

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 24

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 19, 1916, Bill 2, an Act to Provide for Equal Suffrage, received Royal Assent in Alberta. The Bill gave women "absolute equality with and the same rights and privileges" as men. For the first time in Alberta and for the first time in what was then known as the Commonwealth, women were allowed to vote in provincial elections and hold provincial office. Since June 17, 1917, when the first two women, Roberta MacAdams and Louise McKinney were elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly, 56 women have served as Members of the Legislative Assembly including the 13 currently sitting as Members today.

Members' Statements

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding an Act to Provide for Equal Suffrage which received Royal Assent on April 19, 1916, and women's participation in Alberta politics.

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Youth Secretariat, established in 1999 to recognize the importance of youth in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Kodiaks junior A hockey team for winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship on April 18, 2005.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Province of Alberta as the top destination for Canadian migration.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, elected as Pope Benedict XVI of the Roman Catholic Church on April 19, 2005.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Ken Fearnley, former Chief Administrative Officer of the Greater Edmonton Foundation, who recently retired.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 428 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 108 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Petition signed by 1,350 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to enhance the quality of care for residents in long-term care and continuing care facilities

Sessional Paper 337/2005

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

E-mail message dated February 7, 2005, from Jay and Taryn (surnames struck out) to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 338/2005

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

News release dated April 15, 2005, entitled "New Coalition Asking for EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) to rescind Bulletin 2005-08 and Bulletin 2005-09" prepared by the Coalition for Alberta's Future

Sessional Paper 339/2005

Several photographs of Lubicon Crown land that has been cleared of trees Sessional Paper 340/2005 Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Invitation to a school closure summit workshop to be held on April 24, 2005 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 341/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

School at the Legislature participant package including the School at the Legislature Report Card 2003/2004

Sessional Paper 342/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 3 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Webber 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:

Advanced Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases \$1,582,176,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements \$117,400,000

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, it was agreed at 5:18 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Committee of Supply (Day 4 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed 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 Department and purposes indicated:

Seniors and Community Supports

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases

\$1,582,528,000

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Renner

Second Reading

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

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

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

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Access to the Future Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Rev. Abbott, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (introduced by Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on April 12, 2005) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 343/2005

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 344/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Renner, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:49 p.m. until Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 19, 2005