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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, April 26, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Awareness Day, April 26, 2004

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association awards night held on April 24, 2004

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Calgary volunteer Alice Lewis for her fundraising efforts to build a community hall which recently opened in the constituency of Calgary-Currie

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 40th anniversary of the Excel Resource Society

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Unveiling of a monument in Memorial Park, Calgary, on April 25, 2004 commemorating Australia and New Zealand residents who came to Alberta for aviation training and died while fighting in World War II

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North: Medicine Hat Tigers hockey team who defeated the Red Deer Rebels hockey team in the WHL (Western Hockey League) Eastern Conference Championship

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace, April 28, 2004

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 292 Albertans requesting the Legislative Assembly support Bill 204, Blood Samples Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 26, 2004, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, to Connie Edwards, President, Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA), congratulating AMPIA on the 2004 Alberta Film and Television Awards held on April 24, 2004

Sessional Paper 260/2004

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

Folder containing information concerning A-Link (Alberta's Law-related Information Network), developed by Alberta Justice and the Legal Studies Program, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 261/2004

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on behalf of Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated March 26, 2004, from Gordon Steele of Edmonton to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requesting the Government eliminate health care premiums

Sessional Paper 262/2004

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

Canadian Boxed Beef Report dated April 19, 2004, sponsored by the National Beef Industry Development Fund

Sessional Paper 263/2004

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

Alberta Government Aircraft Passenger Manifest, April 1 to June 30, 2002, prepared by Alberta Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 264/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ48. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Who stayed at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Calgary on February 5, 2002 that was charged to the Government through the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, James Davis?

WQ66. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

When was the Government made aware of the dispute between companies surrounding natural gas and bitumen development in the Athabasca-Wabasca-McMurray region?

WQ68. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What is the procedure followed by the Utilities Consumer Advocate in order to track and resolve utilities consumers' complaints and/or problems?

WQ71. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total was distributed to utility customers in February 2004 through the Government's natural gas rebate program?

WQ79. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03 and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment either paid to a school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ77. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03 and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Learning, either paid to a private vocational school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school?

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Learning, either paid to a private vocational school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school *on a full time basis*?

WQ78. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03 and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the job placement rate six months after program completion for students attending each private vocational school licensed to operate in Alberta?

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, moved the motion be amended to read:

For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04, what *were* the job placement rates *attributable to each institution currently offering programs licensed under the Private Vocational Schools Act*?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ69. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

What measures has the Ministry of Energy taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to assess whether royalty reduction programs are achieving their intended objectives?

WQ75. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

Which groups, companies, and stakeholders recommended to the Government that final approval authority for casino construction is best left with a centralized bureaucracy rather than with local communities?

WQ76. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

Who attended the dinner with the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, James Davis, on January 12, 2002 at Il Pasticcio Trattoria restaurant in Edmonton that cost \$395.53?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ67, WQ70, WQ74, WQ82, WQ83, WQ84, WQ85, WQ86, WQ87, WQ88.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR24. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Government Services.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A statement of all credit card expenses for the fiscal year 2002-2003 incurred by all Deputy Ministers, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders in aggregate, for each Government Department, categorized by accommodation, travel, hosting, and miscellaneous expenses.

MR26. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Community Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A statement of all credit card expenses for the fiscal year 2002-2003 incurred by Members of Executive Council and their Executive Assistants broken down by department, and categorized by accommodation, travel, hosting, and miscellaneous expenses.

MR34. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Energy over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of, and amount paid to, each official.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to *employees* within the *Government of Alberta, listed by department*, over the 2002-2003 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 Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR25. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Human Resources and Employment.

MR27. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR28. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Seniors and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR29. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Solicitor General and the Solicitor General's Executive Assistant.

MR30. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Seniors.

MR31. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown, by Ministry, of the total number and total cost of items that were purchased during the 2002-2003 fiscal year in the following categories: televisions, flatware, wine glasses, beer glasses, golf balls, golf tees, alcoholic beverages, jams, jellies, preserves, games, and toys.

MR35. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers and Unit Leaders for the Department of Finance.

MR36. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR37. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Environment and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR38. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Minister of Economic Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR39. Moved by Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All monthly business credit card statements, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers and Unit Leaders for the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR40, MR41, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR64, MR66, MR69, MR70, MR71, MR72, MR73, MR75, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR119, MR120, MR121, MR122, MR123, MR128, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR154, MR155, MR156, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR174, MR175, MR176, MR177, MR178, MR179, MR180, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195, MR196, MR197, MR198, MR199, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR204, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209, MR210.

Unanimous Consent

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 34(2) to allow the Assembly to move on to Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Kryczka

Ms Graham, 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 203 (Hon. Member for Calgary-West) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 265/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2004 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. VanderBurg:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to add a fish and wildlife surcharge onto existing fines and penalties related to illegal hunting and fishing practices, with the proceeds allocated directly to a conservation fund to support programs that restore and protect game species and species at risk in Alberta.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 37

Ady	Hlady	Melchin
Amery	Jablonski	Oberg
Blakeman	Jacobs	O'Neill
Boutilier	Johnson	Rathgeber
Broda	Knight	Stelmach
Cao	Lord	Stevens
Cenaiko	Lougheed	Strang
Danyluk	Lund	Taylor
DeLong	Magnus	VanderBurg
Doerksen	Maskell	Vandermeer
Dunford	Massey	Yankowsky
Goudreau	McClelland	Zwozdesky
Graham		

Against the motion: 0

Committee of Supply (Day 14 — 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 resumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2005, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

\$185,910,000	Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases
\$41,000,000	Capital Investment

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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott

Bill 26 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Maskell

Mr. Johnson, 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 25 (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 266/2004

Amendment to Bill 26 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 267/2004

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:40 p.m. until Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 26, 2004