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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah), May 5, 2005.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom ha-Shoah), May 5, 2005.

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 Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to comment on the Ministerial 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.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 4, 1910, the Royal Canadian Navy was formed. Shortly thereafter, Albertans began to play important roles in this honourable institution. One example of our contribution to the Canadian naval tradition can be found right here in the capital city of Edmonton. In 1923, the White Ensign was run up the flag pole for the first time in Edmonton when a naval half-company was formed in the city. The group quickly established a reputation for excellence and in June 1939 they were honoured to be posted along the driveway of the Legislature Building during the Royal Procession of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. In 1960, they were the first naval division in Canada to win both the Naval Divisions Efficiency Trophy and the Barry German Trophy, for the most improved naval reserve division, in the same year. This naval reserve division remains active in Edmonton and continues to contribute to Alberta's proud military tradition.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding May being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the town of High River on reaching a population of 10,000 and celebrating its centennial in 2005.

Mr. Oberle, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding National Forest Week, May 1-7, 2005.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Alberta Scene taking place in Ottawa, Ontario from April 28 to May 10, 2005.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the theft of cattle from feedlots.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Ottewell Community Patrol.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Leah Halliday, Page of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement noting that Leah Halliday was performing her duties as a Page of the Legislative Assembly for the last time today after three years serving Members.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 684 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Speaker's Ruling - Tabling Returns and Reports

Honourable Members, yesterday, May 3, 2005, the Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar purported to table a handwritten note that he wrote to himself which seemed to be a comment on a petition presented by the Member for Edmonton-Manning.

When Members reviewed the Votes and Proceedings for yesterday, they may have noticed that the purported tabling was not entered. The fact that the Member did not provide five copies of the document as required by Standing Order 37(3) is enough reason not to include the tabling in the records of the Assembly.

However, while this Assembly is very permissive in what is allowed to be tabled, the Chair does not want to condone the tabling of messages to oneself about something done or said by another Member as a legitimate tabling. The Standing Orders were just amended in April to allow six Members up to two minutes each and every day in this Assembly to make Members' Statements. That is one avenue that could be pursued for Members who have a point to make.

Notes to oneself about what another Member did or said are not going to be allowed as legitimate tablings even if the correct number of copies are provided.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, on behalf of Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View:

Document, undated, outlining a variety of University of Calgary program and research initiatives

Sessional Paper 399/2005

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

Letter dated April 26, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated April 8, 2005 regarding the Closure of School Regulations

Sessional Paper 400/2005

Excerpt of unofficial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket #EL03-180-000 (page 5) regarding electricity price manipulation

Sessional Paper 401/2005

Excerpt of unofficial Federal Energy Regulatory Commission docket
#EL03-180-000 (page 197) regarding electricity price manipulation
Sessional Paper 402/2005

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

Letter dated March 23, 2005, from Lois Watson, Board Chair and Johnette Lemke, Board Trustee, both of the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, and Wouter Broersma, Local Communications Officer and Janice Storeslaw, Chair, Teacher-Board Advisory Committee, both of the Greater Black Gold Teachers' Local #8, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, requesting that local bargaining be maintained as the mode for determining collective agreements between school trustees and their teachers

Sessional Paper 403/2005

E-mail message dated April 28, 2005, from Norm Grenfield of Calgary to several Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding long-term care facilities

Sessional Paper 404/2005

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

Excerpt from the Integration of Midwifery Services Evaluation Project Final Report dated November 2004, prepared by the Alberta Association of Midwives and several regional health authorities

Sessional Paper 405/2005

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

News release, undated, entitled "New Wildlife Act needs to address understaffing, AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) president says" prepared by AUPE

Sessional Paper 406/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — 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. VanderBurg 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:

Education

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$2,726,068,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$1,000,000

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 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Rogers 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:

Gaming

Expense	\$169,187,000
Lottery Fund Payments	\$1,207,533,000

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 Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 31 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2005 — Rev. Abbott

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Goudreau, 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 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 407/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:33 p.m. until Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 4, 2005