

## Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 28

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, April 14, 2003

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. William Ernest (Ernie) Jamison, Member for St. Albert, 1971 to 1979, who passed away on April 11, 2003.

## Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: 90th anniversary of Olds College

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky: Leigh Goldie of Grande Prairie, recipient of a 2002 Sport Volunteer Recognition Award by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Alberta Community Development

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 6 finalists for the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Awards from schools in the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfiefer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk for winning the 2003 Men's World Curling Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 13, 2003

Mr. Cenaiko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Calgary G-8 Organizing Committee for winning the White Hat of the Year Award in Calgary on April 8, 2003

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Action for Healthy Communities program operated by the Edmonton Healthcare and Citizenship Society

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

18 recent letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary Health Region

Sessional Paper 343/2003

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

Petition signed by 38 Albertans requesting the Government de-insure abortion Sessional Paper 344/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Don Perdue of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding health care funding

Sessional Paper 345/2003

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

Letter dated April 14, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Randy Ferbey congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his team members, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfiefer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2003 Men's World Curling Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 346/2003

Letter dated April 14, 2003, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mike Weir congratulating Mr. Weir on being the first Canadian to win the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia on April 13, 2003

Sessional Paper 347/2003

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

Study, undated, entitled "Teachers' instructional practices in small classes" submitted to the Alberta Journal of Educational Research, prepared by Dr. Margaret Haughey, Dr. Fern Snart, and Dr. José da Costa

Sessional Paper 348/2003

Study dated March 27, 2003, entitled "Enhancing Literacy Achievement in Small Grade 1 Classes in High Poverty Environments" submitted to the Canadian Journal of Education, prepared by Dr. Margaret Haughey, Dr. Fern Snart, and Dr. José da Costa

Sessional Paper 349/2003

Letter dated April 10, 2003, from Melanie Shapiro of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, and Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, expressing concern regarding a lack of education funding and its effect on class sizes

Sessional Paper 350/2003

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

Market Surveillance Administrator Report, 2002 Year in Review, February 10, 2003

Sessional Paper 351/2003

Copy of a petition signed by 21 Edmonton residents requesting the Government adequately and equally fund education

Sessional Paper 352/2003

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

Alberta Doctors' Digest Editorial dated March/April 2003, entitled "Lies, damned lies and politicians' promises" written by Gerald L. Higgins, M.B., C.H.B., F.C.F.P., Editor

Sessional Paper 353/2003

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

ATCO Electric web page dated March 14, 2003, listing residential and farm flow-through prices for March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 354/2003

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

**WQ11.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Bonner:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Transportation over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees*, and the number of employees who received a bonus, within the Ministry and Department of Transportation over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?

#### **WQ12.** Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. Bonner:

What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Municipal Affairs over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees*, and the number of employees who received a bonus, within the Ministry and Department of Municipal Affairs over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the range of bonus dollar amounts and the number of employees who received a bonus within that range?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ13, WQ14.

#### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

#### **MR12.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of the 62 contingent liability claims against the Department of Sustainable Resource Development in the 2001/02 fiscal year, as mentioned in Responses to Supplementary Questions from the Committee of Supply, April 16, 2002 and attached to correspondence code DM02-KC-0671 from the Honourable Mike Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development.

## **MR13.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: All correspondence between the Minister of Environment, the Premier, Public Affairs Bureau, and the Minister of Energy regarding the Kyoto Accord and Alberta's anti-Kyoto campaign. The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR14.

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 204 Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003 — Rev. Abbott

A debate followed.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Insurance (Accident Insurance Benefits) Amendment Act, 2003, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 37

Melchin Abbott Hutton Jablonski Nelson Ady Jacobs Amery Oberg Boutilier Johnson Renner Broda Klapstein Shariff Calahasen Knight Stelmach Cenaiko Lord Stevens Danyluk Lougheed Strang Doerksen Lukaszuk **Taylor** Dunford Lund VanderBurg Haley Magnus Yankowsky Hlady McClelland Zwozdesky Horner

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Against the amendment: 4

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

Bill 205 Citizens' Empowerment Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

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

## Adjournment

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

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

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

**506.** Moved by Mr. Herard on behalf of Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore new means of helping students finance their post-secondary education including the establishment of a provincial education savings plan to supplement Canada's Registered Education Savings Plan.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**507.** Moved by Mr. Broda:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to sell or dispose of public lands that do not possess any economic potential for the Province.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, moved the motion be amended by striking out "public lands that do not possess any economic potential for the Province" and substituting "lands that are declared surplus to the needs of the Province".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the main motion.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Strang speaking.

#### **Government Motions**

#### 13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, entitled the Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta, tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

#### A debate followed.

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: 33

Abbott Hlady Melchin Horner Oberg Ady O'Neill Amery Jacobs Boutilier Johnson Rathgeber Broda Klapstein Snelgrove Calahasen Knight Stelmach Cenaiko Kryczka Stevens Lougheed Danyluk Strang Doerksen Lund **Taylor** Ducharme Magnus VanderBurg Dunford McClelland Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 10

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## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:47 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, April 14, 2003