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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, April 16, 2003

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

**Recognitions**

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Tigers for their efforts during the second round hockey playoff series against the Red Deer Rebels and the Red Deer Rebels for winning the series

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(1), the Speaker invited Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, to respond to the recognition.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Red Deer Rebels hockey team for winning the second round playoff series against the Medicine Hat Tigers and the Medicine Hat Tigers for their efforts during the series

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Southeast Calgary students who participated in Musical Montage 2003 recently held at the Calgary Jubilee Auditorium

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

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Henry Heuver, first recipient of the Olds College Partner of the Year Award

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Erle Rivers High School Boys' Curling Team who recently won the Provincial Curling Championship

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Mill Woods Newsletter published by the Mill Woods President's Council

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Camrose Kodiaks junior A hockey team for winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship on April 15, 2003

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(1), the Speaker invited Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, to respond to the recognition.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Saints junior A hockey team for their efforts during the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship and the Camrose Kodiaks for winning the championship

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from 190 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 56 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government increase public education funding to include the cost of the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 54 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Legislative Assembly reject legislation allowing for the sale of municipal reserves and the privatization of the construction and ownership of publicly funded schools.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Report dated March 3, 2003, entitled "A HAND UP, How State Earned Income Tax Credits Help Working Families Escape Poverty in 2003" prepared by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Sessional Paper 368/2003

Report, undated, entitled "Rewarding Work: The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit in Greater Chicago" prepared by Alan Berube and Benjamin Forman, Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy

Sessional Paper 369/2003

Issue Notes 2000 Newsletter article entitled "The Earned Income Tax Credit"  
prepared by Pamela Friedman, Welfare Information Network  
Sessional Paper 370/2003

Report dated September 23, 2001, entitled "Improving Effectiveness and  
Efficiency in Government: 33 suggestions" prepared by Mr. Lord, Hon. Member  
for Calgary-Currie  
Sessional Paper 371/2003

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

31 recent letters from Didsbury and area residents to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of  
Health and Wellness, requesting the Didsbury Hospital be included in the Calgary  
Health Region  
Sessional Paper 372/2003

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner:

34 letters dated February 13, 2003, from members of the St. Augustine's Catholic  
Women's League in Taber, to Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-  
Warner, requesting the Government de-insure abortion  
Sessional Paper 373/2003

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

2 news releases dated April 11, 2003, entitled "Aquila Completes Refinancing"  
and dated April 15, 2003, entitled "Aquila Fourth Quarter and Year-End Net Loss  
Driven by Impairment and Restructuring Charges as Company Repositions  
Business" prepared by Aquila  
Sessional Paper 374/2003

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

Letter dated March 28, 2003, from Elizabeth Miller, M.D., of Edmonton to Hon.  
Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding a lack of education  
funding and requesting education funding be increased  
Sessional Paper 375/2003

Letter dated March 29, 2003, from Carleen Ellis of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein,  
Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding  
the declining quality of public education resulting from school boards not being  
adequately funded to cover the cost of the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement  
Sessional Paper 376/2003

Letter, undated, from Catharine A. Compston and Dr. Paul Bird, both of  
Edmonton, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern  
regarding the erosion of public education resulting from school boards not being  
adequately funded to cover the cost of the arbitrated teachers' salary settlement  
Sessional Paper 377/2003

E-mail message dated April 2, 2003, from Rod E. McConnell of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a proposed tax on water use

Sessional Paper 378/2003

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

Public Forum notice entitled "Solutions for Schools" to be held April 24, 2003 at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 379/2003

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

Letter dated April 8, 2003, from Cindy Jefferies, Chair, Board of Trustees, Red Deer Public School District No. 104, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, with associated attachments, requesting Dr. Pannu's support for a School Act amendment to be introduced during the 2003 Spring Session

Sessional Paper 380/2003

Excerpt from the Report to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in the Matter of a Public Inquiry Into the Death of Vincenzo Dominic Motta Pursuant to the Fatality Inquiries Act dated April 14, 2003, prepared by Honourable Judge Manfred Delong, Provincial Court of Alberta

Sessional Paper 381/2003

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

Excerpt from the Finance Annual Report, 2001-02, Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Financial Statements and AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Urban Perspective Newsletter, November-December 2002, Budget Watch article entitled "AMFC (Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation) surplus revenues could support green infrastructure fund for municipalities"

Sessional Paper 382/2003

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 6 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Learning, the question was called to grant the following sum:

## **Learning**

\$3,574,859,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Abbott	Hancock	Masyk
Ady	Herard	McClellan
Cao	Horner	McFarland
Coutts	Hutton	Nelson
Dunford	Jablonski	Oberg
Evans	Jonson	Ouellette
Forsyth	Klapstein	Pham
Friedel	Kryczka	Renner
Fritz	Lord	Smith
Gordon	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Graham	Mar	Strang
Graydon	Marz	Tarchuk
Haley	Maskell	VanderBurg

Against the motion: 6

Bonner	Massey	Pannu
MacDonald	Nicol	Taft

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

## **Learning**

\$3,574,859,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

\$141,300,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:28 p.m., that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Marz reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the Department and purposes indicated:

**Solicitor General**

\$267,357,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 25 Class Proceedings Act — Mr. Rathgeber

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

Bill 18 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 16, 2003