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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, May 3, 2004

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

Recognitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Louis and Ruth Maria Adria for their work as elder advocates

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Floyd McLennan, Mayor of Grande Cache, who passed away on April 24, 2004

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 25th Anniversary of the Edmonton Folk Music Festival

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Alberta Government briefing of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps on April 30, 2004

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Saints Junior "A" Hockey Club

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: May Day, May 1, 2004

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Calgary business woman Irene Besse

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 120 Albertans requesting the Government return to a regulated electricity system, reduce power bills, and develop a program to assist Albertans in improving energy efficiency.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Report dated April 30, 2004, entitled "Alberta Beef - Focus on the Future, 'Strategic Framework for Repositioning the Industry'" prepared by a drafting team composed of beef industry, Alberta, and Federal Government representatives
Sessional Paper 288/2004

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

News release dated April 29, 2004, entitled "Direct Energy Marketing Limited and ATCO I-Tek Enter Into Long-Term Contract" prepared by ATCO I-Tek and Direct Energy

Sessional Paper 289/2004

Letter dated April 29, 2004, from Colleen Smith, Tri Parish Peace and Justice Ministry, St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Churches, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing support for an increase in the minimum wage and requesting Mr. Hancock's opinion concerning an increase in the minimum wage

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Letter dated April 27, 2004, from Aline McMillan, Chairman, Social Justice Ministry, St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Churches, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Legislative Assembly to increase the minimum wage

Sessional Paper 291/2004

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

May Week web site calendar for May Week events, April 28 to May 9, 2004
Sessional Paper 292/2004

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document dated April 26, 2004, concerning cancer treatment for adults prepared by Colleen Babiuk-Ilkiw of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 293/2004

Letter dated April 29, 2004, from Diane Oxenford of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding preparations for Alberta's centennial celebrations as they relate to the grounds surrounding the Legislature Building and the historical significance of Rossdale Flats

Sessional Paper 294/2004

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 2003

Sessional Paper 295/2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

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:

MR45. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A breakdown of the number of acute care beds per 1,000 people for each Regional Health Authority.

MR49. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Any and all contracts and Memoranda of Understanding between the Calgary Health Region and Anglo Canadian Clinics regarding the transfer of any doctors, nurses, licensed practical nurses, technicians or any other employees of the Calgary Health Region to the United Kingdom.

MR79. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

All activities, meetings, and events the Minister of Community Development partook in during his trip to India between January 11, 2004 and January 21, 2004 inclusive, broken down by his itinerary for each day.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR58. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All reports or documents dealing with the consultation process with Albertans over the creation of a single trial court.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All *public reports and consultation papers* dealing with the consultation process with Albertans over the creation of a single trial court.

MR80. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of seniors who applied to the Ministry and Department of Seniors for financial assistance due to rising utility bills in fiscal year 2002-2003, broken down by how many were given assistance and the range of amounts each received.

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of seniors who applied to the Ministry and Department of Seniors for financial assistance due to rising utility bills in 2003, broken down by how many were given assistance and the range of amounts each received.

MR81. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total television, radio, billboard, and print media advertising budget, broken down by each advertising campaign for each Ministry and the Public Affairs Bureau, for fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004.

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total advertising *costs incurred by Government Departments, broken down by each department*, for fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR40. 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 Environment.

MR41. 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 Economic Development.

MR42. 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 and all Assistant Deputy Ministers for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

MR44. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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

MR46. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total number of staff in the Public Affairs Bureau broken down by job title, job description, salary and bonus range for each position.

MR47. Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Aspen 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.

- MR48.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Capital Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR52.** Moved by Ms Carlson:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for the Executive Council.
- MR53.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total costs associated with the establishment of electronic health records for each Regional Health Authority, broken down by costs associated with implementation, dissemination of information, equipment costs, and conversion of hard copy records to electronic format.
- MR55.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Palliser Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR56.** Moved by Ms Blakeman 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 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR57.** Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Peace Country Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR59.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the David Thompson 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.

- MR60.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount spent by the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR61.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Government Services on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR62.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Energy on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR64.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Calgary Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR66.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Human Resources and Employment over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of and amount paid to each official.
- MR69.** Moved by Dr. Massey on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Government Services over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of and amount paid to each official.
- MR70.** Moved by Ms Blakeman:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Seniors on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

MR71. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

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

MR72. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

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

MR73. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

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

MR75. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any and all accounting statements in the possession of the Government regarding the use of monies by Horse Racing Alberta collected and distributed for the Racing Industry Renewal in Alberta.

MR78. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The total dollar amount spent by the Northern Lights 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.

MR82. Moved by Mr. Mason on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Department of Environment's mandate for Watershed Stewardship Groups (WSGs) and any other documents indicating the timeline for establishing WSGs, their terms of reference, criteria for membership, the process of becoming a member, what recruitment efforts will be undertaken, and on what basis funding will be provided to these WSGs.

MR83. Moved by Mr. Mason on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any documents from the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and April 1, 2003 to February 24, 2004, indicating the terms of reference for any review of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program, the membership of the committee undertaking such a review, and a list of the groups and individuals who were consulted.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Blood Samples Act — Mr. Lukaszuk

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Canada Pension Plan Credits Statutes Amendment Act, 2004— Ms Kryczka
Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment agreed to by Committee of the Whole on April 26, 2004, for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 203 (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-West on April 26, 2004) — Agreed to

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Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hlady

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

Adjournment

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

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. McFarland:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the legal drinking age in Alberta to 19 as is the current requirement in the neighbouring Provinces of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 School Amendment Act, 2004 — Rev. Abbott

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

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

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:

Bill 28 Feeder Associations Guarantee Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 29 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

The following Bill was reported with an amendment:

Bill Pr4 Northwest Bible College Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

Mr. Maskell, 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 Pr4 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Agreed to

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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

