



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, April 18, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 18, 1966, an Act Respecting the Establishment and Operation of Mount Royal Junior College, received Royal Assent and noted that this institution has played a role in educating thousands of graduates, including our Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding AADAC's (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) youth drug treatment programs.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding northern Alberta's contribution to the economy.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the Centennial Hockey Challenge held on April 14, 2005 in Lloydminster between Alberta and Saskatchewan junior A hockey players.

Mr. Mitzel, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding National Organ Donor Awareness Week, April 17-24, 2005.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding 17 year old Caroline Mouris of Edmonton who was recently awarded a four-year scholarship at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding proposed school closures in Edmonton and many rural communities.

Presenting Petitions

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.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, 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.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 3,400 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to enhance the quality of care for residents in long-term care and continuing care facilities.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 2005 —
Hon. Mrs. Fritz

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Justice Canada website article entitled “The Top 15 on 15” providing an overview of Supreme Court of Canada cases related to section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Sessional Paper 333/2005

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

Letter dated March 4, 2005, from Cheryl Applewhaite of Edmonton to Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, expressing support for a total smoking ban in Alberta work places

Sessional Paper 334/2005

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

4 recent e-mail messages from Ian Kopp and Jolin Fisher, both of Wetaskiwin, Bryan Martin of Hinton, and Richard Duquette of Drayton Valley, and 3 recent letters from Duane Radford, Aden Stewart of Calgary, and Frederich Kegel of Edmonton, all unsigned, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, the Métis Interim Harvesting Agreement recently granted by the Government

Sessional Paper 335/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated February 19, 2005, from Gary McCormick of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 336/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ17. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

How much money has been spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on hosting expenses in the fiscal years 1996-97 through 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by function and year?

WQ19. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

What measures has the Government taken to ensure that reforestation timelines are being met by timber harvesting companies?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ14. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school fees, broken down by school board and by fee type for the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

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

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school fees, broken down by school board and by fee type for the *school* years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ20. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar amount of student loans provided to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

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

What is the dollar amount of student loans *issued* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ21. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What is the dollar amount of student loans provided to students attending private for-profit educational or training institutions in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

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

What is the dollar amount of student loans *issued* to students attending private *vocational schools* in Alberta under the Alberta Student Loan Program in each of the fiscal years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ12. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

How much money has the Ministry and Department of Economic Development spent on trade shows in the fiscal years 1992-93 through 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ13. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

How much money has the Ministry and Department of Economic Development spent on trade missions in the fiscal years 1992-93 through 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by mission and year?

WQ15. Moved by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school-based fundraising initiatives, broken down by school for the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

WQ16. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total did the Ministry and Department of Energy spend on communications contracts in the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by organization?

WQ18. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

What measures has the Ministry of Innovation and Science taken to improve the information technology security awareness of Government employees as recommended in the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report?

WQ22. Moved by Mr. Miller:

What was the total amount paid to the Premier's former Chief of Staff, Mr. Peter Elzinga, in each of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 fiscal years, broken down according to salary, allowances, bonuses, and severance pay?

WQ23. Moved by Mr. Miller:

What is the total maximum amount scheduled to be paid to the Premier's current Chief of Staff, Mr. Rod Love, for each year of the current contract, broken down according to salary, allowances, bonuses, and severance pay?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR19. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any documents from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2002-2003 referring to the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services from municipalities on April 1, 2005.

MR21. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all cost-benefit analyses for the newly-established Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

MR22. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the detailed budget breakdown for the Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the Minister of Municipal Affairs' 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. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, 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 Municipal Affairs' expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

MR15. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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 2003-04 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, 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 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

MR16. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

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 Municipal Affairs and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, 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 Municipal Affairs and the Minister's Executive Assistant.

MR17. Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

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 2003-04 issued to the Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Learning.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, 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 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Learning.

MR18. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

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 2003-04 issued to the Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Innovation and Science.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, 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 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Innovation and Science.

MR20. Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including but not limited to, budget, business, and operational plans related to the establishment of an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of *the* budget, business, and operational plans related to the establishment of an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

MR23. Moved by Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all submissions to the Renewing AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Committee between August 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004.

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A summary of all submissions to the *MLA committee reviewing the AISH* (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) *program* between *September 28, 2004 and January 31, 2005*.

Debate on the following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR24. Moved by Mr. Backs:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any and all documents pertaining to the June 2004 Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and the Federal Government regarding foreign temporary workers.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Backs speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR24 (debate adjourned), MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Herard:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the benefits of requiring five credits in Fine Arts as a condition for high school graduation in the Province.

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr. Brown 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 Department and purposes indicated:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$29,449,000
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 18, 2005