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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, March 23, 2005

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1937, the Late Honourable Colonel John Campbell Bowen was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. He was the 6th Lieutenant Governor of Alberta and served from March 23, 1937 to February 1, 1950.

**Recognitions**

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain: Jennifer Heil of Spruce Grove on winning a gold medal in dual moguls at the World Freestyle Skiing Championships recently held in Finland

Mr. Griffiths, Hon. Member for Battle-River Wainwright: Mohammed El Mais of Calgary on winning the 2005 Calgary Herald CanWest CanSpell Regional Championship and runner-up Matthew Fergul

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Boston Pizza Royals Pee Wee AA hockey team on winning the provincial championship and the Foremost High School Falcons basketball team on winning the 1A provincial championship

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon: Curler Kevin Martin and his team on winning the Canada Cup

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

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore: Justin Yaassoub of Edmonton, recipient of a 2005 Great Kids Award

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Global Day of Action, March 19, 2005

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 104 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. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 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. 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.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

News release dated March 23, 2005, entitled “Insurers file reduced premiums with Auto Insurance Rate Board, Board favours voluntary approach over mandatory reduction” prepared by the Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board  
Sessional Paper 218/2005

Report on Premium Redundancy dated February 2005, prepared by the Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board  
Sessional Paper 219/2005

Press release dated March 23, 2005, entitled “Response of the Part-Time Commissioners to the two March 23, 2005 National Post Articles authored by Theresa Tedesco” prepared by Alan D. Hunter, Q.C., Code Hunter LLP  
Sessional Paper 220/2005

Letter dated January 12, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Members of the Alberta Securities Commission regarding allegations surrounding the conduct of the Chair and Executive Director of the Commission  
Sessional Paper 221/2005

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre during Oral Question Period on March 22, 2005  
Sessional Paper 222/2005

Hon. Mr. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-6, s24(3), Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-16, s38(3), Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-18, s46(3), and Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Manager’s Report, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, with attached Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004  
Sessional Paper 223/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2003-2004  
Sessional Paper 224/2005

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Document dated March 16, 2005, entitled “House Leader Agreement, 26th Legislature” concerning the Daily Routine and Private Members’ Business  
Sessional Paper 225/2005

## **Unanimous Consent - House Leaders' Agreement**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to the provisions contained in the House Leaders' Agreement dated March 16, 2005, pertaining to Members' Statements, Recognitions, and Motions Other Than Government Motions.

The Speaker directed that a copy of the House Leaders' Agreement be provided to all Members before unanimous consent would be considered.

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Memorandum of Understanding, undated, between Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and Alberta Learning, regarding the entry of temporary foreign workers for projects in the Alberta oil sands

Sessional Paper 226/2005

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Article dated March 7, 2005, entitled "Did Don Hill ruffle feathers in Alberta with discussions about gay rights, electrical de-regulation?" prepared by Penney Kome

Sessional Paper 227/2005

Letter, undated, from Bev Muendel-Atherstone to Fellow CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) Radio avid listeners, concerning Don Hill, former CBC radio host of the Wild Rose Forum

Sessional Paper 228/2005

E-mail message dated March 17, 2005, with associated attachment, from Bob Ware and Diana Hodson to Shannon Phillips concerning Don Hill, former CBC radio host of the Wild Rose Forum

Sessional Paper 229/2005

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

3 e-mail messages from Kate Reed, M.D., C.C.F.P., Lois Kelly, and Linda McGeachy, to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, 1 e-mail message from Rob Virgil of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and 1 e-mail message from Garry Dewar to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, all urging the Government to support a total smoking ban in all public places

Sessional Paper 230/2005

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

Letter dated January 25, 2005, from Gloria Spooner, teacher assistant, Ellerslie Campus North, to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding a perceived lack of coordination surrounding the distribution of information and equipment resources for students with special needs

Sessional Paper 231/2005

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated February 25, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Dennis Tychkowsky of Redwater in response to Mr. Tychkowsky's letter concerning the temporary foreign worker program

Sessional Paper 232/2005

4 letters from Jason Terry, Derrick Fisher, Pierce M. Edmunds, and James Wade, to Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 233/2005

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

Document dated November 2000, entitled "Enron Wholesale Services - Legal Department, Monthly Report, Significant Transactions/Matters"

Sessional Paper 234/2005

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 16 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Miller speaking.

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

Bill 13 Railway (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 14 Student Financial Assistance Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

(Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

Moved by Mr. Lukaszuk and seconded by Mrs. Ady:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

## **Government Motions**

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 20 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Ducharme

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Alberta Centennial Medal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar

### **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 Bills were reported:

Bill 3 City of Lloydminster Act — Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 4 Alberta Science and Research Authority Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Doerksen

Bill 7 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 13 Railway (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 18 Alberta Order of Excellence Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Rogers

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Family Law Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Mr. Webber, 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 5 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —  
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 235/2005

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 19 Securities Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Knight

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

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon.  
Mrs. McClellan

Bill 30 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 23, 2005