



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

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

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Marz, Deputy Speaker, made a statement noting that Pages Vanessa Pillay, Leslie Day, Whitney Haynes, Christina Molzan, Justin Laverty-Harrigan, and Leah Halliday would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and presented the Pages with a gift in recognition of their tireless efforts.

Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly

The Speaker read a letter he received from the 6 Pages of the Legislative Assembly who will not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature.

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Endangered Species Conservation Committee.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding immigrants that have come to Alberta over the past 100 years.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the first Session of the Legislative Assembly, which began on March 15, 1906.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding governing in the public interest.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Douglas Cardinal and John Murrell, recipients of the first Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding respect for women in politics.

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on May 18, 1905, the northern Alberta town of Athabasca was established as the village of Athabasca Landing. Athabasca derives from the Cree word meaning "where there are reeds." Athabasca Landing developed as an important shipping centre and was incorporated as a village in 1905 and as a town in 1911. In 1913 the town's name was officially shortened to Athabasca.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 213 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 124 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. Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

News release dated May 18, 2005, entitled "New tracking and tracing system will open major export windows for Alberta beef" and 2 related backgrounders, all prepared by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Sessional Paper 496/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 10, 2005, Department of Government Services, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 497/2005

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 9, 2005, Department of Innovation and Science, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 498/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ29, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on May 2, 2005:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to full-day kindergarten are currently planned or underway under the auspices of the Ministry of Education?

Sessional Paper 499/2005

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on April 18, 2005:

What is the total revenue received by Alberta school boards from school fees, broken down by school board and by fee type for the *school* years 2000-01 through 2003-04 inclusive?

Sessional Paper 500/2005

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on April 18, 2005, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 501/2005

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2003-2004

Sessional Paper 502/2005

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

St. Albert Gazette website article dated May 18, 2005, entitled "Parents struggle with lack of addiction treatment" written by Mark Wells

Sessional Paper 503/2005

Program for the National Day of Healing and Reconciliation celebration to be held on May 26, 2005 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 504/2005

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

5 letters from Gordon C. Hart, John T. Weeks, Cheryl Henderson, and Tom Peterson, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding a variety of issues related to apprenticeship training and the use of foreign replacement workers in the Alberta labour force

Sessional Paper 505/2005

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

Copy of a petition signed by 700 Edmonton residents expressing disagreement with the decision to close Strathearn School

Sessional Paper 506/2005

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on behalf of Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Alberta Registries Land Title Certificates for Plan 9824820, Lots 5 and 6 and a related map of Fort McMurray development land

Sessional Paper 507/2005

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

Copy of a petition signed by 200 Albertans requesting that the Government grant equal status to farmworkers

Sessional Paper 508/2005

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

Letter dated May 16, 2005, from Norman R. St. Arnaud, St. Arnaud, McAllister, and Bowie, LLP, Barristers and Solicitors, to Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, providing information concerning alleged grievances involving Alberta Career Computer Center Inc.

Sessional Paper 509/2005

Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Document dated May 18, 2005, entitled "Thank you and farewell, Brian Mason recognizes the hard work and dedication of Marilyn Hooper" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 510/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR32, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Chase on May 2, 2005:

A financial statement detailing the private sector loan interest rate compared to that of the Government for the proposed Anthony Henday Drive P3 project.

Sessional Paper 511/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR33, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Chase on May 2, 2005:

A list of all projects that are potential P3 projects being considered by the Government.

Sessional Paper 512/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR39, asked for by Mr. Martin on May 2, 2005:

Copies of all contracts and agreements signed between or on behalf of the Government and the P3 consortium selected to construct the Southeast Edmonton ring road.

Sessional Paper 513/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR41, asked for by Mr. Martin on May 2, 2005:

Copies of all documents that compare the cost of constructing the southeast Edmonton ring road using a private-public partnership versus the use of conventional public financing for its construction.

Sessional Paper 514/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ouellette, Minister of Restructuring and Government Efficiency:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR29, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on May 2, 2005:

A copy of all documents pertaining to the Government's decision to transfer responsibility for the Alberta SuperNet project from the Ministry of Innovation and Science to the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency.

Sessional Paper 515/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on March 16, 2005, 2004-05 Supplementary Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 516/2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 41 Appropriation Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

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

Notice of Motion - Privilege

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 41, Appropriation Act, 2005, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 16 agreed to by the Assembly on April 6, 2005, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Dunford, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:21 p.m. until May 24, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 18, 2006