



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 26

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, April 21, 2005

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, made a statement regarding a donation on April 20, 2005 from Sandy and Cécile Mactaggart of over 700 rare Chinese artifacts, valued at \$37 million, to the University of Alberta, which will serve as the foundation for the University of Alberta's new centre for Chinese studies.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 24-30, 2005, with this year's theme being Public Education: Proud Legacy, Inspired Future.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding a joint declaration of cooperation between the City of Leduc, Leduc County, and the City of Grimma, Germany.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Children's Miracle Network Radiothon held April 20-22, 2005 to raise funds for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and the efforts of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the cooperation of the Assembly in allowing Bill 202, Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act, to pass Third Reading on April 14, 2005.

Mrs. Mather, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding democratic renewal.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding two high school girls' basketball teams, the Raymond Comets who won the 4A provincial championship last month and the Cardston Lady Cougars who recently won the 3A provincial championship.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, 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. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 106 Albertans urging the Government to declare the grizzly bear an endangered species in accordance with recommendations made by the Endangered Species Conservation Committee, scientists, and other wildlife experts.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Monday, April 25, 2005:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR24, MR25, MR26.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Letter dated March 30, 2005, from Melanie Anderson, President, Calgary Local Council of Women, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, expressing concern regarding the Government's recent announcement to raise the minimum wage to \$7 per hour and requesting it be increased further to \$9 per hour

Sessional Paper 350/2005

Mr. Bonko, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Letter dated June 25, 2005, from Brian Bietz, Ph.D., P.Biol., Board Member, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, unsigned, to all oil, gas, oil sands, and pipeline operators regarding construction of a well site prior to the issuance of a well licence

Sessional Paper 351/2005

Blank Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Well Licence Application

Sessional Paper 352/2005

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

Document, dated March 19, 2005, entitled "Is your public school at risk?" listing several schools meeting the Edmonton Public School Board's criteria for consideration of closure

Sessional Paper 353/2005

Notice of an amendment to Bill 201, Smoke-free Places Act, dated April 11, 2005, signed by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar

Sessional Paper 354/2005

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

Alberta Human Resources and Employment website article dated March 2005, entitled "Labour Force Statistics"

Sessional Paper 355/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5):

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003
Sessional Paper 356/2005

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report, January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004
Sessional Paper 357/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation:

Aircraft charter documents, April 2001 - December 2004

Sessional Paper 358/2005

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 25 to April 28, 2005:

Monday, April 25	9:00 p.m.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 8 of 24)
		Economic Development
		Second Reading
		Bill 35
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 37
		Third Reading
		Bill 5
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, April 26	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 9 of 24)
		Environment
		And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates (Day 10 of 24)
		Children's Services
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 1

			<p>Second Reading Bill 29, 36 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, April 27	Aft.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 11 of 24) Infrastructure and Transportation And as per the Order Paper</p>
	Eve.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 12 of 24) Executive Council</p>
			<p>Third Reading Bill 37</p>
			<p>Committee of the Whole Bill 15, 16 And as per the Order Paper</p>
Thursday, April 28	Aft.	-	<p>Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates (Day 13 of 24) Human Resources and Employment And as per the Order Paper</p>

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on April 21, 1971, two retiring Cabinet Ministers were made honorary life members of the Alberta Legislative Press Gallery. Provincial Treasurer and Member for Alexandra, Anders O. Aalborg and Minister of Mines and Minerals and Member for Lacombe, Allan Russell Patrick were awarded the memberships. Mr. Aalborg was a Cabinet Minister in the Social Credit Government from 1952 to 1971 and Mr. Patrick from 1955 to 1971.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 7 — 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 assumed the Chair and Mr. Danyluk 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:

Finance

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$123,381,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$69,651,000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until Monday, April 25, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 21, 2005