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Thursday, May 5, 2005

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the 60th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day, May 8, 2005.

**Ceremony - VE (Victory in Europe) Day**

**Speaker's Statement**

Honourable Members, sixty years ago yesterday at 11:00 p.m., a signal from Canadian Army (Main) Headquarters in Europe was despatched. It read: "All operations cancelled forthwith. Cease fire 0800, 5 May 1945. All units stand fast until further orders."

After five long and bloody years the war in Europe was effectively over. The peace was signed three days later and victory in Europe was officially declared. Unfortunately, the conflict in the Far East was to continue until August 1945.

In the Members' and the Public Galleries today is a representative group of Alberta veterans of the Second World War. The flags above the Speaker's dais, the Red Ensign, the Royal Canadian Naval Ensign, and the Ensign of the Royal Canadian Air Force are those under which they served.

In the Speaker's Gallery are Honorary Colonel Stanley A. Milner, OC, AOE, CD, LLD, South Alberta Light Horse Regiment, Honorary Colonel Sandy Mactaggart, Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Mr. Robert Whitley, President, 700 (Edmonton) Wing, Air Force Association of Canada, Ms Lenore Schwabe, Vice-President, Alberta NWT Command, Royal Canadian Legion, Mr. Darryl MacLeod, President, Naval Officers Association, Honorary Colonel Bart West, 408 Helicopter Squadron, and Reverend Canon Tom McKnight, Past-President of the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans Association. May I ask all of these great Canadians to rise.

Honourable Members, ladies and gentlemen, at the Bar in the Chamber are three very distinguished Albertans. Each represents their former service. At my left is Commodore Doug Learoyd, Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve, who saw service in His Majesty's Canadian Ship Poundmaker on convoy duties in the North Atlantic in 1944 and 1945. In the centre is Captain Stu Lindop, South Alberta Regiment, Canadian Army, who was wounded by a sniper on October 12, 1944 at Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands. On my right, is Squadron Leader, Honourable Mr. Justice Sam Lieberman who, at age 18, in 1940, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He gained his wings in 1941. Subsequently he completed two operational tours, one in England and Gibraltar and the other in Aden in the Middle East with Number 8 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

In inviting these three distinguished gentlemen onto the floor of this Assembly, this House confers its heartfelt gratitude, admiration, and its deepest respect to all who served. It is the pleasure of this Assembly to now invite Squadron Leader Lieberman, on behalf of all of this province's veterans of the Second World War, to give his remarks.

**Hon. Mr. Justice Sam Lieberman - Address to the Assembly**

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on April 27, 2005, the Speaker invited Hon. Mr. Justice Sam Lieberman, Squadron Leader, Royal Canadian Air Force, to address the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, Commodore Learoyd, Captain Lindop, fellow veterans, thank you for granting me the privilege of addressing you on the occasion of your commemoration of this 60th anniversary of VE Day. It is indeed fitting that the year 2005, a year that has been designated and declared as the Year of the Veteran, be recognized in this manner.

I come before you as a proud veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force who today is beset with the mixed emotions of pride, humility, and sorrow, combined with a sense of satisfaction in our hard won victory, pride in having been given the privilege of addressing you on the eve of the 60th anniversary of VE Day on behalf of all those courageous Canadians who voluntarily and unselfishly volunteered to serve in the Allied forces in World War II, humility in the knowledge of my minuscule contribution to that great victory, and sorrow that so many paid the ultimate sacrifice in achieving that victory.

Great Britain's declaration of war on September 3, 1939 brought into sharp focus the threat to our way of life posed by the oppressive and tyrannical policies of the fascist European powers.

Our freedom-loving nation recognized that threat, and although not obligated by Commonwealth membership to do so, independently declared war on Nazi Germany on September 10, 1939.

We were then a nation of only 11 million, perhaps 12 million people, but in the ensuing five years over 1 million of our citizens, including 45,000 women and 3,000 members of our Aboriginal people, volunteered to serve in our armed forces. Tragically, 45,000 of those volunteers were killed and 55,000 were maimed or seriously injured.

Although the majority of the volunteers served in the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Army, or the Royal Canadian Air Force, the navies, armies, and air forces of our allies were replete with members of the Canadian armed services. Our citizen volunteers served in all theatres of the European and Pacific war, and following VE Day continued to serve in the Pacific theatre, where victory was achieved on August 14, 1945, VJ Day. I must also mention the Merchant Marine, that often ignored but highly important arm of the Allied Forces in which many Canadians gallantly served.

