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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

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

Recognitions

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Grade 5 students from Allan Johnstone School in Hardisty for compiling a book entitled "Standing Guard: Through the Eyes of the Sentinels" which won first place in the Kids are Authors competition sponsored by Scholastic Book Fairs

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Peter Papasideris, Calgary business owner and long-distance rifle marksman on his many achievements as a competitive marksman

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: J. Percy Page School for being recognized by the Canada School Network as one of Canada's innovative schools in 2003-2004

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 10th anniversary of the Edmonton School Hot Lunch Program organized by the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: City of Wetaskiwin on winning the Communities in Bloom National Award in its population category and on winning the Glad Tidiness Effort National Award

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Dr. Harvey Woytiuk of St. Paul on recently being named Alberta's family physician of the year by the College of Family Physicians of Canada

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster: Kelsey Trach of the Vermilion area who recently raised \$15,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society by riding a horse from Vermilion to Edmonton

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,077 Albertans requesting Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act be amended to include a tuition fee policy and urging the Government to regulate tuition levels in a manner consistent with the principles of affordability and accessibility.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on future expansion of confined feeding operations and proposing existing operations be phased out within the next 3 years.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Bill 46 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Boutilier

Bill 47 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 48 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 52 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

News release dated October 2, 2003, entitled "ENMAX Files Applications for 2004 Electricity Rate Tariffs in Calgary" prepared by ENMAX Corporation
Sessional Paper 635/2003

Letter, undated, from Brett Borgic to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the absence of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, during debate on Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 636/2003

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

Report dated September 2003, entitled “Alberta Bill 43: Post-secondary Learning Act, Analysis” prepared by Satya Brata Das and K.J. (Ken) Chapman, Cambridge Strategies Inc.

Sessional Paper 637/2003

Letter dated November 18, 2003, from Tim Belec of Westeros to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing concern regarding the response by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, to the Learning Commission, and opposition to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 638/2003

News release dated November 18, 2003, entitled “So What Does It Mean in the Classrooms?” prepared by Action for Education

Sessional Paper 639/2003

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Jennifer Spencer to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing opposition to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 640/2003

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Joe Vanderhelm to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding Dr. Oberg’s response to post-secondary education issues

Sessional Paper 641/2003

Letter, undated, from Nicole Schafenacker of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing her opinion on access to education

Sessional Paper 642/2003

Letter dated November 8, 2003, from Mark Henderson of Edmonton to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concern regarding access to education and opposition to Bill 43, Post-secondary Learning Act

Sessional Paper 643/2003

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

2 documents, the first dated August 23, 2001, entitled “Bacterial Isolate Identification Data Summary” and the second dated July 20, 2001, entitled “Test Report” both prepared by Bio-Chem Consulting Services Ltd.

Sessional Paper 644/2003

One World United website containing an article dated September 26, 2003, entitled “Absconding Doctors Cripple Bangladesh Healthcare” prepared by Sharier Khan

Sessional Paper 645/2003

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

Study dated October 2003 entitled "Un-accountable: The Case of Highway Maintenance Privatization in Alberta" prepared by Lisa Prescott, M.Sc., for the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 646/2003

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

Letter dated October 30, 2003, from David Masluk of Edmonton to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commenting on some of the Learning Commission's recommendations

Sessional Paper 647/2003

Document, undated, entitled "The Alberta Liberal Plan for Public Auto Insurance, People Before Profits" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 648/2003

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 649/2003

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North:

6 e-mail messages from Red Deer residents to Michael Dawe, City of Red Deer, expressing support for the restoration of the Michener Centre which was recently damaged by fire

Sessional Paper 650/2003

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 18, 2003, from Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Occupiers' Liability (Recreational Users) Amendment Act, 2003, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 651/2003

Point of Privilege

The Speaker heard comments from Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, and Mr. McClelland, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, concerning the purported question of privilege raised by Dr. Taft on November 18, 2003.

The Speaker indicated he will respond to the point of privilege on November 24, 2003.

During the purported point of privilege Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, tabled the following:

E-mail message dated May 29, 2003, from Professor Tang G. Lee, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, to Bob Smith, Government of Alberta, regarding the air quality examination of the former Holy Cross Hospital
Sessional Paper 652/2003

Letter dated May 29, 2003, from Mark Carrier, O.H.T., to Enterprise Universal Inc., regarding the review of the former bioaerosols (fungi) investigations in the Holy Cross Hospital
Sessional Paper 653/2003

E-mail message dated May 29, 2003, from Dave Ayriss, B.Sc., CRSP, Project Manager, Environmental Health Professionals Ltd., to Colin Wildgrube regarding the Holy Cross Hospital laboratory report review
Sessional Paper 654/2003

E-mail message dated June 12, 2003, from Professor Tang G. Lee, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, to Bob Smith, Government of Alberta, indicating that a written record of discussions during the examination of the Holy Cross Hospital and the keys to the location of mould samples were being provided to Mr. Smith
Sessional Paper 655/2003

Letter dated August 5, 2003, from John Ennis, Director, Policy and Consultation, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, concerning a request by Dr. Taft dated May 13, 2003, for information regarding the Holy Cross Hospital
Sessional Paper 656/2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003 — 8:00 P.M.

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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 41 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Post-secondary Learning Act — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 43 (Hon. Minister of Learning) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 657/2003

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Dr. Oberg during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 43

Proposed Tuition Fee Regulations
Sessional Paper 658/2003

Second Reading

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

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 45 Family Law Act — Ms Graham

Mr. McClelland, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 45 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 659/2003

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Personal Information Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Coutts

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:30 p.m. until Thursday, November 20, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

