



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, November 21, 2005

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

**Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1932, Aspen Beach, located on the shores of Gull Lake west of Lacombe, was designated Alberta's first provincial park. Today Alberta's parks and protected areas cover roughly 27,500 square kilometres and include more than 500 sites.

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement congratulating Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, on his 26th anniversary as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement congratulating Dr. John Robert Cunningham, O.C., Catriona Le May Doan, O.C., Ronald Neil Mannix, O.C., Dr. Eldon Raymond Smith, O.C., and James M. Stanford, O.C., who were all recently appointed as Officers of the Order of Canada, and Muriel Stanley Venne, C.M., who was recently appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Eskimo Football Club on winning the Canadian Football League Scotiabank West Final in Vancouver, British Columbia on November 20, 2005.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the launch of the book “My Most Memorable Teacher: 100 Stories Celebrating 100 Years of Alberta Teaching Excellence,” a centennial project of the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Education.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding not being invited to the official opening of a section of Anthony Henday Drive connecting the constituencies of Edmonton-McClung and Edmonton-Whitemud.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the involvement of non-profit organizations in casinos as a method of fund raising.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 41 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation requiring schools to eliminate fees charged for textbooks, locker rentals, field trips, physical fitness programs, and music classes.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 216 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 80 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation declaring a moratorium on any future expansion of confined feeding operations with a view to phasing out existing operations within the next three years.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance:

Erratum to the Preface of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 629/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Letter dated November 21, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, to Dr. Annette LaGrange, Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Calgary, offering congratulations on the launch of the book “My Most Memorable Teacher: 100 Stories Celebrating 100 Years of Alberta Teaching Excellence,” a centennial project of the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Education

Sessional Paper 630/2005

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-6, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Annual Report for 2004-2005 to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports for the year ended March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 631/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated July 28, 2005, from Ronald G. Rowswell of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the exemption of civil marriage commissioners from being required to perform same-sex civil marriages

Sessional Paper 632/2005

E-mail message dated September 23, 2005, from Yohana Rihana to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government’s 2005 Resource Rebate Program

Sessional Paper 633/2005

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

Resolution No. 11-18-05-02-CCPC agreed to by the Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta regarding Forest Management Agreement Renewals

Sessional Paper 634/2005

Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Copies of 2 recent e-mail messages from Linda Glasier to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and 1 response from Mr. Agnihotri, requesting the Government’s free tuition proposal include certain eligibility criteria

Sessional Paper 635/2005

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition:

Report dated October 2005, entitled “The Alberta Pharmaceutical Savings Agency” prepared by the Alberta NDP (New Democratic Party) Opposition

Sessional Paper 636/2005

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pamphlet entitled "Page Biographies, Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 26th Legislature, First Session, Fall 2005"

Sessional Paper 637/2005

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Report, undated, entitled "Collective Agreement Settlements in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 638/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Pastoor on April 11, 2005:

What is the breakdown of the total dollar value of cash, medical, and other benefits provided monthly to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) recipients in 2004 by the Government?

Sessional Paper 639/2005

Response to Written Question WQ32, asked for by Mr. Eggen on behalf of Mr. Martin on May 9, 2005:

For each of the fiscal years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004, how many Albertans received benefits from the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program?

Sessional Paper 640/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR23, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

*A summary of all submissions to the MLA committee reviewing the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) program between September 28, 2004 and January 31, 2005.*

Sessional Paper 641/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 642/2005

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 643/2005

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2004  
Sessional Paper 644/2005

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council, 2004 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 645/2005

Authorized Accredited Agencies Activity Summary, April 1, 2003 to March 31,  
2004  
Sessional Paper 646/2005

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ33.** Moved by Mr. Elsalhy:

What measures has the Ministry of Restructuring and Government Efficiency taken to improve the information technology security awareness of Government employees as recommended in the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report?

**WQ34.** Moved by Mr. Bonko:

What development management plans does the Government currently have for protecting species at risk such as the grizzly bear and the peregrine falcon?

**WQ35.** Moved by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total value of all spending by the Ministry of Education related to the completion and/or operational status of the Alberta SuperNet over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

**WQ36.** Moved by Mr. Miller:

What steps has the Department of Finance taken in 2004 since the receipt of the Auditor General's 2003-04 Annual Report recommending that ATB Investment Services Inc., ATB Investment Management Inc., and ATB Securities Inc. enhance their control processes to ensure they meet regulatory requirements?

**WQ37.** Moved by Mr. Bonko:

Which reports, consultations, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that \$75.6 million was the total amount needed to be allocated to forest protection for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, when the actual amount spent was \$204 million?

**WQ40.** Moved by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty:

What is the total cost associated with administering the provincial achievement exams over each of the fiscal years 2000-01 through 2004-05 inclusive?

**WQ42.** Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase:

How does the Government calculate that there is a shortage of truck drivers in Alberta?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ38.** Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft:

Who attended the Minister's open house for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Fall 2004 convention on November 17, 2004 in Edmonton that cost \$6,711.11?

Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

*What groups were given invitations to the Minister's open house for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Fall 2004 convention on November 17, 2004 in Edmonton that cost \$6,711.11?*

The following Written Questions were rejected:

**WQ39.** Moved by Mr. Bonko:

How much money has been spent by the Ministry and Department of Economic Development on hosting expenses for the fiscal years 1992-93 through 2004-05 inclusive, broken down by function and year?

**WQ41.** Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How much money in total did the Ministry and Department of Energy spend on service contracts in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years, broken down by organization?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

## Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR44.** Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Dr. Taft:

A breakdown of the distribution of funds from the provincial \$74 million disaster recovery program announced on July 27, 2004.

**MR48.** Moved by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase:

A breakdown of the total costs related to the production of the McDermid Report "Saving Lives on Alberta's Roads," including the costs of all remuneration, administrative and research support, space rental or leasing, equipment and supplies, travel expenses, document design and printing, and advertising or promotion.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

**MR46.** Moved by Ms Pastoor:

A breakdown of how much money each senior recipient receives through the Alberta Seniors Benefit program after the July 1, 2004 changes went into effect compared to before July 1.

Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, moved the motion be amended to read:

A breakdown of *threshold levels and maximum cash benefits available* through the Alberta Seniors Benefit program after the July 1, 2004 changes went into effect *and a comparison to those in place* before July 1, 2004.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

**MR45.** Moved by Mr. Bonko:

A detailed breakdown of grants distributed by the Ministry and Department of Economic Development in the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by organization.

**MR47.** Moved by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and Department of Energy and Enron Corporation, Enron Canada Corporation and/or any affiliated companies regarding electricity deregulation from January 1, 1990 to January 1, 2005.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR49, MR50.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 205 Fair Trading (Telemarketing) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 206 Alberta Pharmaceutical Savings Commission Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**510.** Moved by Mr. Marz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt net metering of electricity for producers of all sizes, thereby allowing them the opportunity to sell any excess electricity they produce back to the grid at the same rate as the purchase price.

A debate followed.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, moved that the motion be amended:

- (a) by striking out “producers of all sizes” and substituting “microelectricity generators”;
- (b) by striking out “at the same rate as the purchase price”.

A debate followed on the amendment.



Members of the Assembly requested and received the consent of the Chair to vote on each section of the amendment separately.

The question being put on section (a), the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on section (b), the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 21, 2005