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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, May 17, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that five years ago today, a statue of Lord Strathcona was unveiled on the Legislature grounds in honour of the 100th anniversary of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Regiment. An important part of our proud military tradition, this regiment was founded in 1900 by Donald Smith, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, to serve in the South African (Boer) War. Since its creation this regiment has served in both World Wars, the Korean War, and various peace-keeping missions. Three members of the regiment have been awarded the Victoria Cross and the regiment has 22 Battle Honours approved for emblazonment. This regiment, with its western origins, touched upon many of the people and places that have figured prominently in Alberta's development.

Honourable Members, for those of you interested in learning more about this fascinating part of our history, I would just like to note that the Provincial Museum is currently showing an exhibit entitled "Hoof Prints to Tank Tracks – 100 Years of the South Alberta Light Horse" that will be on display until September 18.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the benefits of integrating professional immigrants into Alberta and Canada.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Marie Geddes of Camrose who passed away May 16, 2005, and who recently went on a hunger strike to focus attention on the lack of care at long-term care centres in Alberta.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding a celebration to be held on May 30, 2005, hosted by AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) to mark World No Tobacco Day, May 31, 2005.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Kodiaks hockey team on winning the silver medal at the Royal Bank Cup Canadian junior A championship and the Doyle Cup at the Alberta/British Columbia junior A championship.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Cystic Fibrosis Month, May 2005 and several volunteers who received a variety of awards.

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the increase in violence in Canada and the need for the prevention of drug abuse, crime, and violence among youth.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 321 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 68 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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Response to Written Question WQ1, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total number of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 468/2005

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the *academic* years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loan defaults *for those students who have completed their studies*, broken down by the last post-secondary *sector* attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 469/2005

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, what was the total number of students who received *Alberta* student loans while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector attended by the student*?

Sessional Paper 470/2005

Response to Written Question WQ4, asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, what was the total dollar value of *Alberta* student loans received by students *while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school* in Alberta, broken down by *the last post-secondary sector* attended by the student?

Sessional Paper 471/2005

Response to Written Question WQ10, asked for by Mr. Taylor on April 11, 2005:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending public post-secondary educational institutions, broken down by *sector*, in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 472/2005

Response to Written Question WQ11, asked for by Mr. Taylor on April 11, 2005:

What is the dollar value of all Alberta Student Loan Program relief benefits and completion payments *awarded* to students attending *the private vocational school sector* in each of the 2000-01 to 2003-04 fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 473/2005

Response to Written Question WQ20, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor on April 18, 2005:

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?

Sessional Paper 474/2005

Response to Written Question WQ21, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Taylor on April 18, 2005:

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?

Sessional Paper 475/2005

Response to Written Question WQ25, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

What is the rate of default on Alberta student loans for students *who have completed their studies*, broken down by *last post-secondary sector attended* over each of the *academic* years 1994-95 to 2002-03 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 476/2005

Response to Written Question WQ26, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

What is the total number and percentage of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants receiving the maximum allowable loan over each of the academic (or administrative) years 2000 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, *undergraduate or lower program category*, and *graduate/professional program category*?

Sessional Paper 477/2005

Response to Written Question WQ27, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

What is the total number of Alberta Student Loan Program applicants who have appealed their award over each of the academic/administrative years 2000-01 to 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by year, reason for appeal, and whether the appeal was successful?

Sessional Paper 478/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR2, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

Copies of the letters of approval authorizing the University of Phoenix to *offer specific degree programs* in Alberta.

Sessional Paper 479/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR3, asked for by Mr. Martin on behalf of Dr. Pannu on April 11, 2005:

A copy of all documents *relied upon by the Government of Alberta* including, but not limited to, memos, faxes, reports, letters, applications, and responses *in approving* the University of Phoenix to *offer specific degree programs* in Alberta.

Sessional Paper 480/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR31, asked for by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Taylor on May 2, 2005:

A copy of all documents currently in the possession of the Ministry of Advanced Education including, but not limited to reports, studies, statistical data, and correspondence pertaining to income-contingent student loan repayment systems.

Sessional Paper 481/2005

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, cC-12, s3(4):

Children's Advocate, Annual Report 2002-2003

Sessional Paper 482/2005

Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to the Children's Advocate Annual Report 2002/03, undated, prepared by Alberta Children's Services

Sessional Paper 483/2005

Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on April 20, 2005, Department of Energy, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 484/2005

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, 2003-2004 Activity Report

Sessional Paper 485/2005

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

Letter dated May 5, 2005, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's earlier letter regarding school portables and the recommendations of an Edmonton Public School Board facilities cluster study concerning Strathearn and Terrace Heights Schools

Sessional Paper 486/2005

Copies of 2 Edmonton 2004 provincial electoral division maps outlining "clusters" A, B, and C

Sessional Paper 487/2005

Title page and table of contents of a lease dated March 24, 2005, at Terrace Heights School between the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School District #7 and Alberta Online Consortium Association

Sessional Paper 488/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by 418 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government increase nursing home staff

Sessional Paper 489/2005

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

7 recent e-mail messages and 2 recent letters from Calgary residents to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, and Bruce Johnston, Principal, Simon Fraser Junior High School, expressing opposition to Simon Fraser Junior High School's decision to cancel their band program

Sessional Paper 490/2005

Program from the Alberta College of Art and Design 2005 Convocation Ceremony held on May 15, 2005

Sessional Paper 491/2005

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

5 letters dated February 14, 2005, from M. Khan, Hans Koke, D. Blake, Raul A. Fallorin, and Tony Baquiran, all of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 492/2005

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

Text of an e-mail message dated May 16, 2005, from Jacques Blanchard to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, submitting two questions he would like Mr. Mason to ask Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Alberta Advantage

Sessional Paper 493/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 28, 2005, Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 494/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 3, 2005, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 495/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Student Financial Assistance Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Bill 35 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Brown

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

Bill 38 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2005 — Mrs. Ady

Bill 39 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Strang on behalf of Mr. Magnus

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 42 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 17, 2005