



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 51

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

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

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that on this day in 1890, Lethbridge was incorporated as a town by Northwest Territories Ordinance No. 24. The Lethbridge region was originally the home of the Blackfoot Confederacy. With the arrival of European and American traders, Lethbridge eventually grew into a small coal mining centre. As the population expanded, businesses, hotels, saloons, churches, and hospitals began to spring up. The agricultural sector developed and by May 9, 1906, Lethbridge was incorporated as a city. The city now boasts a population of over 77,000.

Members' Statements

Mr. VanderBurg, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, made a statement regarding the 2005 Canadian Finals Rodeo and Farmfair International.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the economic significance of the film industry in Alberta.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Forest Lawn High School Awards Night held on November 26, 2005.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the unacceptable standards for the reclamation of contaminated industrial sites in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Enron Corporation's role in the energy deregulation process in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding Family Doctor Week, December 5-11, 2005.

Presenting Petitions

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Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 120 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. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 210 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. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 386 Albertans urging the Government to either reinstate 25 continuing care beds or build a new 25 bed continuing care facility in Hinton.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, presented a petition from 1,584 Albertans requesting the Government increase infrastructure development funding for Highway 63.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, presented a petition from over 8,000 Albertans requesting the Government introduce legislation to re-regulate Alberta's utilities to restore reasonably-priced energy to Albertans.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly deplores the Government for not providing sufficient time to debate billions of dollars in unbudgeted Government spending, thereby undermining the democratic process and the integrity of public finances.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question WQ17, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

How much money has been spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on hosting expenses in the fiscal years 1996-97 through 2003-04 inclusive, broken down by function and year?

Sessional Paper 743/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR20, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko on April 18, 2005:

Copies of *the* budget, business, and operational plans related to the establishment of an Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 744/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR21, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

A copy of all cost-benefit analyses for the newly-established Alberta Office in Washington, D.C.

Sessional Paper 745/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR22, asked for by Ms Pastoor on April 18, 2005:

A copy of the detailed budget breakdown for the Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

Sessional Paper 746/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of the Ontario Securities Commission By-law No. 2, effective January 18, 1998

Sessional Paper 747/2005

Mr. Elsalhy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan website article entitled "Regional Physician Requirements as on Thursday, November 3, 2005"

Sessional Paper 748/2005

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

Letter dated October 30, 2005, from Murray Dickerson of Edmonton to Mr. Agnihotri, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting assistance with his appeal to the Government to obtain provincial disaster funds

Sessional Paper 749/2005

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Statistics Canada research paper, undated, entitled "The Impact of Tuition Fees on University Access: Evidence From a Large-scale Price Deregulation in Professional Programs"

Sessional Paper 750/2005

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

Letter dated June 18, 2001, from John R. Davies, P.Eng., M.B.A., Secretary and Treasurer, Industrial Association of Southern Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, regarding Enron's power purchase arrangement strategy and the competitive market

Sessional Paper 751/2005

E-mail message dated September 11, 2001, from Joseph Segatto to Robert Hemstock regarding the statutory authority of a Minister or Cabinet to modify the Sundance power purchase arrangement

Sessional Paper 752/2005

Series of e-mail messages dated October 2001 from Robert Hemstock to Joseph Segatto regarding amendments to Alberta Regulation 175/2000

Sessional Paper 753/2005

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

Pamphlet, undated, entitled "Let's Make it Loud and Clear" regarding the replacement of outpatient residences with a private hotel at the University of Alberta and Stollery Children's Hospitals prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 754/2005

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

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Nita Stein of Edmonton to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to the Government's recent contract with Aon Consulting

Sessional Paper 755/2005

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

Letter dated November 22, 2005, from Charles M. Clement, President, Alberta Division, Canadian Council of the Blind, to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, expressing concern that Braille is being taught by teacher aids rather than by certified Braille teachers

Sessional Paper 756/2005

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Copy of a fax, undated, from Sylvia Scarfe of Edmonton to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding the length of time it took for approval to receive Alberta Seniors Benefits

Sessional Paper 757/2005

Fax dated November 24, 2005, from Mark Busch of Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, with attached letter dated November 24, 2005, from Mark Busch to Pam Whitnack, Chinook Regional Health Authority, expressing opposition to the reclassification of patients from long-term care to assisted living, also with attached Lethbridge Herald article dated September 30, 2005, entitled "Extendicare may close in two years"

Sessional Paper 758/2005

Letter dated September 21, 2005, from Glen Simington and 144 other residents of a seniors lodge in Lethbridge to Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concern regarding their increased rent costs and their lack of funds for purchasing other necessities

Sessional Paper 759/2005

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

Letter dated November 23, 2005, from Shirley Bray, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern regarding the management directive for the Rumsey Natural Area and requesting that no new industrial activity be allowed in Alberta's protected areas

Sessional Paper 760/2005

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:

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, 2003 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 761/2005

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 762/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-3, s4(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, 2004-2005 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 763/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Laboratory Technologists, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 764/2005

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2004 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 765/2005

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Review 2004/2005
Sessional Paper 766/2005

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly deplores the Government for not providing sufficient time to debate billions of dollars in unbudgeted Government spending, thereby undermining the democratic process and the integrity of public finances.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

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 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
Bill 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Lund
Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle
Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Brown
Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
Bill 58 Alberta Centennial Medal Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:21 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved the Bill be amended

- (a) in section 8(1) by striking out “, appointed or holding office”;
- (b) in section 16(3) by striking out “appointed or” after “until their successors in office have been”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 47, Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act, Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to shorten the time between division bells from ten minutes to two minutes.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Marz in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 27

Abbott	Fritz	Oberg
Amery	Haley	Oberle
Blakeman	Hancock	Pastoor
Brown	Hinman	Rogers
Calahasen	Johnston	Stelmach
Chase	Liepert	Stevens
DeLong	Lindsay	Swann
Doerksen	Melchin	Taylor
Flaherty	Miller (Edmonton-Rutherford)	VanderBurg

Against the amendment: 10

Danyluk	Knight	Ouellette
Goudreau	Lund	Strang
Griffiths	Magnus	Webber
Johnson		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson

Ms Haley, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 47 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on November 24, 2005) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 767/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 768/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 769/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 770/2005

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 771/2005

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:48 p.m. until Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 29, 2005