



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, May 11, 2004

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Medicine Hat Tigers hockey team on winning their first Western Hockey League Championship.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the dedication and hard work of the Alberta Youth Advisory Panel.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding revenues from international sources.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding the twinning of Highway 4 near Milk River.

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 689 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.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 90 Albertans requesting the Government invest a portion of the multi-billion dollar budget surplus to properly fund education, thereby avoiding layoffs of teachers and staff, ballooning class sizes, program cuts, and closure of schools.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Alberta's Promise Partners' Report dated 2003, entitled "Keeping Promises"  
Sessional Paper 337/2004

Letter dated May 11, 2004, from Lynn Jerchel, Director, Service Support, Alberta Children's Services, to Today's Parent magazine in response to the Child Care Report Card published in the May 2004 issue of Today's Parent  
Sessional Paper 338/2004

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on April 20, 2004, Department of Children's Services, 2004-05 Committee of Supply debate  
Sessional Paper 339/2004

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Summary dated May 11, 2004, of expenses for the official party on the Premier's mission to India and Hong Kong, January 10-21, 2004, prepared by Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations  
Sessional Paper 340/2004

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Seniors:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR80, asked for by Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman on May 3, 2004:

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  
Sessional Paper 341/2004

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

Letter dated March 22, 2004, from Preston Parks of Red Deer to Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, with 249 attached recent letters signed by Albertans requesting the reinstatement of all seniors' benefits removed by the Government in 1993/94

Sessional Paper 342/2004

Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, undated, entitled “The Influence of the Social Pricing of Insurance on Road Safety in British Columbia” prepared by the Insurance Bureau of Canada  
Sessional Paper 343/2004

Report, undated, entitled “The Reality of Government-run Auto Insurance” prepared by the Insurance Bureau of Canada  
Sessional Paper 344/2004

E-mail message dated September 4, 2004, from Suzanne Walters, Director of Communications, Fraser Institute, to Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, attaching the text of a media release dated September 4, 2003, entitled “Public Auto Insurance Causes More Deaths and Damage According to New Study” prepared by the Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 345/2004

Text of a National Post article dated October 22, 2003, entitled “Private insurance saves lives”

Sessional Paper 346/2004

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

Report dated March 10, 2001, entitled “Milk River Hwy 4 Alternate Routes Survey” prepared by Peter McCormick, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 347/2004

Copy of a petition signed by 700 Albertans urging the Government to chose an easterly Milk River Highway 4 bypass route and abandon the west bypass plan

Sessional Paper 348/2004

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

Copy of a brochure, undated, entitled “National Day of Healing and Reconciliation” listing events to be held at Edmonton City Hall on May 25, 2004

Sessional Paper 349/2004

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

18 recent letters signed by grade 5 students of Rundle School requesting assistance from Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to introduce legislation requiring the use of seat belts in school buses

Sessional Paper 350/2004

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation, 2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 351/2004

Report entitled "General Revenue Fund, Details of Grants, Supplies and Services,  
Capital Assets and Other, by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 2003"  
Sessional Paper 352/2004

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the Alberta Official Song Act (section 8(1)), the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Alberta Official Song Committee, tabled by the Minister of Community Development in the Assembly May 6, 2004, and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that a composition entitled "Alberta" by Mary Kieftenbeld of Rivière Qui Barre, Alberta, be proclaimed as the Official Song for Alberta in conjunction with the Province's celebration of its Centennial Year, 2005.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

A debate followed.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Appropriation Act, 2004, be not now read a Second time because the Bill does not adequately provide for the following: a reduction in classroom sizes, comprehensive health care benefits for seniors, and relief for utility customers.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 32 Appropriation Act, 2004 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

### **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 31 Highways Development and Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 33 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 34 Income Trusts Liability Act — Mr. Hlady

Bill 35 Companies Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Hutton

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 1:30 p.m, Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 11, 2004