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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, April 11, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2005 Men's World Curling Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on April 10, 2005.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the value of education and the Alberta 2005 Excellence in Teaching Awards nominees and finalists.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Pride Rainbow Project initiated by the Unitarian Church of Calgary with the objective of showing support for same-sex marriage in Canada and around the world.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the Progressive Conservative Association Annual General Meeting held April 8-10, 2005 in Edmonton and the delegates from the Peace River constituency.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Randy Ferbey, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, and Dan Holowaychuk on winning the 2005 Men's World Curling Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on April 10, 2005.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Dorothy Pacquette who recently walked from Fort McMurray to Edmonton to draw attention to the issues of aboriginal and youth training, and the accessibility of other Canadians to jobs in the oil sands.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1950, His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor and Wallace the Duchess of Windsor arrived in Calgary, and among the visits that they made were to Alberta's first legion branch, the Calgary Number 1 Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Interestingly enough, His Royal Highness had turned the sod for the legion building in 1919, 31 years prior to his return in 1950.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 522 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, 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. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 117 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.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 405 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to allow parents the authority to place their children into mandatory drug treatment and fund urgently required drug use treatment centres.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 87 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 Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Executive Summary dated March 2005, entitled “No more time to wait, Toward benchmarks and best practices in wait-time management, An interim report” prepared by the Wait Time Alliance for Timely Access to Health Care

Sessional Paper 296/2005

News release dated June 30, 2004, entitled “Health renewal strategy improves access and quality now, looks to the future” and backgrounder dated June 30, 2004, entitled “Health Authority Funding Allocations,” both prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 297/2005

News release dated April 8, 2005, entitled “Alberta introduces better access to hip and knee replacements” and backgrounder dated April 8, 2005, entitled “Alberta hip and knee replacement project,” both prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 298/2005

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

Copy of a brochure, undated, entitled “Protect yourself from volatile energy rates -choose a Fixed Price energy plan today!” prepared by Direct Energy

Sessional Paper 299/2005

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

E-mail message dated March 18, 2005, from William and Norma Crooks of Calgary to Members of the Legislative Assembly protesting the exclusion of community involvement and input regarding the development of the new Alberta Children’s Hospital, the resulting roadway infrastructure, and the negative impact on the community’s reserve land

Sessional Paper 300/2005

Letter dated March 22, 2005, from Mary Abel 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, the resulting roadway infrastructure, and the negative impact on the community’s park land

Sessional Paper 301/2005

Report dated March 2005, entitled “Flawed, Failed, Abandoned, 100 P3s, Canadian and International Evidence” prepared by Natalie Mehra, Ontario Health Coalition

Sessional Paper 302/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Report dated March 2005, entitled “Violence and Abuse in Alberta’s Nursing Home Sector: A Serious Public Health Issue” prepared by Bev McKay, Founder, FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare) for submission to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 303/2005

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 11, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Randy Ferbey congratulating Mr. Ferbey and his team members, Dave Nedohin, Scott Pfeifer, Marcel Rocque, Dan Holowaychuk, and Coach Brian Moore on winning the 2005 Men’s World Curling Championship in Victoria, British Columbia on April 10, 2005

Sessional Paper 304/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ5. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Which reports, consultation groups, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that \$55 million is the total amount needed to fully fund the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services on April 1, 2005?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

How much money is being spent on leasing accommodation for the Alberta representative in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of student loan defaults, broken down by the last post-secondary institution or private vocational school attended by the student?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total number of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the motion: 40

Cao	Jablonski	Morton
Cardinal	Johnson	Oberle
Cenaiko	Johnston	Ouellette
Coutts	Knight	Pham
Danyluk	Liepert	Prins
Ducharme	Lougheed	Rodney
Evans	Lund	Snelgrove
Forsyth	Magnus	Stevens
Graydon	Mar	Strang
Griffiths	Marz	Tarchuk
Groeneveld	McFarland	Taylor
Hancock	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	Webber
Herard	Mitzel	Zwozdesky
Horner		

Against the motion: 7

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Pannu
Bonko	Martin	Swann
Eggen		

WQ2. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total dollar value of student loan defaults, broken down by the last post-secondary institution or private vocational school attended by the student?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

WQ3. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of students who received student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by institution?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of students who received *Alberta* student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector attended by the student*?

