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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, May 7, 2003

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

**Recognitions**

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: The Computer Shop in Calgary and co-owner Austin Hook, a leader in the development of a computer operating system being used worldwide

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 5-11, 2003 and the Pilgrims' Hospice Society, Edmonton's only voluntary freestanding hospice

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Industrial safety communication program operating in several Edmonton area communities

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, April 24, 2003

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Dave Rodney of Calgary for his efforts with the Nepal Top of the World Society to provide educational scholarships to Sherpa children

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Morinville Art Club which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary

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

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Mr. Bonner on March 17, 2003:

Copies of documents showing a specific breakdown of how much of the \$346,511,000 received by people on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped in the fiscal year 2001-2002 was given as cheques to recipients, how much was spent on medical costs, and how the remainder was spent.

Sessional Paper 472/2003

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on March 10, 2003:

How much of the \$25.5 million under-expenditure from Income Support to Individuals and Families, \$621,000 under-expenditure from the Widows' Pension Program, and \$8.8 million under-expenditure from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program outlined in the 2001/02 Alberta Human Resources and Employment annual report was spent on homeless shelters, additional system development costs, and salary increases respectively?

Sessional Paper 473/2003

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4:

ForTech 2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 474/2003

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR9, asked for by Mr. Bonner on March 10, 2003:

A copy of the Department of Infrastructure policy on its contract management process.

Sessional Paper 475/2003

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Report dated Winter 2003, entitled "Metropolitan Outlook 1, Economic Insights into 25 Canadian Metropolitan Economies" prepared by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 476/2003

Report dated Winter 2003, entitled “Provincial Outlook, Economic Forecast” prepared by the Conference Board of Canada

Sessional Paper 477/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, entitled “Principals’ understandings concerning the effects of small grade one classes and instructional improvement” prepared by Dr. José da Costa, Dr. Margaret Haughey, and Dr. Fern Snart for submission to the Journal of Educational Administration and Foundations

Sessional Paper 478/2003

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

Statement dated May 6, 2003, by Gordon Dirks, Chair, Board of Trustees, Calgary Board of Education, regarding the Board’s 2003/04 preliminary operating budget

Sessional Paper 479/2003

### **Speaker’s Statement - Notice requirements under Standing Order 30**

Hon. Members, before proceeding to Orders of the Day, I wish to make a statement with respect to the notice requirements under Standing Order 30. This will be of particular interest to the three House leaders. Standing Order 30(1) states in part:

“Any Member may request leave to move to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance of which written notice has been given to the Speaker at least two hours prior to the sitting of the Assembly.”

The Chair interprets this provision to mean that the Member must provide the Speaker’s Office with notice of the subject-matter of urgent public importance, not just notice that the Member will be raising some as of yet unstated or undetermined matter that afternoon.

The Chair expressed some concern about inadequacy of notice in respect to notice from the then Leader of the Official Opposition concerning a Standing Order 30 application November 14, 2000, at page 1845 of Hansard for that day. The defect in the notice on that occasion was corrected before the matter was raised in the Assembly.

This interpretation of the notice provisions is in keeping with the interpretation of the similar Standing Order in the Canadian House of Commons. Marleau and Montpetit at page 585 states:

“Any Member, be it a private Member or a Minister, who wishes to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration must give the Speaker written notice of the matter he or she wishes to propose for discussion.”

Given that the Chair must rule on whether the application for leave to set aside the business of the Assembly is in order, it only makes sense that there should be some indication as to the subject of the purported urgent and pressing matter.

The Chair gives fair notice to all Members today that in the future, not meeting the requirement of sufficient notice will be cause for the application to be ruled out of order before it is presented. Thank you.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 21 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Graham 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:

#### **Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$427,051,000 Operating Expense and Equipment/Inventory Purchases

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, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 4:34 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 22 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Madam 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 purpose indicated:

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$6,468,000 Operating Expense

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

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003  
— Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Renner, 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 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 480/2003

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 481/2003

**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Family Support for Children With Disabilities Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Cenaiko

Bill 32 Income and Employment Supports Act — Mr. Lukaszuk on behalf of Hon.  
Mr. Dunford

## **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 28 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2003  
— Mr. Lukaszuk

Ms Graham, 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 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 482/2003

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 483/2003

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 484/2003

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:09 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 2003, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 7, 2003