Those of our citizens who were not in the armed services kept the engines of industry producing those materials necessary to support our war effort. In the broad sense of the term they too are veterans and deserving of our thanks.

Mr. Speaker, in my opening remarks I referred to the emotion of sorrow. I shall always have a deep sense of sorrow and regret that so many lives were lost or maimed in achieving victory. I leave you with this sobering thought. It is the Allied victory in World War II to which our veterans contributed so much that has made it possible for us to live in freedom under the rule of law in a country governed by the principles of democracy. Your Assembly here today in this magnificent Chamber is proof that our veterans' sacrifices were not in vain. It is this fact that gives me satisfaction in so costly a victory.

Please join with me in paying tribute to all veterans who through the years have served our nation in two world wars, in Korea, and in peacekeeping missions throughout the world. How sad it is that so many of them did not live to see this day.

On behalf of all men and women of the Assembly and all men and women of the Province, the Speaker thanked Hon. Mr. Lieberman and all of his comrades.

Following Hon. Mr. Lieberman's address, the Assembly heard remarks from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Acting Premier, Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner.

To conclude, the Speaker asked all Members to give thanks to the men and women who so valiantly served the cause of freedom.

The Speaker then invited Colleen Vogel, a Legislative Assembly Tour Guide, to lead the Members and guests in the singing of O Canada.

### **Members' Statements**

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the contribution of Canadian veterans in World War II.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the liberation of the Netherlands on May 5, 1945 and the use of food rations in the Netherlands supplied by Canadian soldiers and the Red Cross.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the 3rd annual Strathcona Cadet Tattoo held in Sherwood Park on April 5, 2005.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the 15th annual International Day of the Midwife, May 5, 2005.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the 2nd annual Fly For a Cure to be held near Rosalind from May 14 to May 22, 2005, raising funds for a multiple sclerosis charity, the United Way, and breast cancer research.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the integration of midwifery services into Alberta's public health care system.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 285 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 103 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.

## **Notices of Motions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the dangerous precedent set by the Alberta Securities Commission, an agent of the Crown, challenging the legitimate authority of the Auditor General, an Officer of this Assembly charged to conduct an investigation vital to the public interest.

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, May 9, 2005:

Written Questions: WQ32.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Information package of 6 recent documents regarding several issues relating to midwifery prepared by the Association for Safer Alternatives in Childbirth  
Sessional Paper 408/2005

Statement dated May 5, 2005, entitled "Midwifery services provide important choice, lower costs" prepared by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona  
Sessional Paper 409/2005

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

Report dated 2004, entitled "What Every Pregnant Woman Needs to Know About Cesarean Section" prepared by the Maternity Center Association  
Sessional Paper 410/2005

Dr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated April 25, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Cenaiko, Solicitor General, to His Worship, John Irwin, Mayor, Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, regarding policing grant funds for the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass  
Sessional Paper 411/2005

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

Report, undated, entitled "100 Years of Killing Workers, International Day of Mourning Backgrounder" prepared by Kerry Barrett, President, Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 412/2005

Fact sheet, undated, entitled "Workplace Fatalities, Alberta 1905-2004" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 413/2005

## **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Elsalhy, Acting 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 May 9 to 12, 2005:

Monday, May 9	9:00 p.m.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates (Day 20 of 24)
		Innovation and Science
		<b>Second Reading</b>
		Bill 38, 40
		<b>Third Reading</b>
		Bill 24, 25
		<b>Committee of the Whole</b>
		Bill 36
		And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, May 10	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b>
		<b>Committee of Supply</b>
		Main Estimates (Day 21 of 24)
		Solicitor General
		And as per the Order Paper

	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 22 of 24) Government Services <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 15, 26, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, May 11	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 23 of 24) Health and Wellness And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of Supply</b> Main Estimates (Day 24 of 24) Community Development <b>Revert to Introduction of Bills</b> Appropriation Bill And as per the Order Paper <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 15, 26, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, May 12	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3 <b>Third Reading</b> Bill 8, 10, 17, 26, 29, 31, 34 And as per the Order Paper

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the dangerous precedent set by the Alberta Securities Commission, an agent of the Crown, challenging the legitimate authority of the Auditor General, an Officer of this Assembly charged to conduct an investigation vital to the public interest.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(5)**

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(5) to allow Committee of Supply to be called after 3:10 p.m.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 19 — 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. Goudreau 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:

#### **Municipal Affairs**

Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$128,417,000
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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 5:27 p.m. until Monday, May 9, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 5, 2005