



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 52

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the Foothills Country Hospice Society for achieving its fund raising goal to build a non-profit hospice near Okotoks.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement congratulating the Caritas Health Group on its 13th year of cooking daily hot lunches for school children involved in the Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation school lunch program.

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the benefits of the Alberta SuperNet and the Learn Alberta website, an interactive learning resource for students.

Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, made a statement congratulating Alberta teachers Jean-François Bélanger, King George Elementary School, Linda-Rae Carson, Harry Ainlay High School, and Loretta Stabler and Patti Thorn, both of Millarville Community School, on recently being awarded the Governor General's Award for Teaching Canadian History.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement congratulating Kevin Robins of Leduc, on winning the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's Dedicated Chief Administrative Officer Award at its annual conference recently held in Calgary.

Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement congratulating Linda-Rae Carson, a teacher at Harry Ainlay High School on recently being awarded the Governor General's Award for Teaching Canadian History.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Martin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 229 Albertans urging the Government to either reinstate 25 continuing care beds or build a new 25 bed continuing care facility in Hinton.

Mr. Backs, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 318 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 217 Election (Electoral Reform) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Taylor

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR18, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy 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 Innovation and Science.

Sessional Paper 772/2005

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-21, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR), Programs and Financial Highlights, April 1, 2004-March 31, 2005 and Triennial Highlights 2002-2005, with attached AHFMR 2006 calendar

Sessional Paper 773/2005

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

iCORE (Informatics Circle of Research Excellence) Year In Review, 2004-2005
Sessional Paper 774/2005

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to Written Question WQ19, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Bonko on April 18, 2005:

What measures has the Government taken to ensure that reforestation timelines are being met by timber harvesting companies?

Sessional Paper 775/2005

Response to Written Question WQ28, asked for by Mr. Miller on behalf of Mr. Bonko on May 2, 2005:

What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 776/2005

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education:

4 letters dated November 30, 2005, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Education, to Alberta teachers Jean-François Bélanger, King George Elementary School, Linda-Rae Carson, Harry Ainlay High School, and Loretta Stabler and Patti Thorn, both of Millarville Community School, congratulating them on being awarded the Governor General's Award for Teaching Canadian History

Sessional Paper 777/2005

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Alberta Research Council, 2005 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 778/2005

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

FP (Financial Post) Infomart website article, undated, entitled "Alta. government denies labour relations board had input into legislation" prepared by the Edmonton Sun

Sessional Paper 779/2005

2 e-mail messages, dated March 2003 between Les Wallace, Eleanor Richardson, Bruce Baugh, Tim Thompson, Paul Workman, and Tim Hurlburt, regarding an outline for a proposed Labour Relations Code Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 780/2005

Canada NewsWire news release dated November 30, 2005, entitled "LRB (Alberta Labour Relations Board) 'Biased and Compromised' says AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour)" prepared by the Alberta Federation of Labour

Sessional Paper 781/2005

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Document, undated, entitled “Schedule A, Walton Leveraged Bundle Investment Scenario” prepared by Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 782/2005

Application for Separation or Consolidation of Title(s) dated January 22, 2003, and Alberta Registries Land Title Certificate, both registered by the Alberta Attorney General Land Titles Office, and Affidavit of Transferee signed by Roderick J. McLeod

Sessional Paper 783/2005

Information sheet entitled “Frequently Asked Questions for Purchasers of Undivided Interests”

Sessional Paper 784/2005

Letter dated February 24, 2004, from Phil Archer, President, The Land Development Company, to Bill Doherty, Walton International Group Incorporated, regarding comments allegedly made by Mr. Doherty concerning Mr. Archer’s reputation

Sessional Paper 785/2005

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

Document providing biographical information of executives at Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 786/2005

Alberta Corporate Registration System search dated July 4, 2005, concerning Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 787/2005

Copies of forms entitled “Political Party Annual Financial Statements” completed for the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, for the years 1995-1996 and 1998-2002, and copies of forms entitled “Candidate’s Campaign Period Financial Statements” completed for Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, Hon. Mr. Melchin, Minister of Energy, and Dr. Morton, Hon. Member for Foothills-Rocky View, for the period October 25, 2004 to January 24, 2005, and for Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, for the period February 12 to May 12, 2001

Sessional Paper 788/2005

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

Document dated April 17, 2002, entitled “Alberta Securities Commission Staff Notice, Sale of Undivided Interests in Land” prepared by David C. Linder, Executive Director, Alberta Securities Commission

Sessional Paper 789/2005

Reasons for Decision of the Alberta Securities Commission dated March 26, 2002, in the matter of the Securities Act and The Land Development Company Incorporated and Phil Archer

