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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, March 22, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Official opening of École La Mission in St. Albert, the first francophone school built in Alberta exclusively for students affected by section 23 of the Charter of Rights

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Zicki Eludin, recipient of a volunteer award by the Land Stewardship Centre of Canada

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Peter the Apostle Parish Choir for their recent performance of Mary's Veil at the Arden Theatre in St. Albert

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: World Day for Water, March 22, 2004, and this year's theme of water and disasters

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Cardston High School Lady Cougars on winning the 3A Girls' Provincial Basketball Championship on March 20, 2004 in Cardston

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc: Black Gold Regional School Division and its healthy hearts program established to increase physical activity among staff and students

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Community projects funded by the Tegler Foundation

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 99 Albertans requesting the reversal of policies causing unnecessary financial hardship for seniors and undermining their quality of life.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 202 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to appoint an independent, non-partisan commission under the Public Inquiries Act, which shall:

- (1) inquire into the circumstances and the effect of Government policies, procedures, and practices in the Calgary Health Region that led to incorrect dialysis solutions being given, and subsequently resulting in the deaths of, Kathleen Prowse and Bart Wassing;
- (2) examine any issues the commission deems necessary to ensure that health services are being appropriately managed and delivered by the Calgary Health Region and the Government, and;
- (3) make findings and recommendations to ensure the appropriate management and delivery of health services in Calgary to protect the health and safety of Calgarians.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Memorandum dated March 22, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, attaching the proposed Committee of Supply Calendar for the 4th Session of the 25th Legislature, Spring 2004, and including information concerning the appearance of the Departments of Finance and Revenue in Committee of Supply on April 21, 2004

Sessional Paper 167/2004

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated March 19, 2004, entitled "Albertans urged to take action against racism" prepared by Alberta Community Development in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2004

Sessional Paper 168/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, unsigned, from Chris Callaghan of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding rate increases for automobile insurance, utilities, and property taxes

Sessional Paper 169/2004

Document, undated, providing information to the Alberta Teachers' Association concerning the automobile insurance rate freeze as set out in Bill 53, Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2), prepared by Morgex Insurance

Sessional Paper 170/2004

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5) and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated With Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 2003

Sessional Paper 171/2004

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

Letter dated January 5, 2004, from Bev McKay, Founder/President, FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Alberta's long-term care system

Sessional Paper 172/2004

Information sheet, undated, entitled "Scrap Health Premiums: It's good medicine" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 173/2004

Unanimous Consent - Committee of Supply Calendar

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(2) to allow Committee of Supply to consider the 2004-05 Main Estimates of the Departments of Finance and Revenue on the evening of April 21, 2004.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- (2) examine any issues the commission deems necessary to ensure that health services are being appropriately managed and delivered by the Calgary Health Region and the Government, and;
- (3) make findings and recommendations to ensure the appropriate management and delivery of health services in Calgary to protect the health and safety of Calgarians.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ52, WQ53, WQ54, WQ55, WQ56, WQ57, WQ58, WQ59, WQ60, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ64, WQ65, WQ66, WQ68, WQ69, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR10. Moved Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the *Government of Alberta* on contracts for information technology services *and a listing of vendors providing these services* for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

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

For the motion: 40

Abbott	Haley	Melchin
Ady	Hancock	Norris
Amery	Herard	Ouellette
Broda	Horner	Renner
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Danyluk	Kryczka	Stevens
DeLong	Lord	Strang
Doerksen	Lougheed	Tannas
Dunford	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Evans	Lund	Taylor
Forsyth	Maskell	VanderBurg
Friedel	McClelland	Vandermeer
Gordon		

Against the motion: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Request for Speaker's Ruling

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader requested the Speaker rule, pursuant to citation 558 found at page 172 of Beauchesne's 6th edition, that Motions for Returns MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR18, MR61, MR62, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR103, MR122, MR123, and MR146 should be considered redundant as a result of the Assembly's acceptance of Motion for Return MR10 as amended and therefore be removed from the Order Paper.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, commented on the request.

The Speaker reserved ruling on the matter.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR3. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Energy's expenses, including but not limited to, airfare, food, accommodation, and conference fees from March 1, 2001 to February 17, 2004.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Against the motion: 40

Abbott	Haley	Norris
Ady	Hancock	Ouellette
Amery	Herard	Renner
Broda	Horner	Snelgrove
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Stelmach
Coutts	Kryczka	Stevens
Danyluk	Lord	Strang
DeLong	Lougheed	Tannas
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Evans	Maskell	VanderBurg
Forsyth	McClelland	Vandermeer
Friedel	Melchin	Woloshyn
Gordon		

MR11. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Chinook Regional Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR12. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Economic Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Against the motion: 39

Abbott	Haley	Norris
Ady	Hancock	Ouellette
Amery	Horner	Rathgeber
Broda	Jablonski	Renner
Cenaiko	Jonson	Snelgrove
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
DeLong	Lord	Stevens
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	Lukaszuk	Tannas
Forsyth	Lund	Tarchuk
Friedel	Maskell	Taylor
Gordon	McClelland	VanderBurg
Graham	Melchin	Vandermeer

MR13. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 4

Bonner	MacDonald	Mason
Carlson		

Against the motion: 42

Abbott	Haley	Melchin
Ady	Hancock	Norris
Amery	Herard	Ouellette
Broda	Horner	Rathgeber
Cardinal	Hutton	Renner
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Snelgrove
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
DeLong	Kryczka	Stevens
Dunford	Lord	Strang
Evans	Lougheed	Tannas
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Friedel	Lund	Taylor
Gordon	Maskell	VanderBurg
Graham	McClelland	Vandermeer

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR124, MR125, MR126, MR127, MR128, MR129, MR130, MR131, MR132, MR133, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR171, MR172, MR173, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Hutton:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to:

- a) continue to develop and implement strategies to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, alcohol consumption prior to and during pregnancy;
- b) develop and implement initiatives to support Albertans affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and
- c) continue to work with all levels of Government, partners and stakeholders, and members of the public to create an environment that would address the systemic problem of women consuming alcohol while pregnant.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

505. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate healthcare premiums.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Public Trustee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:41 p.m. until Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 22, 2004