



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, November 28, 2005

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

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement congratulating the Edmonton Eskimos on winning the Grey Cup Championship on November 27, 2005 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

**Members' Statements**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for increased child care funding, and the implementation of full-day and junior kindergarten.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding Private Braun Scott Woodfield, G Company, Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, who was killed in the line of duty on November 24, 2005, in Afghanistan.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding a barrier-free survey completed in Strathcona County by Bob Simpson and Bob and Deanna Loewen and the results of the survey posted on a community accessibility website hosted by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Augustana Faculty, created in 2004 when Augustana University College and the University of Alberta merged, and the successes resulting from this partnership.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement outlining many events that occurred during the First Session of the 26th Legislature.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the release of a Domestic Violence Handbook on November 25, 2005, for use by police and Crown prosecutors.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 400 Albertans urging the Government to either reinstate 25 continuing care beds or build a new 25 bed continuing care facility in Hinton.

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from 50 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.

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

Oral notice having been given November 24, 2005:

Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bill 213 Standing Committee on Continuing Care Standards Act — Ms Pastoor

Bill 214 Water Protection and Conservation Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 —  
Dr. Swann

Bill 218 Land Agents Licensing (Licence Requirement) Amendment Act, 2005 —  
Mr. Danyluk

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ35, asked for by Mr. Bonko on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on November 21, 2005:

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?

Sessional Paper 717/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR17, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Flaherty on April 18, 2005:

*A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-04 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Learning.*

Sessional Paper 718/2005

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated September 2005 from Cecile Fausak, President, 2004-2005 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, and Wayne Flewelling, President, 2005-2006 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, to the people of the Province of Alberta offering best wishes on Alberta's 100th anniversary and outlining the benefits of the 1925 merger of several church organizations into the United Church of Canada

Sessional Paper 719/2005

Responses to questions raised by several Members of the Legislative Assembly on May 11, 2005, Department of Community Services, 2005-06 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 720/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 7, 2005, from Bradley G. Nemetz, Bennett Jones LLP, to Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting that Dr. Taft temper his comments concerning Stephen Sibold, Q.C., in his role as Chair of the Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 721/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated January 12, 2004, from Alan Currie, Investigative Counsel, Alberta Securities Commission, with addressee struck out, regarding an investigation into the Zi Corporation

Sessional Paper 722/2005

E-mail message dated September 23, 2005, from Shawn Pinchbeck of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's 2005 Resource Rebate Program and suggesting that the money be invested in health, education, and infrastructure spending

Sessional Paper 723/2005

Letter dated September 8, 2005, from John C. Flipsen of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding perceived unnecessary spending on medical tests and an attached web page outlining information regarding Resperate blood pressure medication

Sessional Paper 724/2005

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

Letter dated November 21, 2005, from Ramesh C. Joshi, Ph.D., P.Eng., to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, with associated attachments, expressing concern regarding the alleged mismanagement of funds during the extension project at the Confederation Park Nifty Fifty Senior Centre in Calgary

Sessional Paper 725/2005

Letter dated September 21, 2005, from Diane Newman of Edmonton to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requesting that promoters and sponsors of future Grand Prix races in Edmonton educate spectators on the dangers of street racing

Sessional Paper 726/2005

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

Letter dated September 2005 from Cecile Fausak, President, 2004-2005 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, and Wayne Flewelling, President, 2005-2006 Alberta and Northwest Conference, United Church of Canada, to the people of the Province of Alberta offering best wishes on Alberta's 100th anniversary and outlining the benefits of the 1925 merger of several church organizations into the United Church of Canada

Sessional Paper 727/2005

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

E-mail message dated October 10, 2005, from James and Lucille Adamson of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, urging the Government to eliminate Alberta health care premiums

Sessional Paper 728/2005

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

Letter dated November 24, 2005, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Finance, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, in response to Mr. Mason's comments during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2005, regarding a settlement involving West Edmonton Mall and ATB (Alberta Treasury Branch) Financial

Sessional Paper 729/2005

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

4 e-mail messages dated November 24, 2005, from Deen Khan, Doug Johnson, Phil Mark, and Warren Marcotte to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, urging the Government to pay the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 730/2005

Copies of 100 recent letters from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly urging the Government to pay the Alberta teachers' unfunded pension liability

Sessional Paper 731/2005

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education:

Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Audited Financial Statements, Public Colleges and Technical Institutes for the Year Ended June 30, 2004, Universities and Banff Centre for Continuing Education for the Year Ended March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 732/2005

Pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2), Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, 2004-2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 733/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy:

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

Sessional Paper 734/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR26, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on April 25, 2005:

A detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Energy, his staff, and/or designate on non-international trips during the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Sessional Paper 735/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Mr. Bonko on April 11, 2005:

A breakdown of the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development's business expenses including, *travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses (including conference fees)* from February 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004.

Sessional Paper 736/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR12, asked for by Mr. Bonko on April 11, 2005:

*A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.*

Sessional Paper 737/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR13, asked for by Mr. Bonko on April 11, 2005:

*A statement of all credit card expenses categorized by travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, and incidental and miscellaneous expenses, for the fiscal year 2003-2004 incurred by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.*

Sessional Paper 738/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Liepert, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

2004 Report of the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

Sessional Paper 739/2005

2005 Report of the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

Sessional Paper 740/2005

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

**MR49.** Moved by Mr. Flaherty:

A copy of all reports, studies, papers, presentations, memos, correspondence or other Ministry documents pertaining to the plan to phase in a method for equating diploma examinations as referenced on page 28 of the Ministry of Learning's 2003-04 Annual Report.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, moved the motion be amended to read:

*Copies of relevant documents available within the Ministry of Education that pertain to the plan to phase in a method for equating diploma examinations as referenced on page 28 of the Ministry of Learning's 2003-04 Annual Report.*

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

**MR50.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

All documents prepared or received by the Ministry of Advanced Education (formerly Learning) between January 1, 2002 and February 28, 2005, pertaining to the accreditation of post-secondary institutions granting baccalaureate degrees, the approval process for institutions seeking to grant baccalaureate degrees, and the establishment of the Campus Alberta Quality Council, including but not limited to correspondence between the Ministry and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on this issue.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

None appearing on the Order Paper.

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

### **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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 204 Pharmacy and Drug (Methamphetamine Limiting) Amendment Act, 2005  
— Mr. Strang

Mr. Marz, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 204 (Hon. Member for West Yellowhead) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 741/2005

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Mr. Griffiths:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index the salaries of all Government employees to the average weekly earnings index and provide salary adjustments based on supply and demand pressures within one year following a provincial election.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## Government Motions

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

1. Be it resolved that a Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Tarchuk (Chair)	Flaherty	Marz
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Pannu
Blakeman	Lougheed	Strang

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.



2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the Department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that Department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 10:45 p.m., the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Debate resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 57, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005.

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

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Morton on behalf of Dr. Brown

Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

## **Private Bills**

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with an amendment:

Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

Mr. Johnson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr4 (Hon. Member for Peace River) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 742/2005

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:34 p.m. until Tuesday, November 29, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 28, 2005