Sessional Paper 790/2005

Alberta Securities Commission Notice of Hearing dated May 3, 2001, in the matter of the Securities Act and The Land Development Company Incorporated and Phil Archer

Sessional Paper 791/2005

Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) news release dated March 28, 2002, entitled "Securities can include Interests in Land, Says ASC"

Sessional Paper 792/2005

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

E-mail message dated November 29, 2005, from Maxine Girard of Edmonton to Mr. Miller, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern regarding the amount of social assistance she is eligible for and requesting an increase in that amount

Sessional Paper 793/2005

Letter dated July 9, 2002, from Donald M. Boykiw, Bennett Jones LLP, to Bill Doherty, President, Walton International Group Incorporated, informing Mr. Doherty of the results of the Alberta Securities Commission's review of certain business practices by Walton International Group Incorporated

Sessional Paper 794/2005

Invitation by Walton International Group Incorporated to a presentation at the Calgary Petroleum Club on November 4, 2002

Sessional Paper 795/2005

Letter dated February 24, 2004, from Phil Archer, President, The Land Development Company Incorporated, to the Alberta Securities Commission, concerning certain Walton International Group Incorporated business practices

Sessional Paper 796/2005

Mr. Tougas, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Copy of a petition signed by 4,435 Albertans urging the Government to stop the Alberta Métis Interim Harvesting Agreement

Sessional Paper 797/2005

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

3 recent letters from Michelle Draper, Peter Williams, and Colleen Kullman, all from Lethbridge, to Hon. Mrs. Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, expressing concern regarding the wages they earn working with adults with developmental disabilities and requesting an increase in these wages

Sessional Paper 798/2005

Progressive Contractors Association of Canada website article concerning a golf tournament held on June 6, 2005, and Alberta Labour Relations Board decision dated June 7, 2005, in the matter of the Labour Relations Code and Finning International Incorporated, Finning (Canada) Division of Finning International Incorporated, and O.E.M. Remanufacturing Company Limited, and International Association of Machinists and Allied Workers, Local Lodge No. 99

Sessional Paper 799/2005

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

Letter dated November 22, 2005, from His Worship Paul Chalifoux, Mayor, City of St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, concerning provincial education property taxes

Sessional Paper 800/2005

Letter dated February 11, 2003, from Mark Asbell, Chair, Alberta Labour Relations Board, to Shelley Ewart-Johnson, Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Employment, commenting on draft six of a Government proposal to reform Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 801/2005

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

Alberta Health and Wellness website chart dated November 29, 2005, entitled "Cataract Surgery Wait Times"

Sessional Paper 802/2005

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

Letter dated November 21, 2005, from Vivian Pharis, Alberta Wilderness Association Board of Directors, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a moratorium on further development in the Kakwa-Narraway watersheds until full assessments and integrated planning are completed, with attached document dated November 21, 2005, entitled "Condition Critical - Caribou in the Kakwa" prepared by the Alberta Wilderness Association

Sessional Paper 803/2005

Invitation and ticket order form to meet Dr. Taft, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Hon. Mr. McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, at The National Club in Toronto, Ontario on September 27, 2005, issued by Jeff Angel, Co-chair, True Grits Fundraising Event and President, GCI Canada

Sessional Paper 804/2005

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Response to Written Question WQ42, asked for by Mr. Elsalhy on behalf of Mr. Chase on November 21, 2005:

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

Sessional Paper 805/2005

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

Response to Written Question WQ30, asked for by Mr. Flaherty on behalf of Dr. Taft on May 2, 2005:

As of March 31, 2005, what is the total dollar amount spent by the Department of Municipal Affairs on the *provincial inspection* into Calgary's Ward 10 election process following the October 2004 municipal election?

Sessional Paper 806/2005

Return to Order of the Assembly MR19, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft on April 18, 2005:

Copies of any documents from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2002-2003 referring to the provincial takeover of ground ambulance services from municipalities on April 1, 2005.

Sessional Paper 807/2005

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

Return to Order of the Assembly MR25, asked for by Mr. MacDonald on April 25, 2005:

The salaries of contracted employees and/or consultants employed by the Ministry and Department of Energy during the 2003-04 fiscal year, broken down by amount and position title.

Sessional Paper 808/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Forsyth, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-11, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 2004/2005

Sessional Paper 809/2005

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005

Sessional Paper 810/2005

Speaker's Comment

The Speaker commented that in 1911, 94 years ago today, the Third Session of the Second Legislature began. It was the first time a Legislature convened in this Chamber.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle

Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski

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

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

Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of 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) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of 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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2005 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:18 p.m. until Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 30, 2005