WQ4. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of student loans received by students in Alberta, broken down by post-secondary institution or private vocational school attended by the student?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loans received by students *while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school* in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector* attended by the student?

WQ9. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

What is the breakdown of the total dollar value of cash, medical, and other benefits provided monthly to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients in 2003-04 by the Government?

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the total dollar value of cash *and health* benefits provided monthly to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients in 2003-04 by the Government?

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments provided to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions, broken down by institution, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions, broken down by *sector*, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

WQ11. Moved by Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments provided to students attending private, for-profit educational or training institutions, broken down by institution, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending *the* private *vocational school sector* in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ7. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Of the total number of coalbed methane wells drilled in Alberta in 2004, how many produced either saline or non-saline water?

WQ8. Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Miller:

Of the Albertans who received an automobile insurance rebate between October 1, 2004 and February 28, 2005, what percentage of these received less than \$50?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 11

Agnihotri	Elsalhy	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)
Backs	MacDonald	Swann
Bonko	Mason	Taylor
Eggen	Mather	

Against the motion: 32

Ady	Horner	Morton
Cao	Johnston	Oberle
Cardinal	Knight	Ouellette
Coutts	Liepert	Pham
Evans	Lougheed	Prins
Forsyth	Lund	Snelgrove
Fritz	Magnus	Stevens
Graydon	Mar	Tarchuk
Griffiths	Marz	Webber
Groeneveld	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Mitzel	

Unanimous Consent

Following consideration of Written Question WQ4, Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move to consideration of Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the P2406 Sour Gas Blowout Ignition Study, or a copy of the most recent draft of the study, prepared by the Bercha Group of Calgary for the Department of Energy.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR2. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

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

A copy of the Ministerial Order authorizing the University of Phoenix to operate in Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

Copies of the letters of approval authorizing the University of Phoenix to *offer specific degree programs* in Alberta.

MR3. Moved by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu:

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

A copy of all documents including, but not limited to, memos, faxes, reports, letters, applications, and responses related to the approval of the University of Phoenix to operate as a post-secondary institution in Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

A copy of all documents *relied upon by the Government of Alberta* including, but not limited to, memos, faxes, reports, letters, applications, and responses *in approving* the University of Phoenix to *offer specific degree programs* in Alberta.

MR11. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

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

A breakdown of the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development's business expenses including, but not limited to, airfare, food, accommodation, and conference fees from February 18, 2003 to November 22, 2004.

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

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

A breakdown of the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development's business expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

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

A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-2004 issued to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR13. Moved by Mr. Bonko:

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

A copy of all monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2003-2004 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource 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 categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR5. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

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

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill coalbed methane wells that were denied by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR6. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

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

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill coalbed methane wells that were approved by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR7. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, contracts, proposals, memos, and reports (including interim reports) relating to the P2406 Sour Gas Blowout Ignition Study in the possession of the Ministry of Energy prepared by the Bercha Group of Calgary.

MR9. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill critical gas wells that were denied by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

MR10. Moved by Mr. Eggen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, a list of applications to drill critical gas wells that were approved by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Dr. Swann:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a royalty reduction program to provide incentives for industry to develop new technologies for cleaner energy.

A debate followed.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved the motion be amended by striking out “to implement a royalty reduction program”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

A debate followed.

Ms Pastoor moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 36 Police Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Evans moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

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

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

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 8 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Groeneveld

Mr. Mitzel, 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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) —
Defeated

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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:16 p.m. until Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 11, 2005