



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 21

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

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Wednesday, April 13, 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 a celebration held on April 9, 2005 in Bonnyville to honour Victor Ringuette, philanthropist and owner of B and R Eckel's Transport Limited for 40 years.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Alberta Restaurant and Foodservices Association's 2005 ARFEX trade exhibition held April 12-13, 2005 in Edmonton.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding La Ronde Restaurant's first Braille menu presented at the Alberta Restaurant and Foodservices Association's annual general meeting held on April 12, 2005 at La Ronde Restaurant.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding two historical projects recently completed by the City of Edmonton Archives.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement urging the Legislative Assembly to support Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, presented a petition from 379 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.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 105 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 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Magnus

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Committee of Supply Calendar for the 1st Session of the 26th Legislature, Spring 2005

Sessional Paper 315/2005

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

Excerpt from a report dated 2004, entitled “Ontario Education, Excellence for All” outlining school closure guidelines

Sessional Paper 316/2005

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

2 letters, the first dated March 4, 2005 and the second dated March 13, 2005, both from Hughena Grainger of Gibbons to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concern regarding the condition of several parts of Highway 28

Sessional Paper 317/2005

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

Report dated April 11, 2005, entitled "Response to Edmonton Public School Board Conduct Report, Edmonton Public School Board Recommendations Report" prepared by the Strathearn Elementary and Junior High School Parent Advisory Association and the Strathearn Community League

Sessional Paper 318/2005

## **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:54 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005 — 3:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Budget Address**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (Members standing).

### **Government Motions**

**18.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Messages from His Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2005-06 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, the 2005-06 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, fiscal and business plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Prior to moving Government Motion 19, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4:

2005-06 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates  
Sessional Paper 319/2005

2005-06 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates  
Sessional Paper 320/2005

Budget 2005 Fiscal Plan  
Sessional Paper 321/2005

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 2005 Business Plans

Sessional Paper 322/2005

19. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Dr. Taft moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 3:42 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Rev. Abbott reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

### **Support to the Legislative Assembly**

Expense	\$42,740,000
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### **Office of the Auditor General**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$18,304,000
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### **Office of the Ombudsman**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,237,000
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### **Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Expense	\$2,497,000
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**Office of the Ethics Commissioner**

Expense \$419,000

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Expense \$4,336,000

**Restructuring and Government Efficiency**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$258,071,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 13, 2005