



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 11

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Monday, March 21, 2005

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

### **Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on March 21, 1930, the Floral Emblem Act was assented to, making the wild rose the official floral emblem of Alberta.

The Speaker then commented that on March 21, 1940, a general election was held in Alberta. Of 57 MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly) elected, 36 were Social Credit, 19 were Independents, one was Liberal, and one was Labour. There were 309,000 votes cast province-wide.

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2005

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Brendan Thomas Bellingham of Calgary, recipient of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Parents Empowering Parents (PEP), a support group for parents whose minor children are abusing alcohol and drugs

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace: Recent consolidation of NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) and Fairview College and its inaugural graduation ceremony held March 12, 2005

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont: Lord Beaverbrook Lords basketball team on winning the Alberta 4A high school basketball championships

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2005

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2005

## **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Brown, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Albert F. Holthuis, Marvin W. Phillips, Edward G. Latvala, Werner Scheidler, Brenda Caston, Richard Hester, and John Davis for the Bow Valley Community Foundation Act;

of Camrose Lutheran College Corporation for the Camrose Lutheran College Corporation Act;

of Rodney A. Wutch, Kathy Mandeville, Walter Sauve, Fred Weinheimer, and Michael R. Christie for the Medicine Hat Community Foundation Amendment Act, 2005;

of Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega, an infant, by her legal guardian and father, Douglas George Rewega, for the Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act.

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit the importation of temporary foreign workers in oil sands facilities and on pipelines until several Albertan and Canadian groups have been accessed.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 259 Albertans requesting the Government institute a fair and equitable minimum floor price for cattle.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 34 Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association, 2003 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 172/2005

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report  
2003-2004  
Sessional Paper 173/2005

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 5, 2005, from Peter Verchomin of Edmonton to Sirs expressing concern regarding royalties paid on natural gas in the production of nitrogen fertilizers and requesting a 50% rebate on the royalties  
Sessional Paper 174/2005

Letter dated February 24, 2005, from Ami Brodribb of Edmonton to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding a lack of midwifery funding by Alberta Health Care  
Sessional Paper 175/2005

Letter dated January 4, 2005, from Gracie Seto of Calgary to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting an increase in AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) funding  
Sessional Paper 176/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Letter dated March 21, 2005, from Denise Toppman of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the proposed closure of Strathearn School  
Sessional Paper 177/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 14, 2005, from William Becze, co-producer, 775 990 Alberta Ltd., to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding perceived inequities in the marketing of videos produced in Alberta  
Sessional Paper 178/2005

Document, undated, entitled "Caring for our seniors needs to be a priority" prepared by Judy Brown  
Sessional Paper 179/2005

St. Albert Gazette website editorial dated February 2, 2005, entitled "We have a stake in safe injections"  
Sessional Paper 180/2005

E-mail message dated March 4, 2005, from Mary Talbot of Edmonton to Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requesting Mrs. Mather's support for Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act  
Sessional Paper 181/2005

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated March 16, 2005, from Mary Abel of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the project to widen Calgary's 16th Avenue and install an interchange between the Foothills Hospital and the new Alberta Children's Hospital, which is proceeding without any opportunity for community input  
Sessional Paper 182/2005

Letter dated March 16, 2005, from Sheila Donaldson of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, protesting the exclusion of community involvement and input regarding the development of the new Alberta Children's Hospital and resulting roadway infrastructure  
Sessional Paper 183/2005

E-mail message dated March 18, 2005, from Valerie and Doug Bonnyman of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, objecting to the construction of an interchange to accommodate the new Alberta Children's Hospital that would result in the destruction of community reserve lands  
Sessional Paper 184/2005

Letter dated March 17, 2005, from Don Smith to Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requesting Dr. Swann urge the Government to consult with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation when considering names for provincial parks and protected areas  
Sessional Paper 185/2005

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

St. Albert Gazette article dated October 30, 2004, entitled "St. Albert firefighters train for meth lab fire" prepared by Peter Boer  
Sessional Paper 186/2005

Document, undated, entitled “Building knowledge resources, A Case for Investment” prepared by the University of Alberta Board of Governors  
Sessional Paper 187/2005

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

CNN website article, undated, entitled “Enron paid hefty bonuses before bankruptcy”

Sessional Paper 188/2005

Letter dated March 21, 2005, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Marlene Bruyere, Alberta Energy FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) Manager, responding to Ms Bruyere’s letter regarding the fees to be charged to access records pertaining to the Department of Energy and Enron Canada Corporation and its affiliates

Sessional Paper 189/2005

Transcript of a telephone conversation, undated, between a TransAlta employee and an Enron employee

Sessional Paper 190/2005

Report dated September 2003, entitled “Markets and Strategic Initiatives” prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator

Sessional Paper 191/2005

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

E-mail message dated March 17, 2005, from Shannon Critchley of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the closure of the laboratory in Edmonton offering forensic services by the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police)

Sessional Paper 192/2005

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document dated February 21, 2005, entitled “Parental Challenges with a Drug Addicted Child” prepared by Chris Uttley

Sessional Paper 193/2005

St. Albert Gazette editorial dated October 16, 2004, unsigned, entitled “Treatment centres needed to help kids get off meth”

Sessional Paper 194/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated March 11, 2005, from Christine Rogers of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing conditional support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 505 regarding fine arts requirements in high school, subject to the commitment of appropriate funding and resources to successfully implement the requirement

Sessional Paper 195/2005

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Edmonton Journal website article dated January 7, 2005, entitled "Battling drugs" prepared by Jac MacDonald

Sessional Paper 196/2005

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

St. Albert Gazette website article dated March 5, 2005, entitled "Addiction bill finds MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) support" prepared by Mark Wells

Sessional Paper 197/2005

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Letter dated March 8, 2005, from Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, confirming commitments made at a meeting between Hon. Mr. Stevens and Ms Marks on March 4, 2005, regarding certain aspects of Bill 45, Family Law Act

Sessional Paper 198/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 3, 2005, from Ron Watt, President, Southern Alberta Bowhunters Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding an interim harvesting agreement recently granted to the Métis Nation of Alberta by the Government

Sessional Paper 199/2005

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23.

## Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26.

## Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act — Mrs. Jablonski

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Agnihotri:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate fees for library cards in all public libraries in tribute to the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole to honour her belief in the importance of literacy and the principle that access to libraries should be free for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 12

Agnihotri	Eggen	Miller (Edmonton-Glenora)
Backs	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Bonko	MacDonald	Pastoor
Chase	Mather	Swann

Against the motion: 28

Boutilier	Groeneveld	Mitzel
Brown	Haley	Oberg
Calahasen	Jablonski	Ouellette
Cao	Johnson	Prins
Cardinal	Knight	Rogers
Danyluk	Lindsay	Snelgrove
DeLong	Magnus	Stevens
Doerksen	Mar	Strang
Goudreau	Melchin	Webber
Griffiths		

**503.** Moved by Mr. Knight:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of increasing the value of the Alberta Ingenuity Fund to \$1 billion over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years.

A debate followed.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

- Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

### **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 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar



## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 23 Administrative Procedures Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

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

Bill 25 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Hon. Mr. Stevens 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 17 Agrolology Profession Act — Mr. Danyluk

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 21, 2005