australian parallel system in trouble" referring to parallel private and public health care

Sessional Paper 721/2002

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated September 23, 2002, from Janet Jean of Grande Cache with attached petition signed by 253 Grande Cache residents expressing opposition to large classroom sizes and education funding cuts

Sessional Paper 722/2002

E-mail message dated November 7, 2002, from Shauna-Lee Williamson of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding funding cuts and policy changes for service providers of the Persons With Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 723/2002

Letter dated July 16, 2002, from Pamela Head of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, with attached correspondence from Ms Head to the City of Edmonton expressing concern regarding increases in electricity and sewage charges

Sessional Paper 724/2002

Letter dated March 11, 2002, from Jon Head of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding electricity deregulation, with attached Edmonton Journal article, undated, entitled "Where is the outrage over power debacle?"

Sessional Paper 725/2002

Letter, undated, from Rita Sandmaier of Edmonton to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the fee charged to change an address on a motor vehicle licence, with attached petition signed by 98 Albertans requesting an amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act to remove this fee

Sessional Paper 726/2002

Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Office of the Ombudsman, 35th Annual Report for the Period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 727/2002

Mr. Shariff, Acting Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Office of the Ombudsman, Financial Statements for the Period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 728/2002

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

17 recent letters from Albertans to Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, expressing opposition to Alberta Health Care funding for abortion

Sessional Paper 729/2002

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, presented the Pages with a Christmas gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin
- Bill 30-2 Adult Interdependent Relationships Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 31 Security Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Jonson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn
- Bill 35 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 38 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:24 p.m. until Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 3, 2002