

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 48

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

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

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Enron activities in Alberta.

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial being planned in Mayerthorpe to honour the four RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Officers killed in the line of duty on March 3, 2005 near Mayerthorpe, and the volunteer efforts to raise the necessary funds to build the memorial.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Community Learning Campus at Olds College.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of affordable post-secondary education as a road out of poverty.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating several Alberta municipalities on receiving awards at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties annual conference recently held in Edmonton.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement congratulating the City of Wetaskiwin for its efforts in the area of historical preservation.

#### **Speaker's Statement**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 18th anniversary of the Member for Drumheller-Stettler elected on November 23, 1987.

## **Speaker's Comment**

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1925, the Honourable Herbert Greenfield resigned as Premier of Alberta. From 1921 to 1925, Herbert Greenfield presided over the province's first United Farmers of Alberta government. Herbert Greenfield emigrated from England with his family to eastern Canada in 1892. Once there he married and worked as a farm labourer. In 1906 he moved to the Westlock district to homestead and became a successful farmer and was active in community affairs.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 100 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. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 29 Albertans urging the Government to require school boards to eliminate all fees for instructional supplies and general school services and to ensure that the necessary resources for these supplies and services are provided.

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

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 509 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.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 155 Albertans urging the Government to immediately provide funding enabling municipalities and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) to hire 500 additional community police officers.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, during Oral Question Period on November 21, 2005

Sessional Paper 668/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 2004-2005 Annual Report Sessional Paper 669/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming:

Report entitled "Charitable Gaming in Alberta, 2004-2005 in Review" prepared by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

Sessional Paper 670/2005

Hon. Mr. Graydon, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta, 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 671/2005

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2004-05 Sessional Paper 672/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

8 motions dated November 23, 2005, presented to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on November 23, 2005, by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre

Sessional Paper 673/2005

E-mail message dated September 23, 2005, from Shirleen Smith of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, Michael Phair, Ward 4 Councillor, City of Edmonton, and His Worship, Stephen Mandel, Mayor, City of Edmonton, suggesting that Albertans donate their resource rebates to a charity established for the purpose of purchasing books for school libraries

Sessional Paper 674/2005

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Cherylyn Stacey of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's current infrastructure spending plans and suggesting that spending be focussed on social programs

Sessional Paper 675/2005

Document dated September 16, 2005, outlining a suggestion that the 2005 Resource Rebate Program should be redirected to the Family and Community Support Services Branch of Alberta Children Services, prepared by Mary Anne Jaedicke, Executive Director, South East Edmonton Seniors Association

Sessional Paper 676/2005

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

2 e-mail messages dated October 2001 between Robert Hemstock and Joseph Segatto regarding a proposed amendment to AR 175/2000

Sessional Paper 677/2005

Letter dated August 14, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, to P. Robson Milnthorp, President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Enron Canada Power Corporation, concerning the creation of two separate and distinct unit Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs) out of the existing Sundance B PPA Sessional Paper 678/2005

Letter dated October 31, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated October 11, 2005, concerning the temporary suspension of maximum rate limitation requirements on oil wells

Sessional Paper 679/2005

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

E-mail message dated April 4, 2005, from Karen Maloney of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting Government funding for in vitro fertilization treatments

Sessional Paper 680/2005

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

E-mail message dated November 21, 2005, from Carol Carbol to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, with associated attachment, expressing concern regarding the Capital Health Authority's proposal to replace the outpatient residence at the University of Alberta Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital with a private full-service hotel for patients and their families Sessional Paper 681/2005

Mr. Flaherty, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Program from a Public School Boards Council celebration held at Mackay Avenue School in Edmonton on November 18, 2005

Sessional Paper 682/2005

#### **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

Pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8, s8(4) and the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta Dental Association and College, Annual Report 2004 Sessional Paper 683/2005

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, 2004 Annual Report Sessional Paper 684/2005

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2003-2004 Sessional Paper 685/2005

College of Dietitians of Alberta, Annual Report 2004-2005

Sessional Paper 686/2005

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2004-2005 Sessional Paper 687/2005

Alberta College of Social Workers, Annual Report 2004

Sessional Paper 688/2005

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

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Report of Proceedings of the Ninety-sixth Annual General Meeting, April 21 to April 23, 2005

Sessional Paper 689/2005

Pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters, Annual Report 2004-05

Sessional Paper 690/2005

Pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5)(6), WCB - Alberta (Workers' Compensation Board), 2004 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 691/2005

Pursuant to the Regulated Accounting Profession Act, cR-12, s25(2), Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2005 Sessional Paper 692/2005

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, 2004-2005 Annual Report Sessional Paper 693/2005

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, 2004 Accountability Framework Report Sessional Paper 694/2005

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2004

Sessional Paper 695/2005

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 3 — Supplementary Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

#### (Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(2) and Government Motion 23 agreed to on November 16, 2005, at 5:15 p.m., the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development** 

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Haley reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2005-06 Supplementary Estimates, General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund, 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 Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Kurai Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$288,289,000
Children's Services	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$38,400,000
Community Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$24,030,000
Capital Investment	\$2,970,000
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Environment	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$5,200,000
Health and Wellness	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$64,630,000
Infrastructure and Transportation	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$526,836,000
Capital Investment	\$231,180,000
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Municipal Affairs	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$138,235,000
Seniors and Community Supports	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$109,000,000
Solicitor General and Public Security	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$7,494,000
Sustainable Resource Development	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$80,000,000
Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a list of the Supplementary Esti year ending March 31, 2006	mates for the fiscal

Sessional Paper 696/2005

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Debate adjourned, Mr. Mason speaking.

#### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005 - 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

During debate on Bill 43, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Western Standard magazine article dated December 12, 2005, entitled "The Right Connections" prepared by Andrea Mrozek

Sessional Paper 697/2005

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

- Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 Mr. Oberle

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Herard on behalf of Mr. Webber

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:28 p.m. until Thursday, November 24, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 23, 2005